

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Reviews

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F69

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Tuesday, 2 April 2013

Number of pages: 1

Question:

For this financial year to date:

- a) How many Reviews are being undertaken?
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- c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- g) What reviews are planned?
- h) When will each of these reviews be concluded?

Answer:

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013:

- a) Twelve
- b) Two. Eight reviews are expected to be completed in 2013; two in 2014.
- c) Two
- d) This is a matter for government.
- e) This is a matter for government.
- f) The estimated total costs are \$4.6 million. The costs of one review were shared with the Attorney-General's Department and the costs of four other reviews were absorbed by Finance.
- g) One.
- h) May 2013.

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Answer:

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013:

- a) Nil.
- b) One concluded. An independent review of the AEC's disclosure and compliance function and its monitoring of political donations under Part XX of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* was undertaken by former Commonwealth Ombudsman, Mr Ron McLeod AM, with assistance from PricewaterhouseCoopers.
- c) One.
- d) N/A.
- e) N/A.
- f) \$206,596.99 (GST inclusive).
- g) Nil.
- h) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) - h) N/A.

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Department/Agency: Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

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