

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

**Outcome/Agency**      All

**DEEWR Question No. EW971\_09; EW972\_09; EW973\_09**

Senator Humphries provided in writing.

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW778\_09*

**Question**

*Portfolio reviews*

EW971\_09      How many Reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency? When will each of these reviews be concluded?

EW972\_09      Which Reviews have been completed since Supplementary Budget Estimates 2008?

EW973\_09      When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

**Answer**

There are 29 reviews currently being undertaken in the portfolio. A list of the reviews and their status is at [Attachment A](#).

**Attachment A**

	<b>Name of Review</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Higher Education</b>		
1	The Review of Australian Higher Education	The Review of Australian Higher Education was completed on 17 December 2008. The Minister released the report on 17 December 2008. The Government's response will be outlined in the Budget on 12 May 2009.
<b>COAG and Schools</b>		
2	Review of Teaching Australia	To be completed mid 2009.
3	Review of Online Curriculum Resources	To be completed mid 2009.
4	Career Advice Australia Evaluation	To be completed late 2009.
5	Evaluation of Youth Pathways	To be completed mid 2009.
6	Review of the Financial Questionnaire	To be completed late 2009.
7	Evaluation of the Boosting Innovation in Science & Technology Mathematics Teaching program	Draft review report received and being assessed.
8	Internal review of the National History Challenge and the Simpson Prize	Being considered.
9	Evaluation of An Even Start – National Tuition Program	Completion initially due May 2009 however negotiations are under way to extend delivery until July 2009.
<b>Youth, Industry Skills, Tertiary Skills and Productivity</b>		
10	Learning for Jobs: OECD Reviews of Vocational Education and Training – Australia	Being considered.
11	Formative Evaluation of the Implementation of the Australian Quality Training Framework 2007.	Being considered.
12	Review of the National Quality Council's Training Package support materials	To be completed mid 2009.
13	Review of Australian Training Awards categories to align with current government policy on skills.	Drafting scoping documents
<b>General Employment Services</b>		
14	Increasing Indigenous Employment Opportunity – proposed reforms to the CDEP and Indigenous Employment Programs	The review concluded November 2008. The outcome of the review was announced by Ministers Macklin and O'Connor in December 2008.
<b>Specialist Employment Services</b>		
15	Disability Employment Services Review	Will conclude August 2009 – with release of the RFT for new disability employment services from 1 March 2010. The new disability employment services will replace the current Disability Employment Network and Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

	<b>Name of Review</b>	<b>Status and Estimated Cost</b>
<b>Research Analysis and Evaluation</b>		
16	Review of the Job Seeker Classification Instrument (JSCI)	Review concluded January 2009.
<b>Social Inclusion and Participation</b>		
17	Participation Taskforce Review of participation requirements for parents and mature age job seekers.	Review concluded August 2008 with implementation 1 July 2009.
<b>Indigenous</b>		
18	The Office of Evaluation and Audit - Audit of School Nutrition Program	To be completed mid 2009.
19	The Community Festivals for Education Engagement program	To be completed late 2009.
20	The Office of Evaluation and Audit is commencing an audit (review) of the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program.	To be completed late 2009.
21	The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, in consultation with other agencies, will lead an internal review of the Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICC) model, including roles and structures of ICCs, in the light of the Government / COAG's Closing the Gap approach to Indigenous affairs and the future of the Northern Territory Emergency Response.	Review of ICC model 2008-09 Working group has been formed and is chaired by FaHCSIA. The working group has representatives from DEEWR, AGD, and DEWHA and includes FaHCSIA State managers. The review has sought formal submissions and expects to report findings late June 2009.
22	An evaluation of the Yachad Accelerated Learning Program (YALP) - to evaluate the appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency of the program.	To be completed mid 2009.
<b>Employment Reform Taskforce</b>		
23	External Reference Group Review – examining appropriateness of temporary skilled migration measure to help ease labour shortages.	Government Response released on 5 May 2008 – see <a href="http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/ce08044.htm">www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/ce08044.htm</a>
24	Visa Subclass 457 Integrity Review – conducted by industrial relations expert Ms Barbara Deegan.	Government Response to be considered in the 2009-10 Budget Context – see <a href="http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/ce08108.htm">www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/ce08108.htm</a>
25	Review of Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL) Methodology	Review Announced on 17 December 2008 (to report in 2009) – see <a href="http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/changes-to-2008-09-skilled-migration-program.pdf">www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/changes-to-2008-09-skilled-migration-program.pdf</a>
<b>Workplace Relations</b>		
26	Wilcox Consultation Process	Being considered.
27	Working Women's Centres	Being considered.
28	The National Review into Model Occupational Health and Safety laws	Workplace Relations Ministers' Council (WRMC) will consider and respond to the recommendations of the National Review.
29	Review of Self-Insurance Arrangement under the Comcare Scheme (Comcare Review)	Being considered.