

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Social Services Portfolio
2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 833

Topic: Reviews

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Senator Ludwig asked:

- a. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- b. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- c. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

Answer:

- a. Since the Additional Budget Estimates in February 2014 to 30 June 2014, no ministerial reviews have been stopped, paused or ceased.
- b. c. d. Since the Additional Budget Estimates in February 2014 to 30 June 2014, the following table shows ministerial reviews which have been provided to Government.

Title	Status	Provided to Government	Comments
Current Paid Parental Leave Scheme	Concluded	The report on the Paid Parental Leave review was tabled in Parliament on 10 June 2014.	The Paid Parental Leave review presented findings but did not make recommendations.
Review of the Schedule of Specified Care and Services for Residential Care Services	Concluded	Written recommendations from the National Aged Care Alliance were received by the Assistant Minister for Social Services on 17 March 2014.	The Government response to the National Aged Care Alliance's recommendations is reflected in the <i>Quality of Care Principles 2014</i> (the Principles), made by the Assistant Minister for Social Services on 24 June 2014. The Principles commenced on 1 July 2014.
Reference Group on Welfare Reform	Current	Interim Report to the Minister for Social Services on 20 May 2014.	The Interim Report was released on 29 June 2014 for a six week period of public and stakeholder consultation. The Reference Group on Welfare Reform is due to provide its Final Report to the Minister for Social Services later in 2014.

The Department routinely undertakes reviews of its processes. To identify this information would require a significant diversion of resources.