

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0062_13

Senator Back provided in writing.

“Refers to previous DEEWR Question No’s EW0531_12, EW0010_12, EW0056_11, EW0241_11, EW0798_10, EW0807_10, EW0851_10, EW0846_10 and EW0915_12.

Question

Reviews

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? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer

For this financial year to date, 14 reviews have been conducted, are underway or are planned. See Attachment A for details.

The list excludes any reviews pertaining to International, Higher Education or Vocational Education and Training functions which have been moved to the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education under the Machinery of Government change.

Reviews conducted, undertaken or planned for 2011-12:	When will the review be concluded?	Has the review been concluded?	Has the review been provided to Government ?	When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?	Estimated cost of each of the Reviews?
1. Review of Employer Sanctions Legislation - Combating Illegal Work in Australia*	July 2011	Concluded	Yes	Public Release 12 December www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/cb/2011/cb181163.htm	Cost met from Departmental resources
2. Eighteen Month Review of the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education	October 2011	Concluded	Yes	The Australian Government's response was noted in the communiqué of the Ministerial Council on Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs meeting on 14 October 2011. The Council agreed the Review was complete and that where necessary, bilateral discussions will continue.	\$236,381.43.
3. Review of Business Skills Program*	Final quarter 2011	Concluded	Yes	To be determined by Government, noting interim measures include introduction of Fraud Public Interest Criterion (see www.immi.gov.au/skilled/_pdf/fraud-pic.pdf)	Cost met from Departmental resources
4. 2011 Sporting Chance Program Evaluation	January 2012	Concluded	Yes	Evaluation Report and Government Response published 2 February 2012. http://www.deewr.gov.au/indigenous/schooling/programs/sportingchance/Pages/default.aspx	\$207 801
5. Review of Employer Sponsored Permanent Migration*	February 2012	Concluded	Yes	9 March 2012 with a 1 July 2012 implementation date. See www.immi.gov.au/skilled/skilled-workers/permanent-employer-sponsored-visa-whats-new.htm	Cost met from Departmental resources
6. Review of Remote Participation and Employment Services	April 2012	Concluded	Yes	The Government responded to the review in its announcement of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program on 24 April 2012 and in the 2012-13 Budget	Cost was from Departmental resources (DEEWR and FaHCSIA)
7. Post Implementation Review of the Fair Work Act	June 2012	Concluded	Yes	To be determined by Government	\$900 000
8. Asbestos Management Review	June 2012	Concluded	Yes	To be determined by Government	\$1.1 million over 3 financial years
9. Mid-term review of Australia-ILO Partnership Agreement is being carried out by DEEWR and AusAID in consultation with the ILO and social partners.	July 2012	Ongoing	No	To be determined by Government	Cost met from Departmental resources
10. Review of Assistance for					

* Joint review where DEEWR had a notable contribution.