

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No.EW0056_11

Senator Barnett provided in writing.

"Refers to previous DEEWR Question No's - EW798_10, EW807_10, EW851_10 and EW846_10".

Question

REVIEWS

"What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007? Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since the government came to office (only those commenced after the current government came to office) 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. How many reviews are ongoing? How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?"

Answer

There have been 74 reviews in or affecting the portfolio since November 2007, at an approximate cost of \$17million. Some reviews have not yet concluded and as such an approximate cost has been used where possible.

Details of Reviews which have been completed since November 2007 are at [Attachment A](#).

There are 23 reviews currently ongoing in the portfolio.

Ten reviews have been complete since additional estimates. (February 2010)

There are five further reviews planned:

- Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Indigenous People
- Review of base funding levels for higher education learning and teaching
- Evaluation of the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions
- 2012 Financial Health Assessment Framework (FHAF) Pilot Review
- National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program (NALSSP) 2009 - 2012

Attachment A

	Name of Review	Estimated Cost	Finalised	Will/ has the Government Responded
1	External Reference Group Review – examining appropriateness of temporary skilled migration measure to help ease labour shortages	N/A	May 2008	May 2008
2	An Evaluation of COAG Initiatives for Full and Effective Mutual Recognition	\$213,619.71	June 2008	June 2008
3	Participation Taskforce Review	\$39,100.00	August 2008	2009-10 Budget
4	Review of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council	\$60,000.00	August 2008	Considered as part of the Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education
5	The Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund	\$2,564.46	August 2008	Government Responded to Bradley Review of Higher Education
6	Review of the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund	N/A	September 2008	Government Responded to Bradley Review of Higher Education
7	Review of the Workplace Productivity Program	N/A	October 2008	March 2009
8	Review of Career Development Services in Australian Tertiary Institutions	\$263,833.00	October 2008	Yes – Response currently under consideration
9	Review of the Promoting Interfaith and Intercultural Understanding in School Settings	\$50,160.00	November 2008	No
10	Visa Subclass 457 Integrity Review	N/A	November 2008	April 2009
11	Learning for Jobs: OECD Reviews of Vocational Education and Training – Australia	\$362,000.00	November 2008	N/A
12	Review of the Governance Structures	\$67,103.00	November 2008	N/A
13	The Review of Australian Higher Education	\$1,306,653.00	December 2008	March 2009
14	Formative Evaluation of the Implementation of the Australian Quality Training Framework 2007	\$251,203.00	December 2008	No
15	Review of Self-Insurance Arrangements under the Comcare Scheme (Comcare Review)	\$193,744.00	January 2009	September 2009
16	National Review into Model occupational Health and Safety	\$1,500,000.00	January 2009	May 2009

17	Internal Review of the National History Challenge and the Simpson Prize	N/A	February 2009	No
18	Review of the Currency and Effectiveness of the National Standards for Group Training	\$198,440.00	March 2009	Under Consideration
19	Wilcox Review	\$330,796.31	March 2009	June 2009
20	Increasing Indigenous Employment Opportunity - proposed reforms to the CDEP and Indigenous Employment Programs	\$57,000.00	March 2009	July 2009
21	Review of Online Curriculum Resources	\$115,000.00	May 2009	N/A
22	Review of the Job Seeker Classification Instrument, conducted in 2008-09	\$182,893.00	June 2009	July 2009
23	Evaluation of an Even Start National Tuition Program	\$544,825.00	June 2009	N/A
24	Review of Teaching Australia	\$113,771.50	June 2009	January 2010
25	Yachad Accelerated Learning Program	\$71,555.00	June 2009	N/A
26	Review of the National Quality Council's Training Package support materials	\$49,743.00	June 2009	No
27	Disability Employment Services Review	\$248,000.00	August 2009	August 2009
28	Evaluation of the Boosting Innovation in Science, Technology and Mathematics Teaching Program	\$149,905.00	September 2009	N/A
29	Working Women's Centres Review	N/A	September 2009	June 2010
30	Review of the Scholarship for Career Advisers	\$80,300.00	October 2009	N/A
31	Review of the Australian Directions into Indigenous Education 2005-2008	\$255,000.00	October 2009	N/A
32	Review of Australian Training Awards categories to align with current government policy on skills	\$50,000.00	October 2009	Under Consideration
33	Department of Human Services (DHS), Review of the Job Capacity Assessment Program, conducted in 2007-08	N/A	November 2009	DHS Annual report
34	Senate Foreign Affairs and Trade Committee Inquiry into the Economic and Security Challenges facing Papua New Guinea and island states of the southwest Pacific	N/A	November 2009	Government will respond
35	Review of Chart of Accounts for Non-Government Schools	\$33,000.00	November 2009	N/A
36	OEA – Review of the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program	N/A	December 2009	DEEWR responded December 2009
37	AQF Council: Pathways Project	\$700,000.00	December 2009	Under Consideration
38	The Community Festivals for Education Engagement	\$132,110.00	December 2009	N/A

39	Review of Community Based Employment Advisory Services	\$25,559.32	December 2009	June 2010
40	Review of Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL) Methodology	N/A	February 2010	February 2010
41	Carry out the Review of Computer Technologies for Schools (CTDS) Project	\$81,200.00	February 2010	N/A
42	Review of Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and associated regulatory and legislative frameworks	\$730,000.00	February 2010	June 2010
43	Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD), Strategic Review of the Job Capacity Assessment Program, conducted in 2009–10	N/A	March 2010	May 2010
44	Career Advice Australia Evaluation	\$1,209,580.00	April 2010	No
45	Evaluation of Youth Pathways	\$996,090.00	April 2010	No
46	2009 Financial Health Assessment Framework (FHAF) Pilot Review	\$45,000.00	April 2010	Under Consideration
47	Review of DEEWR Social Security Appeals and Litigation Arrangements	\$5,000.00	April 2010	April 2010
48	Review of the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme	\$26,740.00	April 2010	Under Consideration
49	Review of the Inclusion and Professional Support Program	\$220,000.00	June 2010	Under Consideration
50	Review of Online Curriculum Resources - the Arts & Specified Student Groups	\$136,000.00	June 2010	N/A
51	Evaluation of the Scientists in Schools Program	N/A	June 2010	No