

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Reviews

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

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.
12. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public.

1 - 4. Since the Budget Estimates hearing in June 2014, four new reviews have commenced within the Health Portfolio:

- Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation;
- Tackling Indigenous Smoking Programme Review;
- The After-Hours Primary Health Care Review; and
- The Review of the GP Super Clinics Programme.

5 - 12. The publically available details of the reviews, including the terms of reference, are available on the Department's website: www.health.gov.au.