

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry Portfolio
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21 November 2013

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Reviews

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: SI-158

1. Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews 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) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
2. For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 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 what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to 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,
 - 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
3. Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.
4. Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
5. Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
6. Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

8. 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

1. Since 7 September 2013, no new reviews have commenced.
2. Not applicable.
3. Ongoing reviews:
 - Evaluation of the Green Car Fund
 - Review of the National Partnership Agreement on Training Places for Single and Teenage parents
 - Review of RTO VET Data Reporting Requirements
4. No.
5. Since Budget Estimates the following reviews have been concluded:
 - National Solar Schools Program Final Evaluation
 - Solar Cities program evaluations:
 - CSIRO Solar Cities Data Analysis Report
 - Governance and Administration Review
 - The Solar Cities Program – The Journey
6. Since 7 September 2013 the National Solar Schools Program Final Evaluation was provided to Government on 19 November 2013.
7. The Government will not be responding to the program evaluations. The evaluations will inform future program development and the reports have been published on the Department's website at <http://www.industry.gov.au/nssp>.
8. As at 30 November 2013, the Government is considering undertaking a review of the R&D Tax Incentive.
 - a) to d) To be determined.

As at 30 November 2013, the Government is planning a review of the Cooperative Research Centres programme.

 - a) –to d) To be determined.

Please note as this information is as at 30 November 2013, it does not include the Anti-Dumping Commission. The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service will report on the Commission where appropriate in their responses to 2013-14 Budget Estimates Questions on Notice.