

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/197) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

Answer:

Since Budget Estimates in May 2014 the 2014 three reviews have commenced.

The Independent Review of the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority

- a) 26 May 2014.
- b) 24 June 2014.
- c) Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- d) Department of Immigration and Border Protection.
- e) Independent review.
- f) The terms of reference were to examine and report on:
 - the performance of the OMARA as the industry regulator, its organisational capability and challenges, and the quality and effectiveness of its internal controls and governance;
 - the most appropriate organisational structure for regulating the immigration advice sector in order to protect consumers; and
 - the regulatory framework and powers for the OMARA to assess if they are still appropriate and identify opportunities to reduce regulatory burden.
- g) The review examined and reported on the most appropriate organisational structure for regulating the immigration advice sector in order to protect consumers.
- h) Dr Christopher N. Kendall.

- i) Dr Kendall was supported by a project team and secretariat staff on a part time basis within the Department consisting of:
 - 1 SES Band 1;
 - 1 EL2;
 - 2 EL1s; and
 - 1 APS6.
- j) 25 September 2014.
- k) Approximately \$100 000.
- l) The report is currently with government for its consideration.

Nauru Regional Processing Centre Review

- a) 3 October 2014.
- b) 3 October 2014.
- c) The appointment of Mr Philip Moss was made in consultation with the Minister's office.
- d) Department of Immigration and Border Protection.
- e) Independent review.
- f) The terms of reference are available on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's website.
- g) Mr Moss is conducting an independent review of conditions and circumstances at the Nauru Regional Processing Centre.
- h) Mr Philip Moss
- i) Mr Moss is being supported by a project team and secretariat staff on a part time basis within the Department consisting of:
 - 1 SES Band 1
 - 1 EL 2
 - 2 EL 1
 - 1 APS 6
 - 2 APS 5
- j) The review is expected to be provided to the government for consideration by the end of 2014.
- k) Approximately \$800 000.
- l) As at 20 October 2014, the review was ongoing.

Customs and Auscheck Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Act 2013 (Organised Crime Act) Post Implementation Review

- a) The Organised Crime Act received Royal assent in May 2013. As a Regulation Impact Statement was not prepared at the time of development of the Organised Crime Act, a Post Implementation Review (PIR) needs to be undertaken in accordance with Office of Best Practice (OBPR) requirements.
- b) 3 October 2014.
- c) Minister for Immigration and Border Protection.
- d) Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.
- e) PIR.
- f) and g) In accordance with requirements from the OBPR, the nature of a PIR is to assess whether the regulation remains appropriate and how effective and efficient it has been in meeting its objectives.
- h) A staff member of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.
- i) 1 APS 5

- j) The review is expected to be provided to the government for consideration by the May 2015.
- k) Costs will be absorbed within the portfolio budget.
- l) As at 20 October 2014, the review was ongoing.