

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: BET 1334

Topic: Reviews

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1333. For this financial year to date*:

- How many reviews are being undertaken?
- What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews?
- What reviews are planned?
- When will each of these reviews be concluded?

**Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

Answer:

- (a) Since 30 June 2012, the Government has commissioned 5 new projects:
- a 12-month inquiry into the non-financial barriers to mineral and energy resource exploration (reference received 27 September 2012);
 - a 12-month inquiry into the National Access Regime (reference received 25 October 2012);
 - a 9-month study on Regulator Engagement with Small Business (reference received 7 December 2012);
 - a 12-month study on Major Project Development Assessment Processes (reference received 7 December 2012); and
 - a 12-month study on Geographic Labour Mobility (reference received 21 May 2013).

Full details on these projects are provided on the Commission's website at:

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects>

- (b) The projects are ongoing. Information on timing of draft and final report dates is available on the Commission's website.
- (c) As above.
- (d) The Commission does not have information on the proposed timing of Government responses to its reports.

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(e) As above.

(f) Information on the estimated costs of these projects is not available at this time. Where available this will be reported in the Commission's 2012-13 Annual Report.

(g) The Commission does not have information on planned reviews.

(h) Information on timing of draft and final report dates is available on the Commission's website.