

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

Question: PM126

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Topic: Reviews

Type of Question: Written

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- a) **What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since Budget Estimates 2010?**
- b) **Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including:**
 - i. **when those reviews were provided to Government,**
 - ii. **estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and**
 - iii. **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?**
- f) **Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?**

Answer:

(a-c) Consistent with past practice, 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. Please see the attached table.

d) Four – Ahead of the Game Blueprint for Reform of Australian Government Administration; Review of the Administration of the Home Insulation Program; Review of the National Intelligence Priorities; Review of Cabinet Processes.

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- e) Four further reviews are currently planned: Independent Review of the Intelligence Community; Review of APS Enterprise Bargaining Arrangements; Review of APS Senior Executive Service, size, capability and work level standards; APS Capability Review.
- f) No.

Question on Notice: PM126 (a) to (c) - COMMISSIONED REVIEWS

(completed and ongoing since Budget Estimates 2010)

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No.	Title	Completed / Ongoing since BE 2010	Expected / Actual Date Provided to Govt	Completed since Additional Estimates (Feb 10)	When will Govt respond to Review?	Cost of Review
1	Review of the National Intelligence Priorities	Completed	Early 2011	Yes	Government expected to respond in early 2011	Review undertaken by PM&C staff - cost absorbed
2	Review of Cabinet Processes (Sterland Report)	Completed	27-Sep-10	Yes	Recommendations agreed by the Government on 27/9/2010	Review undertaken by PM&C staff - cost absorbed
3	Evaluation of two pilots: (A) to build better partnerships and greater collaboration between Family Relationship Centres and Legal Assistance Services; and (B) to legally assist and support family dispute resolution in family violence cases	Ongoing	To be determined	No	To be determined	\$612,634
4	Review of the Australian Government's investment into the Indigenous Broadcasting and Media Sector	Ongoing	Dec-10	No	To be determined	\$410,000