# **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: AET 784-791** 

**Topic:** Reviews

Written: 5 March 2014

## Senator LUDWIG asked:

- 784. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:
  - a. the date they were ordered
  - b. the date they commenced
  - c. the minister responsible
  - d. the department responsible
  - e. the nature of the review
  - f. their terms of reference
  - g. the scope of the review
  - h. Whom is conducting the review
  - i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
  - j. the expected report date
  - k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs
  - I. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
- 785. For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
  - a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
  - b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
  - c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item
  - d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
  - e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
  - f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
  - g. If yes, for each, who selected them
  - h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,

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- i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
- ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
- iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
- iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
- v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
- 786. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews are on-going?
  - a. Please list them.
  - b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?
- 787. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- 788. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- 789. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- 790. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- 791. What reviews are planned?
  - a. When will each planned review be commenced?
  - b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
  - c. When will government respond to each review?
  - d. Will the government release each review?
    - i. If so, when?
    - ii. If not, why not

### **Answer:**

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785. Nil.

786. Nil.

787. Nil.

788. Nil.

789. Nil.

790. Nil.

791. No reviews are planned at this stage.