

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Reviews

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

- 1) Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews 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. Whom is conducting the review
 - i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
 - j. the expected report date
 - k. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
- 2) For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, 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 what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to 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

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- iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
- v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
- 3) Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.
- 4) Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- 5) Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- 6) Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- 7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- 8) 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?
 - ii. If not, why not?

Answer:

A 'review' is considered to be a formal examination of an area of government policy undertaken by PM&C and to which a government response is expected.

- 1) Two. See Attachment A.
- 2) Yes. See Attachment B.
- 3) Nil.
- 4) No.
- 5) Nil.
- 6) No reviews have been provided to the Government since 7 September 2013.
- 7) See question 6.
- 8) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet only provides information on reviews that have been agreed and announced by the Government.

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Attachment A

A review of Indigenous Business Australia and the Indigenous Land Corporation

- a. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs announced the review on 2 December 2013.
- b. The review commenced on 3 December 2013.
- c. Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion.
- d. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- e. A review of Indigenous Business Australia and the Indigenous Land Corporation.
- f. The terms of reference are as follows:

The review will consider and make recommendations on the following:

- a) the effectiveness of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC), as they are currently constituted, in driving Indigenous economic development through employment, training, business development, land acquisition and management and home ownership.
- b) the optimal structure and function of government effort to drive Indigenous economic development. This should include consideration of whether outcomes could be enhanced by integrating IBA and the ILC into a single entity.
- c) if a statutory body is considered the best approach, how to structure arrangements to ensure:
 - i. efficient administration and reduce red tape
 - ii. transparency and accountability of public funds
 - iii. appropriate powers of Ministerial direction or Government control
- g. As per the terms of reference.
- h. Ernst & Young.
- i. Not applicable, the review is being conducted by an external, independent, company.
- j. 14 February 2014.
- k. Release will be a matter for the Government to decide.

The Forrest Review

- a. The Review was a Coalition election commitment announced in a media release of 17 August 2013.
- b. The Review commenced on 8 October 2013.

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- c. The Review reports to the Prime Minister. Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Alan Tudge MP, has been asked to assist.
- d. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- e. A review of Indigenous employment and training programmes.
- f. Terms of reference are
at <http://indigenousjobsandtrainingreview.dpmc.gov.au/terms-of-reference>.
- g. As per the terms of reference
- h. Mr Andrew Forrest
- i. 12.5 officers are providing support to the Review: 0.5 x FAS, 1 x AS, 1 x EL2, 6 x EL1s, 1 x APS 6, 3 x APS 5s
- j. 7 April 2014
- k. Release will be a matter for the Government to decide.

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Attachment B

A review of Indigenous Business Australia and the Indigenous Land Corporation

- a. Trading Name: Ernst & Young; Business Name: EY.
- b. Rob McLeod is the Oceania Managing Director and CEO.
- c. Approximately \$300,000 (GST inclusive).
- d. Ernst & Young have been engaged to conduct the review.
- e. No they are not on the Australian Government Register of Lobbyists.
- f. Between engagement on 3 December 2013 and 10 December 2013, Ernst & Young have not met or discussed the review with the Minister or his office.
- g. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet selected Ernst & Young
- h. No. However, the Minister was briefed on the process the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet put in place to select the reviewer, and the shortlist.

The Forrest Review

- a. Mr Andrew Forrest and Professor Marcia Langton
- b. Not applicable (engaged as individuals)
- c. Travel/accommodation for Mr Forrest and Professor Langton to conduct consultations: \$1,244.47 (invoiced to date). Consultant fee for Professor Langton: \$16,500 (invoiced to date).
- d. Mr Forrest is the Chair of the Review. This includes conducting public consultations and reporting to the Prime Minister by 7 April 2014. Professor Langton is assisting Mr Forrest on the Review. This includes providing her expertise to assist Mr Forrest to prepare the report.
- e. No they are not on the Australian Government Register of Lobbyists.
- f. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister is guiding and shaping the review process with Mr Forrest. As such, there have been numerous meetings and discussions between the Parliamentary Secretary and Mr Forrest. There have been eight public consultations across the country lead by Mr Forrest that the Parliamentary Secretary attended. Professor Langton has had contact with the Parliamentary Secretary during the seven public consultations in which she participated. Professor Langton also accompanied the Parliamentary Secretary on a number of site visits in Sydney and Melbourne on 26 and 27 November 2013.
- g. The Prime Minister selected Mr Forrest to chair the Review. Mr Forrest selected Professor Langton to assist with the Review.

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- h. i. The Prime Minister selected Mr Forrest. Professor Langton's engagement did not involve the Prime Minister or his office.
- ii. No.
- iii. Mr Forrest's position as Chair was announced in the Election Commitment of 17 August 2013 (Media Release).
- iv. No.
- v. Not applicable