

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 48

Topic: Reviews

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Senator Ludwig asked:

For any departmental or ministerial reviews commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?

- a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names.
- b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent.
- c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a breakdown for each cost item.
- d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement.
- e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
- f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them.
- g. If yes, for each, who selected them.
- h. If yes, for each, did the Minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them.
 - i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was.
 - ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list.
 - iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur.
 - iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department.
 - v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur.

Answer:

For information on the Welfare Review, refer to Supplementary Estimates 2013-14, QoN 94. Mr Patrick McClure has met with Minister Andrews and members of his staff. Mr Aird and Ms Sinclair have met with Minister Andrews' staff.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services requested an independent review of the National Disability Insurance Agency's strategy and plans for transition to NDIS full scheme.

The following KPMG Associate Directors and Partners undertook the project:

Michael Adams – Associate Director.

David Kay – Associate Director.

Sheila Pringle – Engagement Director.

Cath Ingram – Engagement Partner.

The cost associated with KPMG's involvement is:

Phase 1 - \$68,400 GST inclusive.

Phase 2 - \$133,850 GST inclusive.

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The nature of KPMG's involvement is:

Phase 1 – Assess the adequacy of planning and strategies of the NDIS Board Strategic Plan.

Phase 2 – Identify issues that need to be addressed prior to the commencement of trials in WA, the NT and the ACT, and identify practical strategies that could be employed to optimise service delivery for 1 July 2014.

KPMG is listed on the lobbyist register and updated their details on 11 March 2014. The abovementioned staff who undertook the project is not listed under KPMG or individually on the lobbyist register.