

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Senate Budget Estimates, June 2011
Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 45

Senator Trood asked on notice

- a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- b) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

- a) Three reports as outlined below. Terms of Reference are attached for each separately (Attachment A). Dates of commission, completion (or intended completion) and release are outlined in the table below.

Committee members are:

- a. Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness:
 - i. Mr Sandy Hollway AO
 - ii. Professor Stephen Howes
 - iii. Ms Margaret Reid AO
 - iv. Mr Bill Farmer AO
 - v. Mr John Denton
 - b. Joint Review of Adviser Positions
 - i. The Review was undertaken as a joint process between AusAID and twenty partner countries. In each country the Review was conducted by teams of senior partner government representatives and AusAID to tailor the terms of reference to ensure they were appropriate for the specific country context. Other Australian Government agencies were involved in the assessment of positions occupied by Australian Government officials deployed as advisers.
 - c. Whole of Government Deployment Review
 - i. The Deputy Director General Asia Pacific and Program Enabling Group, AusAID, is leading the review, supported by staff from AusAID's Human Resources Branch. Departments and agencies with employees deployed to partner country governments under the aid program are participating in the review through regular consultation and meetings as required.
- b) Costs for each report are included in the table below. Departmental staff involved in each report are:
 - a. Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness Secretariat:

- i. 1 SES Band 1
 - ii. 1 x EL2
 - iii. 1 x EL1
 - iv. 2 x APS4
 - v. Additional contributions from staff from across the agency.
 - b. Joint Review of Adviser Positions
 - i. 0.25 x SES Band 1
 - ii. 1 x EL2
 - iii. 1 x EL1
 - iv. 1 x APS5
 - v. Additional staff ranging from APS5 to EL2 to provide subject matter expertise.
 - c. Whole of Government Deployment Review
 - i. SES Band 3 oversight
 - ii. 1 x EL2
 - iii. 1 x EL1
 - iv. 1 x APS6
 - v. Additional contributions from staff across agency on working groups to inform the review.
- c) Current status and intended Government response dates are reported in the table below.

Review	Date Commissioned	Completion Date	Provided to Government	Public Release	Cost	Current Status	Intended Response Date
Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness	16 Nov 2011	Apr 2011	Apr 2011	July 2011	\$976,744	Completed	n/a
Adviser Review	May 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	\$1,076	Completed	n/a
Whole of Government Deployment Review	Mar 2011	Sep 2011	TBA	TBA		In progress	TBA