

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 20

Topic: Reviews – Financial Year to Date

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Senator McKenzie asked:

20) For this financial year to date:

- (a) What reviews are planned? When will each of these reviews be concluded?
- (b) What reviews have been concluded this Financial Year To Date?
- (c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- (d) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?

Answer:

20 (a) The definition of ‘Reviews’ used to answer this question is any review publicly initiated by the Department or by one of its portfolio agencies. Other work relating to Cabinet committees, inter-departmental committees, Coalition of Australian Governments working groups and internal committees are excluded.

There are 11 reviews currently being undertaken in the FaHCSIA portfolio. The details are set out below.

Review Title: Progress review of Year 2 of the National Women’s Alliances

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date October 2012

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: Estimated cost \$30,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: A Review of the Tables for the Assessment of Work-related Impairment for Disability Support Pension

Date Provided to Government: 1 July 2011

Date Government will respond: The Government accepted the report and it was released on FaHCSIA’s website on 29 July 2011

Cost: Estimated cost \$200,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Helping Children with Autism Package Evaluation

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date December 2011

Date Government will respond: The Government will respond by June 2012

Cost: Estimated cost \$650,000 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Family Tax Benefit – Participation Requirement Evaluation

Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date December 2011

Date Government will respond: Not for response – for information only

Cost: Estimated cost \$170,000 (GST exclusive)

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Review Title: Evaluation of the Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres
Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected December 2011
Date Government will respond: The Government will respond once the final report has been received
Cost: Estimated cost \$188,513 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Community Development Financial Institution evaluation
Date Provided to Government: June 2012
Date Government will respond: The Government will respond once the final report has been received
Cost: Estimated cost \$179,000 (GST exclusive).

Review Title: Case Based Funding Review
Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected prior to 31 December 2011
Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government
Cost: Estimated cost \$433,776 (GST exclusive).

Review Title: Evaluation of Income Management in the Northern Territory
Date Provided to Government: December 2014
Date Government will respond: The Government will respond once the final report has been received
Cost: Estimated cost \$2,775,490 (GST exclusive).

Review Title: The Evaluation of Income Management in Western Australia: Phase 2
Report delivered to Department: N/A – expected end date June 2012
Date Government will respond: The Government will respond once the final report has been delivered
Cost: Yet to be determined- request for quotation process underway

Review Title: Evaluation of the Respite Support for Carers of Young People (RSCYP) with Severe or Profound Disability and Service Delivery Costs/Options for RSCYP and Young Carers Respite
Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected early 2012
Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government
Cost: Estimated cost \$151,045 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Evaluation of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs rural, remote and Indigenous service delivery under the Targeted Community Care (Mental Health) Program
Date Provided to Government: N/A – expected end date November 2011
Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government
Cost: Estimated cost \$225,000 (GST exclusive)

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20 (b) Four reviews have been concluded this financial year, up to 31 October 2011. The details are set out below.

Review Title: Review of Eligible Interventions for the Helping Children with Autism Package

Date Provided to Government: Received August 2011

Date Government will respond: The Government is considering how best to release the review to service providers and families

Cost: \$68,509 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Reviewing the evidence on the effectiveness of early childhood intervention

Date Provided to Government: September 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$89,037 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Better practice in Financial Management Program services

Date Provided to Government: September 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$336,726 (GST exclusive)

Review Title: Progress review of Year 1 of the National Women's Alliances

Date Provided to Government: 31 October 2011

Date Government will respond: This is a matter for Government

Cost: \$28,237 (GST exclusive)

20(c) The details of reviews provided to Government and Government responses are indicated in 20(a) and 20(b) above.

20(d) The cost of each review is indicated in 20(a) and 20(b) above.