

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Inspector General of Taxation (IGT)

Question No: 332

Topic: Reviews

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Please provide details, for all reviews currently underway:

- 1) When these reviews commenced;
- 2) When the reviews are expected to be completed;
- 3) Expenditure on these reviews to date;
- 4) Budgeted expenditure for these reviews;
- 5) How many staff are involved in each review;
- 6) How many external contractors and consultants are involved in each review;
- 7) What is the cost of the external contractors and consultants for each review.

Answer:

One of the IGT's core functions is to conduct reviews into tax administration issues. There are two (2) such reviews currently underway, which are outlined below:

Review into the ATO's employer obligations compliance activities:

- 1) Terms of reference issued on 29 October 2015 and submissions closed on 11 December 2015.
- 2) Reviews generally take approximately twelve months from commencement depending on the level and number of issues to be explored.
- 3) Met out of existing expenditure.
- 4) Met out of existing budget.
- 5) An APS 5, APS 6, EL 1 and EL 2 officer, an SES Band 1 officer, and ultimately, the Deputy IGT and the IGT.
- 6) Nil.
- 7) Not applicable.

Review into the Taxpayers' Charter and taxpayer protections:

- 1) Terms of reference issued on 2 November 2015 and submissions closed on 18 December 2015.
- 2) Reviews generally take approximately twelve months from commencement depending on the level and number of issues to be explored.
- 3) Met out of existing expenditure.
- 4) Met out of existing budget.
- 5) An APS 5, APS 6, EL 1 and EL 2 officer, an SES Band 1 officer, and ultimately, the Deputy IGT and the IGT.
- 6) One. The University of New South Wales (UNSW) was engaged to prepare an independent report to assist with the Review into the Taxpayers' Charter and taxpayer protections.
- 7) The total cost was \$16,518 exclusive of GST.