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All of the submissions to the National Innovation System, Automotive and TCF reviews (and a host of Annual Reports from the years before 2005) were originally made available on the Department's website. But they are no longer there. On what dates were they respectively removed from the website, and why?

ANSWER

Submissions to the *Review of the National Innovation System* were removed on 15 September 2009, one year after the release of the Review report.

A list of submissions (by author) is available from the Appendix of the Review Report (<http://www.innovation.gov.au/Innovation/Policy/Pages/ReviewoftheNationalInnovationSystem.aspx>) and a contact address is provided on the Review web page (<http://www.innovation.gov.au/Innovation/Policy/Pages/ReviewoftheNationalInnovationSystem.aspx>) for those who require more information.

Submissions to the *Automotive Review* were not transferred to the new Innovation website when it was relaunched on 29 November 2010. The majority of the submissions were received in early 2008 and the Government has responded to the review with the November 2008 release of *A New Car Plan for a Greener Future*.

Submissions to the *TCF Review* were removed from the website on 8 August 2009. The Government had announced its response to the review, the TCF Innovation Package, three months earlier in May 2009, and the submissions were no longer relevant.

Annual Reports from the years prior to and including 2004-05 were not transferred to the new Innovation website when it was relaunched on 29 November 2010. Information on how to obtain earlier copies was added to the Annual Report page (<http://www.innovation.gov.au/AboutUs/KeyPublications/AnnualReports/Pages/default.aspx>).

The earlier Annual Reports were receiving very little traffic and were not available in accessible formats. While there is no requirement to publish previous Annual Reports on a Departmental website, it is the Department's intention to add these to its Archive website for a public historical record.