

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0851\_10**

**Senator Barnett provided in writing.**

**Question**

**REVIEWS**

How many Reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency? When will each of these reviews be concluded? Which Reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

**Answer**

There are 15 reviews currently being undertaken in the portfolio. A list of these reviews and their expected completion dates is at [Attachment A](#).

Details of Reviews which have been completed since the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing are at [Attachment B](#).

	<b>Name of Review</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Review of Regional Loading	Expected to conclude in 2010.
2	The Office of Evaluation and Audit(DoFD) - Review of Indigenous Programs <sup>1</sup>	Conducted over three financial years (09/10, 10/11, 11/12).
3	Review of Online Curriculum Resources – the Arts & Specified Student Groups	Expected to conclude 30 April 2010.
4	OECD Review on Evaluation and Assessment Frameworks for Improving School Outcomes	The Country Review report for Australia is expected at the end of 2010 The OECD Synthesis report is expected in 2012
5	National Safe Schools Framework Review	Expected to conclude June 2010
6	Career Advice Australia Evaluation	Expected to conclude April 2010
7	Evaluation of Youth Pathways	Expected to conclude April 2010
8	Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program	Expected to conclude June 2010
9	National Schools Chaplaincy Program – stakeholder consultation process to examine options for the program future.	Expected to conclude September 2010
10	Office of Evaluation and Audit (OEA) - Performance Audit of Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services (MACS) and creches under the Budget Based Funding (BF) Program	Expected to conclude September 2010
11	Review of the Inclusion and Professional Support Program	Expected to be completed by 30 May 2010
12	Strategic review of the Flexible Learning Advisory Group	Ongoing - NSOC agreed on 4 September that an external review be undertaken, but as yet the jurisdiction to lead this review and therefore the terms of reference have yet to be determined.
13	Mid-term Review of the National Partnership Agreement for the Productivity Places Program	The terms of reference have been determined. External consultants have commenced work. The review is on track to be completed by April 2010.
14	AQF Council: Strengthening the AQF: An Architecture for Australia's Qualifications (3 Phases)	Preliminary advice given to MCTEE November 2009. Expected to be completed by June 2010.
15	Taskforce for Strengthening Government Service Delivery for Job Seekers	Expected to conclude mid 2010.

<sup>1</sup> This review will effect other areas of the portfolio as the evaluation rolls out.

Name of Review	Government response
Review of the Australian Directions into Indigenous Education 2005-2008	The review has been considered by state and territory education authorities through the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs.
Review of Teaching Australia	Response to the review is the transition of Teaching Australia to become the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership from 1 January 2010.
Review of Community Festivals for Education Engagement Program	The evaluation was initiated to inform DEEWR on its considerations regarding the future of the program beyond 2010, and its advice to government. The recommendations in the evaluation report informed the 2010 and 2011–2012 Request for Application for Funding processes.
Evaluation of An Even Start National Tuition Program	Terminating program – provided for information only.
2009 Financial Health Assessment Framework (FHAF) Pilot Review	Under consideration.
Review of Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and associated regulatory and legislative frameworks <a href="http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090612_124412.aspx">http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090612_124412.aspx</a>	Completed February 2010. Initial response contained in Deputy Prime Minister's media release of 9 March 2010.
Review of Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL) Methodology	Completed December 2009. The Government announced changes to the skilled migration arrangements on 8 February 2010
AQF Council: Pathways project	Completed December 2009. The Government is

considering the report.