

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Reviews Undertaken 2011-12

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Type of Question:** written

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**Question:**

For 2011-12:

- a. How many reviews were undertaken
- b. Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?
- c. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- d. Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?
- e. What was the estimated cost of each of these reviews

**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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#### SBE Question on Notice: Question 94 - 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.

Note: The Department's answer to 2012 Senate Budget Estimates PM 90 incorrectly included the Audit of Whole-of-Government Crisis Coordination Mechanism. This was an internal review not requiring a Government response.