

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Reviews

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

- a) How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:
 - 1) the date they were ordered;
 - 2) the date they commenced;
 - 3) the minister responsible;
 - 4) the department responsible;
 - 5) the nature of the review;
 - 6) their terms of reference;
 - 7) the scope of the review;
 - 8) who is conducting the review;
 - 9) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review;
 - 10) the expected report date;
 - 11) the budgeted, projected or expected costs; and
 - 12) if the report will be tabled in parliament or made public.
- b) For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
 - 1) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names.
 - 2) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent.
 - 3) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item.
 - 4) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement.
 - 5) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
 - 6) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them.

- 7) If yes, for each, who selected them.
- 8) 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?
- c) Which reviews are on-going?
 - 1) Please list them.
 - 2) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?
- d) Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- e) Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- f) How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- g) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- h) What reviews are planned?
 - 1) When will each planned review be commenced?
 - 2) When will each of these reviews be concluded?
 - 3) When will government respond to each review?
 - 4) Will the government release each review?
- i) If so, when? If not, why not?

Answer:

Between the period 14 September 2015 and 11 February 2016 no new reviews have commenced.