Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: SBT689-696 Topic: Reviews

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 689. 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
 - 1) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
- 690. For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, 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,
 - i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 - ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
 - iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 - iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 - v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
- 691. Which reviews are on-going?

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- a) Please list them.
- b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?
- 692. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- 693. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- 694. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- 695. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- 696. 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?
 - i. If so, when? If not, why not?

Answer:

- 689. Nil
- 690. Not applicable
- 691. Nil
- 692. No
- 693. Nil
- 694. Nil
- 695. Not applicable
- 696. Nil