

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: IGT
Question: AET 1430-1437
Topic: Reviews
Reference: Written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1430. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:

- a) the date they were ordered
- b) the date they commenced
- c) the minister responsible
- d) the department responsible
- e) the nature of the review
- f) their terms of reference
- g) the scope of the review
- h) Who is conducting the review
- i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
- j) the expected report date
- k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs
- l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public

1431. For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?

- a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
- b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent

- c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item
 - d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
 - e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
 - f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
 - g) If yes, for each, who selected them
 - h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,
 - 1. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 - 2. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
 - 3. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 - 4. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 - 5. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
1432. Which reviews are on-going?
- a) Please list them.
 - b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?
1433. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
1434. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.
1435. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
1436. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
1437. What reviews are planned?
- a) When will each planned review be commenced?
 - b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?
 - c) When will government respond to each review?
 - d) Will the government release each review?
 - 1. If so, when? If not, why not?

Answer:

1430. Two (2) reviews, which are separately outlined below:

Review into the ATO's employer obligations compliance activities:

- a) Announced as part of the IGT's work program on 10 April 2014.
- b) Terms of reference issued on 29 October 2015 and submissions closed on 11 December 2015.
- c) No minister is responsible for IGT reviews.
- d) The IGT.
- e) A review into ATO's management of employer obligations compliance activities.
- f) The terms of reference and submission guidelines are outlined at:
<http://igt.gov.au/files/2015/10/Employer-Obligations-Review-TOR.pdf>
- g) Refer to f) above.
- h) The IGT.
- i) An APS 5, APS 6, EL 1 and EL 2 officer, an SES Band 1 officer, and ultimately, the Deputy IGT and the IGT.
- j) Reviews generally take approximately twelve months from commencement depending on the level and number of issues to be explored.
- k) Met out of existing budget.
- l) Upon completion of the review, the IGT will publicly release the report.

Review into the Taxpayers' Charter and taxpayer protections:

- a) Announced as part of the IGT's work program on 10 April 2014.
- b) Terms of reference issued on 2 November 2015 and submissions closed on 18 December 2015.
- c) No minister is responsible for IGT reviews.
- d) The IGT.
- e) A review into the Taxpayers' Charter and the rights and protections afforded to taxpayers and related avenues for redress.
- f) The terms of reference and submission guidelines are outlined at:
<http://igt.gov.au/files/2015/10/Terms-of-reference-Taxpayers-Charter-review.pdf>
- g) Refer to f) above.
- h) The IGT.
- i) An APS 5, APS 6, EL 1 and EL 2 officer, an SES Band 1 officer, and ultimately, the Deputy IGT and the IGT.

- j) Reviews generally take approximately twelve months from commencement depending on the level and number of issues to be explored.
- k) Met out of existing budget.
- l) Upon completion of the review, the IGT will publicly release the report.

1431. Academics have been engaged to prepare an independent report to assist with the Review into the Taxpayers' Charter and taxpayer protections.

- a) University of New South Wales (UNSW)
- b) UNSW Management Board

Professor Ian Jacobs	President & Vice-Chancellor
Professor Les Field AM FAA FRSN Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor	
Professor Merlin Crossley	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education & Vice-President
Professor Brian Boyle	Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research & Vice-President
Mr Peter Noble	Chief of Staff & Vice-President
Mr Andrew Walters	Vice-President Finance & Operations

- c) Itemised costs as below:

Item description	Qty.	Total Price ex GST	GST	Total Price inc GST
Completed report	1	\$13,818.00	\$1,382.00	\$15,200.00
Total	1	\$13,818.00	\$1,382.00	\$15,200.00

- d) Experienced tax law academics have been engaged to provide a report on the rights taxpayers have when dealing with the Australian Taxation Office. More specifically, this information will assist with the Review into the Taxpayers' Charter and taxpayer protections – refer to AET 1432 a) below.
- e) No (per PM&C Lobbyist Register at 7 March 2016).
- f) None.
- g) The IGT.
- h) No.
 1. Not applicable.
 2. Not applicable.
 3. Not applicable.
 4. Not applicable.
 5. Not applicable.

1432. Two (2).

- a)
 - Review into the ATO's employer obligations compliance activities; and
 - Review into the Taxpayers' Charter and taxpayer protections.
- b) Met out of existing budget.

1433. None.

1434. None.

1435. None.

1436. Not applicable.

1437. No reviews have been planned yet. The IGT plans to develop a new work program in 2016.

- a) Not applicable.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable.
- 1. Not applicable.