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QUESTION No. SI-48

Senator ABETZ—I do not mean to be critical of Mr Paterson, but is this another review that is in the department? I understand the minister was getting a review on the Australian Stem Cell Centre by the end of last month.
Mr Chesworth—This is a scheduled review. It had been scheduled to take place in 2008. There was also a review that took place in 2006 and it is my understanding that there is another schedule review due in 2010 as well.
Senator ABETZ—But there is an ongoing review, even if it is a rolling review. So that I understand, would a fair description of it be that it is a rolling review?
Mr Chesworth—The review was a discrete exercise.
Senator ABETZ—Were there any other discrete reviews, Secretary, that I should be made aware of that are currently underway in the department?
Mr Paterson—I did indicate that I would take that on notice. I have clarified the answer in relation to one additional issue earlier today. If there is anything else that I have not brought to your attention—
Senator ABETZ—Like this one. I appreciate you cannot have them all.
Mr Paterson—I did take it on notice earlier.
Senator ABETZ—Yes. I am just indicating that here is another one.

ANSWER

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

- Review of the Small Business Ministerial Council;
- Review of the Australian Stem Cell Centre;
- Scheduled 3rd year reviews of fourteen Cooperative Research Centres (CRC);
- Internal review of the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey;
- Internal evaluation of the Supplier Access to Major Projects (SAMP) Program;
- Review of the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Australian Building Codes Board;
- Internal review of program typologies; and
- Evaluation of the Science Connections Program.