

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Additional Estimates Hearing 2009-10
10 February 2010

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE & RESEARCH

TOPIC: Reviews

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No.: AI-69

1. How many major reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. Which reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates?
4. When will the government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
5. What is the total number of reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since 26 November 2007? What is the estimated cost of these Reviews?
6. What further reviews are planned for 2009–10 FY?

ANSWER

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Currently, there are no major reviews being undertaken within the department or affecting the department. The department has one PBS listed evaluation that is currently in progress.

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Review name	Completion date
The evaluation of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy	June 2010

IP Australia

IP Australia currently has three major reviews underway.

Review name	Completion date
IP Rights Reform	Dependant upon Parliamentary schedule
Senate Inquiry into Gene Patents	Dependant upon Parliamentary schedule
Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) Review on Patentable Subject Matter	July 2010

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DIISR

Evaluation of the Supplier Access to Major Projects program
International Postgraduate Research Scholarships

IP Australia

ACIP Review on Post - Grant Patent Enforcement Strategies

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DIISR

Evaluation of the Supplier Access to Major Projects program - Not applicable
International Postgraduate Research Scholarships - Not applicable

IP Australia

Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) Review on Post-Grant Patent Enforcement Strategies - Mid-late 2010
ACIP Review Patentable Subject Matter - Mid-late 2010

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DIISR

Review	Cost
Departmental Review of Questacon ' <i>Stepping up to meet national needs</i> '	Refer PQON 956
The Review of Australia's Automotive Industry	Refer PQON 956
The Review of Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Industries	Refer PQON 956
The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) Intergovernmental Agreement Review	Refer PQON 956
Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program (as part of the Review of the National Innovation System)	Refer PQON 956
The National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Roadmap Review	Refer PQON 956
The Review of the National Innovation System	Refer PQON 956
Review of business.gov.au	\$12,000 (GST exclusive)
Internal review of Program Typologies	\$30,000 (GST exclusive)
Review of the Small Business Ministerial Council	NIL – Review was undertaken in-house
Scheduled 3rd year reviews of fourteen Cooperative Research Centres (CRC)	NIL – Review was undertaken in-house
Internal review of the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey	NIL – Review was undertaken in-house
Intermediary Access Program	NIL – Review was undertaken in-house
Science Connections Program	NIL – Review was undertaken in-house
Evaluation of the Supplier Access to Major Projects program	\$30,629.39 (GST exclusive)
International Postgraduate Research Scholarships	\$52,400 (GST exclusive)
The evaluation of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy	Ongoing - Total cost to 31 Jan 2010 \$178,200 (GST Exclusive)

IP Australia

Name	Cost
IP Rights Reform	Nil (Senate Inquiry)
Senate Inquiry into Gene Patents	Nil (Senate Inquiry)
Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) Review on Post Grant Patent Enforcement Strategies	ACIP running costs are approximately \$250,000 per annum (including sitting fees and travel expenses for members as well as project officers and support staff from within IP Australia)
ACIP review on Enforcement of Plant Breeder's Rights	ACIP running costs are approximately \$250,000 per annum (including sitting fees and travel expenses for members as well as project officers and support staff from within IP Australia)
ACIP Review Patentable Subject Matter	ACIP running costs are approximately \$250,000 per annum (including sitting fees and travel expenses for members as well as project officers and support staff from within IP Australia)

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Review name	Commencement date
Evaluation of Enhanced Project By-law Scheme	Commencing late 2009-10