

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

TOPIC: Reviews

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: SI-147

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 October 2012.

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 \$
National Skills Standards Council (NSSC) Review of the National Standards for the Regulation of VET* *NSSC is an advisory body of SCOTese	Expected December 2013	Ongoing	NA	25,925 ¹
Review of Pharmaceutical Patents	18 April 2013	Ongoing	After April 2013	883,000
National Security College	August 2012	Yes	NA	90,000
Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	14 October 2012	Yes	It is anticipated that an implementation strategy will be completed in early 2013	2,100,000
Review of Venture Capital and Entrepreneurial Skills in Australia (a joint review with Treasury)	September 2012	Ongoing	1 st quarter 2013	0
Evaluation of Commercialisation Australia	June 2013	NA	NA	150,000
Review of National Enabling Technologies Strategy's (NETS) Public Awareness and Community Engagement program	May 2012 for review to be provided to NETS Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), subcommittee responses provided in October 2012, and SAC Response due in November 2012	Ongoing	December 2012 – January 2013	30,000

¹ This amount is for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 and is not the total cost of the review.

Table 2

Planned Reviews	Date Review to be Concluded
R&D Tax Incentive Review	2015