

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates Hearing 21-24 May 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.1 Domestic Policy

**Topic:** Reviews

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

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:**

A 'review' is considered to be a formal examination of an area of government policy undertaken by an agency and to which a government response is expected.

Answers to the questions are provided in the attached table.

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#### BE Question on Notice: Question 90 - REVIEWS

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No.	Title	Concluded / Current	Expected/ Actual Completion Date	Expected / Actual Date Provided to Govt	When will Govt respond to Review?	Cost of Review (in addition to PM&C staff salaries)
1	The Independent Review of the Intelligence Community (IRIC)	Concluded	31/07/2011	31/07/2011	The Government provided a classified response in late 2011. The public version of the report was released on 25 January 2012.	Funding of \$3 million over two financial years was announced in the 2010-11 Budget to cover the estimated cost of IRIC. The total accrued cost to date is \$1.025 million, taking into account adjustments for confirmed expenses.
1	Audit of Whole-of-Government Crisis Coordination Mechanisms	Concluded	10/07/2011	10/07/2011	To be determined	\$30,000