

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2010-11
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Reviews

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck.

QUESTION No.: SI-49

1. What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010?
2. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including:
 - when those reviews were provided to Government,
 - estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and
 - if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review.
3. How many reviews are ongoing?
4. How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates?
5. What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?
6. Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?

ANSWER

1. The total number of reviews completed since Budget Estimates in 2010 is 16. Refer 3 for ongoing.
2. A breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 is as follows:

Name	Date to Govt.	Estimated Cost	Total Cost	Response Yes / No/ Not applicable
NCRIS National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Evaluation	June 2010	\$225,000	\$229,408 (ex GST)	Not applicable

Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) Review on Post Grant Patent Enforcement Strategies*	January 2010	Refer AI-69 and BI-72	Refer AI-69 and BI-72	Expected in late 2010
ACIP Review on Enforcement of Plant Breeder's Rights*	December 2009	Refer AI-69 and BI-72	Refer AI-69 and BI-72	Expected in late 2010

3. Currently there are 13 ongoing reviews.
4. The review has been completed since additional estimates (National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy).
5. The following reviews are planned for the portfolio:

Program Name	Portfolio Body
Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Scheme	ARC
Industry Cooperative Innovation Program (ICIP)	DIISR
National enabling Technologies Strategy (NETS)	DIISR
R&D Tax Concession (International Premium)	DIISR
Review of Research Training Scheme	DIISR
Review of Higher Education Research Promotion (HERP) program funding to the learned academies	DIISR
Evaluation of Enterprise Connect	DIISR
Review of the Small Business Online program	DIISR
Review of the Small Business Advisory Services program	DIISR

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* Both ACIP Reviews were completed before Budget Estimates but are included here as the Government has not yet responded.