

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 182  
**Hearing:** Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - REVIEWS  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 11 June 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.

When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

**Answer:**

**Department of the Environment**

All responses are for the period between 1 February and 30 April 2014.

1. No reviews have stopped, paused or ceased
2. No reviews have concluded
3. No reviews have been provided to the Minister for the Environment
4. Not applicable

**Portfolio Agencies**

**Climate Change Authority**

All responses are for the period between 1 February and 30 April 2014.

1. The Review of Electricity Sector Work has ceased
2. Two reviews have concluded:
  - the Targets and Progress Review; and
  - the Carbon Farming Initiative Study.
3. The Minister received:
  - the Targets and Progress Review on 27 February 2014; and
  - the Carbon Farming Initiative Study on 3 April 2014.
4. Targets and Progress Review – The Minister for Climate Change must cause copies of a statement of the Government's response to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 6 months of receiving the report (the end of August 2014).

The Government is not required to respond as the Carbon Farming Initiative Study does not make any recommendations.

The following Portfolio Agencies provided a 'nil' response for all questions listed above:

Bureau of Meteorology; Clean Energy Regulator; Director of National Parks; Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; Murray-Darling Basin Authority; National Water Commission and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.