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Topic: Programmes – Evaluation reports/analysis

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Please provide the following information for every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it:

- (a) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years;
- (b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years.

Answer:

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) does not record this data in a way that would readily enable it to identify processes in the previous five financial years, 2011-12 to 2015-16, where the Parliamentary Budget Statement (PBS) programs it administers have, as a whole, been the subject of either an internal or external evaluation report or program analysis. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

However, the Department of Communications and the Arts is conducting a review into the ACMA: the ACMA Review. The purpose of the review is to examine the objectives, function, structure, governance and resource base of the ACMA to ensure it remains fit-for-purpose for both the contemporary and future communications regulatory environment. The comprehensive nature of the ACMA Review has provided an evaluation and analysis of the ACMA's performance in administering its PBS programs.