

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
Additional Estimates Hearing 2012-13
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Reviews

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-123

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?
- Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews?
- What reviews are planned?
- When will each of these reviews be concluded?

ANSWER

Please refer to the following table for information on current and planned reviews for the financial year to date as at 31 January 2013.

Table 1

Review	Date review completed or expected to be completed	Was the review provided to government?	Expected date of government response – was it in timeframe?	Estimated cost of the review \$
Strategic Industry Reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged & Community Care Training • Work Safely in the Construction Industry (White Card) • Inappropriate marketing and other practices of the training sector 	July 2013	Ongoing	3 rd Quarter 2013	The 2012-13 Budget provided \$6.9 million to ASQA over four years to conduct up to three strategic reviews a year
Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	Final report from Review released on 14 September 2012	Yes	It is anticipated that an implementation strategy will be completed in early 2013	2,100,000
Evaluation of National Enabling Technologies Strategy's (NETS)	November 2012	Yes	NA	0
Evaluation of Commercialisation Australia	June 2013	Ongoing	NA	150,000
Review of NETS Public Awareness and Community Engagement program	End March 2013	Ongoing	NA	30,000
Review of Venture capital and Entrepreneurial Skills in Australia (a joint review with Treasury)	September 2012	Yes	The response was released as part of the Industry and Innovation Statement in February 2013	0
National Skills Standards Council (NSSC) Review of the National Standards for the Regulation of VET	Expected December 2013	Ongoing	NA	700,000 ₁

Review of Pharmaceutical Patents	30 May 2013 (extended from original date of 18 April 2013)	Ongoing	After 30 May 2013	1,073,000 (adjusted to account for 6 week extension)
Prime Minister's Prizes for Science Prizes Review	April 2013	NA	NA	10,000
National Security College	August 2012	Yes	NA	90,000
2013 Review of the Franchising Code	April 2013	Ongoing	After April 2013	87,364 ²
Australian Apprenticeships Access Program (Access Program) Review	February 2013	Ongoing	April/May 2013	315,020
Green Car Innovation Fund Evaluation	3 rd quarter 2013	NA	NA	134,000
Evaluation of the Structural Adjustment Component of the Automotive Industry Structural Adjustment Program	2 nd quarter 2013	NA	NA	30,000
Evaluation of Automotive Market Access Program	2 nd quarter 2013	NA	NA	25,000

¹This amount is the total committed for this financial year and is not the total cost of the review.

²This amount is for the period 4 January 2013 (the date the review commenced) to 6 March 2013 and is not the total cost of the review.

Table 2

Planned Reviews	Date Review to be Concluded
Strategic Industry Reviews	July 2014
R&D Tax Incentive	2015
National Partnership Agreement on Training Places for Single and Teenage Parents	June 2013
Vocational Education and Training data reporting obligations of Registered Training Organisations	Expected to report to Ministers in late 2013