

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

Question No: 310
Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - REVIEWS
Hansard Page: N/A
Question Date: 29 October 2014
Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased?
Please list them

- a. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- b. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- c. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- d. What reviews are planned?
- e. When will each planned review be commenced?
- f. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
- g. When will government respond to each review?
- h. Will the government release each review?

Answer:

Department of the Environment

For the period 1 May – 30 September 2014, no reviews have been stopped, paused or ceased.

a-h) Please see [Attachment A](#).

Portfolio Agencies

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

Murray-Darling Basin Authority, Bureau of Meteorology, Clean Energy Regulator, Director of National Parks, National Water Commission and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Since the Budget Estimates (1 May 2014 - 30 Sep 2014):

a) what reviews have concluded? Please list them.	b) how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.	c) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
20 Year Australian Antarctic Strategic Plan report	20 Year Australian Antarctic Strategic Plan report - 28 July 2014	To be determined
Gladstone Bund Wall Review	Independent Review of the Bund Wall at the Port of Gladstone - Report on Findings, 9 May 2014	TBA
International Climate Action – Priorities for the next agreement	22 June 2014	The Government is not required to respond as the research paper does not make any recommendations.
Light Vehicle emissions standards	26 June 2014	N/A
Using International Units to meet Australia Targets	7 July 2014	N/A
Review of the Marine Monitoring Program	This is an internal review not intended to be presented to the Government	N/A

Since the Budget Estimates (1 May 2014 - 30 Sep 2014):

d) What reviews are planned?	e) When will each planned review be commenced?	f) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	g) When will government respond to each review?	h) Will the Government release each review?
Emissions Reduction Fund Review	Late 2015 (TBC)	Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined
Review of the WELS Act 2005 and associated legislation	Dec-14	2015	To be determined	2015
<i>Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000</i>	Early 2015	2015	2015	2015