

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.4 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Reviews

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

**Question reference number:** 136

**Type of Question:** Written

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**Question:**

For the year 2010-11:

1. How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. What reviews have been concluded?
4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?

For this financial year to date:

1. What reviews are planned?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. What reviews have been concluded this FYTD?
4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?

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**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.

## SE Question on Notice: Question 136 - REVIEWS

### Portfolio: Prime Minister and Cabinet

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	Indigenous Broadcasting and Media Sector Review	Concluded	7/01/2011	7/01/2011	The government responded to the review publicly on 6 April 2011	\$550,063
2	2010 Review of the Australian Independent Screen Production Sector	Concluded	8/02/2011	8/02/2011	The government responded to the review as part of the 2011-12 Budget	Costs absorbed by PM&C
3	Active After-School Communities (AASC) Program Administrative Review	Concluded	23/03/2011	23/03/2011	To be determined	\$30,651
4	2011 Triennial Review of the National Counter-Terrorism Arrangements	Concluded	1/06/2011	The review and the National Counter-Terrorism Committee's (NCTC) response to it was provided to COAG out-of-session on 2 September 2011.	It is not expected that the government will provide a separate response to that of the NCTC	\$88,000
5	Audit of Whole-of-Government Crisis Coordination Mechanisms	Concluded	10/07/2011	10/07/2011	To be determined	\$30,000

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6	The Independent Review of the Intelligence Community (IRIC)	Concluded	31/07/2011	31/07/2011	To be determined	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 \$1.08 million, with further additional related costs still to be determined and settled.
7	National Intelligence Priorities (NIPs) Review	Concluded	1/08/2010	1/03/2011	The government will not be responding publicly to the NIPs review	Costs absorbed by PM&C
8	Shared Services Feasibility Study	Concluded	15/11/2010	24/3/2011	The government has considered the report.	Consultant costs of \$92,216.36 (GST exclusive) were shared equally between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of the Treasury and Department of Finance and Deregulation
9	Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts	Concluded	31/10/2011	31/10/2011	To be determined	Consultant costs of \$85,400 (GST exclusive). Review undertaken by departmental staff - associated costs were absorbed.
10	Strategic Review into the Sustainability of Football in Australia	Current	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined