

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014

Ref No: SQ14-001452

OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Sunset Provisions

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:
 - a) What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?
 - b) Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions?
 - c) Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active
 - d) When did/will this work begin?

2. Will there be any reviews of or relating to the legislation before or after the sunset provision is enacted? If yes:
 - a) When is/was the review due to commence.
 - b) What is the expected report date.
 - c) Who is the minister responsible for the review
 - d) What department is responsible for the review?
 - e) List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.
 - f) List the terms of reference.
 - g) What is the scope of the review?
 - h) Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review?
 - i) What is the budgeted, projected or expected cost of the review?
 - j) When was the Minister briefed on this matter?
 - k) What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter?
 - l) List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review.
 - m) Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?

Answer:

Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Act 2014

1. a) Not applicable. Sunset provisions relate in each case to one-off sporting events.
b) No.
c) and d) Not applicable.

2. No.

a) - m) Not applicable.

National Health Act 1953

1. a) - c)

While preliminary consideration has been given to the possible extension of provisions of the Act beyond their current timeframe, this issue is subject to discussions and future negotiations with stakeholders regarding the future funding arrangements for the supply of PBS medicines including any future Community Pharmacy Agreement.

d) This preliminary work commenced in 2014.

2. No

a) - m) Not applicable.

Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002

1. a) - d) Not applicable.

2. No.

a) - m) Not applicable.