

# Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

## BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 MAY 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Reviews

**Question reference number:** HS45

**Senator:** BARNETT

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- a) What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007?
- b) 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.
- c) How many reviews are ongoing?
- d) How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates?
- e) What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?

**Answer:**

- a) Two.
- b) The Delivering Quality Outcomes Review (Richmond Review):
  - provided to the Minister for Human Services on 7 December 2009;
  - \$398,000; and
  - the Government has not responded to the review and is unlikely to as the Review was not initiated by the Government; rather it was initiated by the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.
- c) One.
- d) None.
- e) None at this stage.