

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Reports

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** AI-8

1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in innovation, industry, science and research since November 2007?
2. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
3. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
4. What is the current status of each report? If not already, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**ANSWER**

1. Since 1 December 2007, the following reports have been commissioned by the department:
  - The Review of Questacon *Stepping up to meet national needs*
  - The Review of Australia's Automotive Industry
  - The Review of Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Industries
  - The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) Intergovernmental Agreement Review (includes Implementation Plan for National Construction Code and Regulation Impact Statement for National Construction Code)
  - The National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Roadmap Review

- The Review of the National Innovation System
- The Review of Australia's Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) program (this review was conducted under the broader examination of the Review of the National Innovation System)
- *Inspiring Australia*: a national strategy for engagement with the sciences

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Review	Commission date	Reporting dates	Date of public release	Terms of Reference	Committee members
The Review of Questacon <i>Stepping up to meet national needs</i>	March 2008	28 July 2008	18 September 2008	Available in the <i>Stepping up to meet national needs</i> report <sup>1</sup>	Mr John Simpson (Chairman), <i>Group General Manager, Corporate Affairs, National Australia Bank</i> Mr Anthony Cohen, <i>CFO Better Place</i> Professor Graham Durant, <i>Director, Questacon</i> Ms Patricia Kelly, <i>DIISR Deputy Secretary</i> Dr Jim Peacock AC, <i>CSIRO Fellow and former Australian Chief Scientist</i> Associate Professor Susan M Stocklmayer AM, <i>Director, Centre for the Public Awareness of Science, ANU</i>
The Review of Australia's Automotive Industry	The Government announced the review on 14 February 2008	Interim report–31 March 2008 Final report–22 July 2008	15 August 2008	The Government's announcement of 14 February 2008 included the Terms of Reference <sup>2</sup>	<u>Review leader:</u> the Hon Steve Bracks <u>Expert Panel:</u> Mr Nixon Apple Mr Tim Harcourt Mr Peter Upton Dr Elizabeth Webster
The Review of Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Industries	The Government announced the review on 8 March 2008	Professor Green submitted his report to the Government on 29 August 2008	19 September 2008	The Government's announcement of 8 March 2008 included the Terms of Reference <sup>3</sup>	<u>Review leader:</u> Professor Green <u>Expert reference group:</u> Mr Brian Rush Mr Phillip Butt Professor Peter Forsyth Mr Rod McKenna Ms Michelle O'Neil

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					Mr Barry Tubner Dr Nigel Johnson Professor Suzi Vaughan
The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) Intergovernmental Agreement Review					
– National Construction Code Implementation Plan	3 July 2008	March 2009, considered by COAG 30 April 2009	30 April 2009	Available on ABCB website <sup>4</sup>	Not applicable
– Review Of Intergovernmental Agreement for the Australian Building Codes Board	4 July 2008	March 2009, considered by Building Ministers' Forum 21 May 2009	13 November 2009	Available on ABCB website <sup>4</sup>	Not applicable
– National Construction Code Regulation Impact Statement	3 July 2008	August 2009, considered by Building Ministers' Forum 13 Nov 2009, COAG 7 December 2009	12 December 2009	Available on ABCB website <sup>4</sup>	Not applicable
The National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Roadmap Review	1 February 2008	4 September 2008	4 September 2008	Available on the NCRIS website <sup>5</sup>	NCRIS Committee: Dr Mike Sargent (Chair) Professor Warwick Anderson, <i>CEO, NHMRC</i> Professor Margaret Sheil, <i>CEO, ARC</i> Dr Phil McFadden, <i>Chief Scientist, Geoscience Australia</i> Professor David Beanland,

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					<p><i>Independent Member</i>  Dr Roger Lough, <i>Chief Defence Scientist</i>  Ms Anne-Marie Lansdown, <i>General Manager, Research Infrastructure, DIISR</i></p>
The Review of the National Innovation System	22 January 2008	29 August 2008	9 September 2008	Available on the innovation.gov.au website <sup>6</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Terry Cutler (Chair)</li> <li>• Dr Nicholas Gruen</li> <li>• Prof Mary O'Kane</li> <li>• Prof Steve Dowrick</li> <li>• Ms Narelle Kennedy</li> <li>• Prof Glyn Davis (AC)</li> <li>• Ms Catherine Livingstone (AO)</li> <li>• Dr Megan Clark</li> <li>• Professor John Foster</li> <li>• Dr Jim Peacock (AC) (ex-officio)</li> <li>• Ms Patricia Kelly (ex-officio)</li> </ul>
The Review of Australia's Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) program	January 2008	August 2008	5 August 2008	The Terms of Reference are available in the Review of the Cooperative Research Centre program report <i>Collaborating to a purpose</i> <sup>7</sup>	<p>Collaboration Working Group members:  Emeritus Professor Mary O'Kane (Chair), Executive Chairman, Mary O'Kane &amp; Associates Pty Ltd</p> <p>Professor Warwick Anderson AM, Chief Executive Officer NHMRC</p> <p>Dr Megan Clark, Vice- President, Health Safety Environment Community &amp; Sustainability, BHP-Billiton</p> <p>Mr Marty Gauvin, Managing Director, Hostworks Group Limited</p> <p>Emeritus Professor Tom Healy AO, Professorial Fellow, Particulate Fluids</p>

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					Processing Centre, an ARC Special Research Centre, University of Melbourne.
<i>Inspiring Australia: a national strategy for engagement with the sciences</i>	June 2009	14 December 2009	8 February 2010	The Terms of Reference are available in the <i>Inspiring Australia</i> report <sup>8</sup>	Steering Committee: DIISR Deputy Secretary (Chair) Chief Scientist for Australia Chief Executive of CSIRO A representative from the ABC Questacon Director

<sup>1</sup> Refer to <http://www.innovation.gov.au/General/Corp-MC/Documents/SteppingUponline.pdf> (page 1)

<sup>2</sup> Refer to <http://minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/Pages/GOVERNMENTANNOUNCESREVIEWOFAUTOMOTIVEINDUSTRY.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> Refer to <http://minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/Pages/GOVERNMENTANNOUNCESREVIEWOFTEXTILE,CLOTHINGANDFOOTWEAR.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> Refer to <http://www.abcb.gov.au/index.cfm?objectid=4DDAB063-5EB6-11DE-BD31001B2FB900AA>

<sup>5</sup> Refer to <http://ncris.innovation.gov.au/Pages/SRARI.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> Refer to <http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/AboutDIISR/FactSheets/Pages/ReviewoftheNationalInnovationSystemFactSheet.aspx>

<sup>7</sup> Refer to <http://www.innovation.gov.au/innovationreview/Documents/CRCReviewReport.pdf> (page 76)

<sup>8</sup> Refer to <http://www.innovation.gov.au/General/Corp-MC/Documents/InspiringAustraliaReport.pdf> (page vii)

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<b>Review</b>	<b>Cost of report</b>	<b>Number of departmental staff involved</b>	<b>Staff level</b>
Departmental Review of Questacon <i>Stepping up to meet national needs</i>	Refer PQON 956	10 part-time staff	Classifications of Questacon staff working on the Review (excluding panel members) SES Band 1 (1) Executive Level 2 (2) Executive Level 1 (2) APS 5 (1)
The Review of Australia's Automotive Industry	Refer PQON 956	5 staff	The Review's secretariat comprised: 2 x Executive Level 2 1 x Executive Level 1 1 x APS 6 1 x APS 5
The Review of Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Industries	Refer PQON 956	4 staff	The Review's secretariat comprised: 1 x Executive Level 2 2 x Executive Level 1 1 x APS 6
ABC Intergovernmental Agreement Review	Refer PQON 956	3 part-time staff	1 x ASL
NCRIS Roadmap Review	Refer PQON 956	2 part-time staff	1 x EL 2 1 x EL 1
The Review of the National Innovation System	Refer PQON 956	11 full-time staff	3 X EL2 3 x EL1 3 x APS6 1 x APS5 1 x APS4 (In addition to the 11 full time staff, a number of other staff contributed to the Review on an ad hoc basis—these staffing levels are not included in the above)
The Review of Australia's Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) program	Refer PQON 956	7 staff	1 x EL 2 3 x EL 1 2 x APS 6 1 x APS 5
<i>Inspiring Australia: a national strategy for engagement with the sciences</i>	\$100,306 (GST excl. Costs include external consultants and non-salary internal costs)	5 staff (part-time) (excluding Steering Committee Chair)	SES Band 2 Executive Level 2 Executive Level 1 APS 6 APS 5

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Review	Current status	If not already, when is the government intending to respond
Departmental Review of Questacon <i>Stepping up to meet national needs</i>	Complete	Report released 18 September 2008. Responses to recommendations were included in <i>Powering Ideas: An Innovation Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> and <i>Inspiring Australia</i>
The Review of Australia's Automotive Industry	Complete	The government announced its response on 10 November 2008— <i>A new Car Plan for a Greener Future</i>
The Review of Australia's Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Industries	Complete	The government announced its response on 12 May 2009—the <i>TCF Innovation Package</i>
ABCB Intergovernmental Agreement Review	Complete	Formal Commonwealth Government response not required, as the Review was a joint Commonwealth, State and Territory Government activity. The NCC Implementation Plan and NCC Regulation Impact Statement were both endorsed by COAG.
NCRIS Roadmap Review	Complete	The government announced its response to NCRIS on 12 May 2009 as part of <i>Powering Ideas: An Innovation Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i>
The Review of the National Innovation System	Complete	The government announced its response on 12 May 2009— <i>Powering Ideas: An Innovation Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i>
The Review of Australia's Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) program	Complete	The Government announced its response to NCRIS on 12 May 2009 as part of <i>Powering Ideas: An Innovation Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i>
<i>Inspiring Australia: a national strategy for engagement with the sciences</i>	Complete	Report released 8 February 2010 and currently being considered.