

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 205(a)

Department of Communications and the Arts

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Sunset Provisions

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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 obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?
 - (i) What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs 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?

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Answer:

1-2. The Department has not identified any sunset provisions in Acts administered in the Communications and the Arts portfolio.