

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 312

**Topic:** Reviews

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

For this financial year to date:

- a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?
- b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- g) What reviews are planned? When will each of these reviews be concluded?"

**Answer:**

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.

The majority of Reviews did not require a formal Government response, as they were designed to inform future program and service development. Reviews to which the Government has responded can be found at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au).

For the current financial year up to 31 October 2012 there are 16 Reviews currently being undertaken in the FaHCSIA portfolio. The details are set out below:

<b>Review Title</b>	<b>Date Provided to Government</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Evaluation of the Reconnect Program – Phase 2	N/A – expected end date: TBA	\$30,000 (GST exclusive)
Review of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme	N/A - Legislated start date by 31 January 2013. Expected end date: TBA	Funding to be confirmed
Evaluation of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme (including Dad and Partner Pay)	N/A – expected end date: March 2014	\$3,362,000 (GST exclusive)
Review of Part IV (Mining) Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976	Due date for delivery is 29 March 2013	\$50,000 (GST exclusive)

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Native Title Organisation Review	N/A – expected end date: December 2013	To be confirmed
Broadband for Seniors Evaluation	N/A – expected end date: February 2013	\$169,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Income Management in Western Australia: Phase 2	N/A – expected end date March 2013	\$400,000 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Income Management in the Northern Territory	N/A – expected end date: December 2014	\$2,775,490 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of Place-Based Income Management in Targeted Disadvantaged Locations	N/A – expected end date: May 2015	\$1,843,082 (GST exclusive)
Petrol Sniffing Strategy Whole of Strategy Evaluation	N/A – expected end date: February 2013	\$168,825 (GST inclusive)
Cape York Welfare Reform Evaluation	Expected February 2013	\$2 million (GST inclusive)
Evaluation of Place-Based Income Management in Targeted Disadvantaged Locations	N/A – expected end date: May 2015	\$1,843,082 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of the Better Start for Children with a Disability Initiative (Better Start)	Due December 2013	\$371,250 (GST exclusive)
Evaluation of MyTime Peer Support Groups for Parents and Carers of Children with Disability or Chronic Medical Condition	Early in 2013	\$79,200 (GST exclusive)
Review of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations	December 2012	\$64,000 (GST exclusive)
Progress Review of Year 2 of the National Women’s Alliances	December 2012	\$60,000 (GST Inclusive)

One review has been concluded this financial year, up to 31 October 2012. The details are set out below:

<b>Review Title</b>	<b>Date Provided to Government</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Regional Partnership Agreement Progress Evaluation Report	3 August 2012	\$189,350 (GST inclusive)

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There are two reviews planned as at 31 October 2012. The details are set out below:

<b>Review Title</b>	<b>Date Provided to Government</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Evaluation of National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch	March 2016	TBA
Review of the adequacy of the Household Assistance Package	NA – The Treasurer and the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will review the adequacy of the package annually in the Budget context over the fixed price period.	TBA