

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Programme: Policy and Communications Division (PCD)
Topic: Portfolio wide - reviews
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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, 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) 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) the budgeted, projected or expected costs
- l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public

Answer:

Department of the Environment

Mid term review of the Kokoda Initiative

- a) 20 December 2013
- b) 10 February 2014
- c) Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- d) Department of the Environment
- e) Mid term review of the Kokoda Initiative
- f) Terms of Reference:

Assess the performance of the Kokoda Initiative since the commencement of the Second Joint Understanding (JU2) by reference to:

- the achievement, or likely achievement, of JU2 goals and objectives within the given timeframes and current resourcing;
- the past, current and planned activities of the JU2 and whether they are consistent with the overall goals and objectives of the JU2;

- the identification of major enablers and constraints of the Initiative and their influence on achieving the goals and objectives of the JU2;
 - the governance structure set in place to manage the Initiative in each country including the Taskforces, Papua New Guinea Program Management Committee, Stakeholder and Tour Operator fora and the Joint Planning Meetings; and
 - the longer term sustainability of change that has already occurred under the Initiative.
- g) To assess the progress of the Initiative since the JU2 came into effect in 2010, from Papua New Guinea and Australian Government perspectives with sensitivity to the different cultural attitudes that define success and the complexity of the objectives of the Initiative. It will also inform programme delivery to the end of the JU2.
- h) Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) Pty Ltd
- i) Nil
- j) 16 June 2014
- k) \$64,397.63 (GST inc)
- l) Public

Kokoda Initiative Gender Snapshot

- a) 20 December 2013
- b) 10 February 2014
- c) Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- d) Department of the Environment
- e) Kokoda Initiative Gender Snapshot
- f) Terms of Reference:
The Gender Snapshot will:
- outline existing gender dynamics and constraints faced by women in accessing opportunities in the geographical region where the Kokoda Initiative is implemented;
 - assess how the Kokoda Initiative is currently performing in relation to gender equality; and
 - identify steps that could be taken to improve gender mainstreaming in the programme, promote opportunities for women's empowerment, and fill programme gaps.
- g) The Gender Snapshot is focused on how the Kokoda Initiative is currently performing in relation to gender equality and opportunities for improvement
- h) International Women's Development Agency Inc
- i) Nil
- j) 30 March 2014
- k) \$38,555 (GST inc)
- l) Public

Design and construction of the reclamation bund wall at the Port of Gladstone

- a) 30 January 2014
- b) 3 February 2014
- c) Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- d) Department of the Environment
- e) Investigation of the design and construction of the reclamation bund wall at the Port of Gladstone
- f) Terms of Reference:
 - 1. Examine and report on information relevant to the design and construction and functioning of the outer bund wall of the western basin reclamation area that has become available since the Independent Review reported on its findings.
 - 2. Provide advice as required to assist with the Department of the Environment's current review of the outer bund wall leak incidents in 2011 and 2012.
 - 3. Consider the adequacy of monitoring requirements and operations.
 - 4. Seek submissions from relevant stakeholders on the design, construction and other matters relating to the subsequent leaking of the bund wall.
- g) The review will examine new information that emerged on the design and construction of the reclamation bund wall at the Port of Gladstone following release in 2013 of the Independent Review of the Port of Gladstone.
- h) Anthea Tinney, Andrew Johnson and Ian Creswell
- i) 1 x EL2; 1 x EL1; 2 x APS 6 (assisting in a secretariat role)
- j) 30 April 2014
- k) \$110,000 (GST inc)
- l) Public

Portfolio Agencies

Climate Change Authority

Transport sector emissions

- a) November 2013
- b) February 2014
- c) Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- d) The Climate Change Authority
- e) Research into light vehicle emissions standards for Australia as an option to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- f) There are no specific terms of reference. The research is being undertaken pursuant to the Authority's function under s11(a) of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* to 'conduct research about matters relating to climate change'. The Authority conducts its functions with regards to the principle set out in s12 of the *Climate Change Authority Act*.

- g) Research emissions reduction opportunities for light vehicles, including examples from other countries, and the role of light vehicle emissions standards in Australia in the context of the Emissions Reduction Fund.
- h) The Climate Change Authority
- i) Estimated total fulltime equivalent staff: 5.6:
0.6 x SES (Band 1); 1 x EL2; 2 x EL1; 1 x APS 6; 1 x APS5
- j) May 2014
- k) The only review cost will be direct staffing. Depending on the form of the release there may also be some external printing and productions costs.
- l) Public

Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI)

- a) 14 November 2013
- b) November 2013
- c) Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- d) The Climate Change Authority
- e) Investigating how the CFI could be changed to better meet the needs of the Direct Action Plan, drawing on experience with the CFI and other domestic and overseas baseline and credit schemes.
- f) There are no specific terms of reference. The research is being undertaken pursuant to the Authority's function under s11(a) of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* to 'conduct research about matters relating to climate change'. The Authority conducts its functions with regards to the principle set out in s12 of the *Climate Change Authority Act*.
- g) Research the design and operation of the Carbon Farming Initiative and other baseline and credit schemes in Australia and overseas, to identify best practice and lessons for Australia.
- h) The Climate Change Authority
- i) Estimated total fulltime staff equivalent: 5.9
0.3 x SES (Band 1); 1.6 x EL2; 3 x EL1; 1 x APS 5.
- j) March 2014
- k) The only review cost will be direct staffing. Depending on the form of the release there may also be some external printing and productions costs.
- l) Public

Useful elements of an International post-2020 climate agreement

- a) 11 February 2014
- b) February 2014
- c) Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- d) The Climate Change Authority
- e) Research to consider elements of a post-2020 international climate agreement that will encourage countries to take greater action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- f) There are no specific terms of reference. The research is being undertaken pursuant to the Authority's function under s11(a) of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* to 'conduct research about matters relating to climate change'. The Authority conducts its functions with regards to the principle set out in s12 of the *Climate Change Authority Act*.
- g) Research building on the Targets and Progress Review to identify elements of a post-2020 international agreement that will encourage countries to take greater action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- h) The Climate Change Authority
- i) Estimated total fulltime equivalent staff: 3.3.
0.3 x SES (Band 1); 1 x EL2; 2 x APS 6 (Note resources shared with research work identified below).
- j) June 2014
- k) The only review cost will be direct staffing. Depending on the form of the release there may also be some external printing and productions costs.
- l) Public

International emissions reductions that could be used to help meet Australia's emissions reduction goals

- a) 11 February 2014
- b) February 2014
- c) Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP
- d) The Climate Change Authority
- e) Research into the type of international emissions reductions that could best be used to help meet Australia's emissions reduction goals.
- f) There are no specific terms of reference. The research is being undertaken pursuant to the Authority's function under s11(a) of the *Climate Change Authority Act 2011* to 'conduct research about matters relating to climate change'. The Authority conducts its functions with regards to the principle set out in s12 of the *Climate Change Authority Act*.
- g) Research into the type of international emissions reductions to help meet Australia's emissions reduction goals and their availability.
- h) The Climate Change Authority
- i) Resources shared with the research work identified above.
- j) June 2014
- k) The only review cost will be direct staffing. Depending on the form of the release there may also be some external printing productions costs.
- l) A report of the research will be published on the Climate Change Authority's website.

The following Portfolio Agencies provided a 'nil' response for all questions listed above:

Bureau of Meteorology; Clean Energy Regulator; Director of National Parks; Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; Murray-Darling Basin Authority; National Water Commission; and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.