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Question: AET 697 - 698

Topic: Reviews (PC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

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

Answer:

697.

- Full details on Commission reviews requested by the government in 2010-11 are available in the Commission's 2010-11 Annual Report:
<http://www.pc.gov.au/annual-reports/annual-report-2010-11>
- As above.
- As above.
- The Commission does not have information on the proposed timing of Government responses to its reports.
- Where available, information on the estimated costs of these projects is available in the Commission's 2010-11 Annual Report:
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- Since 30 June 2011 until 31 January 2012, the Government has commissioned 5 new projects:

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- a 12 month study on *Business Regulation Benchmarking: Role of Local Government as Regulator* (reference received 4 July 2011);
 - a 9 month inquiry into *Australia's Export Credit Arrangements* (reference received on 1 September 2011);
 - a 12 month inquiry into *Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation* (reference received on 20 September 2011);
 - a 15 month inquiry on *Electricity Network Regulation* (reference received on 9 January 2012);
 - a 9 month study on *Regulatory Impact Analysis: Benchmarking* (reference received 28 February 2012).
- b. All reviews listed in the above response are ongoing. Full details on these projects, including released dates, are provided on the Commission's website at: <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects>
- c. None of the reviews listed above have been finalised as yet.
- d. The Commission does not have information on the proposed timing of Government responses to its reports.
- e. As the reviews are ongoing this information is not yet available.
- f. The Commission does not have information on the Government's plans for future Commission work.
- g. Information on timing of draft and final report dates is available on the Commission's website.