

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
Additional Estimates Hearing 2011-12  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Reviews

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** AI-231

1. For the year 2010-11:
  - a. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
  - b. What reviews have been concluded?
  - c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
  - d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
  - e. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
  
2. For this financial year to date:
  - a. How many Reviews are being undertaken?
  - b. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded
  - c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
  - d. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
  - e. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
  - f. What reviews are planned?
  
3. When will each of these reviews be concluded?

**ANSWER**

1. In 2010-11 the department undertook five reviews. The details of these reviews are presented in the following table:

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Date review completed</b> | <b>Was the review provided to government?</b> | <b>Expected date of government response</b> | <b>Estimated cost of the review</b> |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Review of the Commercialisation Training Scheme      | September 2010               | No  | NA  | No additional cost                  |
| Focusing Australia's Publicly Funded Research review | September 2011               | Yes   | November 2012                               | \$115,000                           |

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Learned Academies Review        | No. Expected June 2012       | No  | NA  | \$20,000                            |
| Linkage Projects Evaluation     | 2010-11                      | Yes   | NA  | \$146,862                           |
| Enhanced Project By-Laws Scheme | 2010-11                      | Yes   | NA  | \$145,455                           |

2. In current financial year the department has commenced three reviews. The details of these reviews are presented in the following table:

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Date review completed or expected to be completed</b> | <b>Was the review provided to government?</b> | <b>Expected date of government response</b> | <b>Estimated cost of the review</b> |
|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| National Security College Review   | Expected April 2012                                      | No  | NA  | \$90,000                            |
| Refreshing the National Research Priorities  | Expected April 2012                                      | No  | NA  | No additional cost                  |
| Consultation on future arrangements for Commonwealth-supported postgraduate student places | December 2011  | Ongoing                                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2012                | No additional cost                  |