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TOPIC: Reviews

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QUESTION No. BI-85

Senator ABETZ—I would ask for a list of all reviews and plans to review et cetera that are currently underway within this department?

Mr Paterson—I will take that on notice.

ANSWER

Reviews and evaluations that are currently underway or planned to be undertaken:

- Review of the National Innovation System, which includes a review of the Cooperative Research Centres Program and the R&D Tax Concession;
- Review of the Australian Stem Cell Centre;
- Evaluation of the Commercialising Emerging Technologies (COMET) Program;
- Evaluation of the Pilot Intermediary Access Program;
- Review of the drivers and barriers to increasing investment in R&D, clinical trials and manufacturing activity in Australia by the Pharmaceuticals Industry Strategy Group;
- Review of the Small Business Ministerial Council;
- Review of Australia's Automotive Industry;
- Review of the Australian Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Industry;
- Internal evaluation of the Supplier Access to Major Projects (SAMP) Program;
- Internal evaluation of the Business.gov.au initiative;
- Review of Questacon;
- Evaluation of the Science Connections Program;
- Review of the update of the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Roadmap; and the
- Review of the Inter-governmental Agreement of the Australian Building Codes Board.