

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 114**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 23 February 2009:**

With regard to the Portfolio's reviews;

- a) how many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency,
- b) when will each of these reviews be concluded,
- c) which reviews have been completed since Supplementary Budget Estimates 2008,
- d) when will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed,
- e) what is the total number of reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007,
- f) what is the estimated cost of these reviews, and
- g) what further reviews are planned for 2009?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

(a, b, c, d & f) The tables below set out information pertaining to reviews being undertaken by, or directly affecting, the Department or portfolio agencies:

**Current Reviews**

<b>Review Name (a)</b>	<b>Expected Conclusion Date (b)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost of Review (f)</b>
ALRC Review of Commonwealth Secrecy Laws	31 October 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
National Consultation on Human Rights	31 August 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Federal Audit of Police Capability	30 June 2009	\$352,000
Review of National Critical Infrastructure Protection Arrangements	30 June 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the workload, resources and funding of the Family Court of Western Australia	First Half 2009	\$81,186
Review of the <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	31 March 2009	\$169,919

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Maritime Enforcement Law review	30 June 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the <i>International Arbitration Act 1974</i>	Second Half 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of National Native Title Tribunal Executive Level Positions	6 March 2009	\$42,000
Inter-Agency Committee reviewing the National Capital Authority's administration of leases over diplomatic land	March 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Personnel Security Review (whole-of-Government)	April 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of Classification Fees	Mid 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Statutory Review of 2003 amendments to the <i>Copyright Act 1968</i>	April 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historical Area (KAVHA) Governance (Norfolk Island)	March 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Inter-Governmental Committee on Planning in the ACT	October 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Taskforce on the Commonwealth's National Capital responsibilities	April 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of Customary Law (Bail and Sentencing Amendments)	April 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of Part 1B of the <i>Crimes Act 1914</i>	Not Available	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories inquiry in the Immigration Bridge Proposal	May 2009	This is a matter for the Committee.
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security - Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 6	2009	This is a matter for the Committee.
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security - Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 7	2009	This is a matter for the Committee.

## Completed Reviews

Reviews Completed since Supp Budget Est. 2008 (c)	Date of Completion	Estimated Government response to Review (d)	Est. Cost of Review (f)
Border and Homeland Security Review	December 2008	Under consideration	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and it was not costed separately.
Aviation Green Paper	December 2008	Under consideration	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
E-Security Review 2008	October 2008	Announced 19 December 2008	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the delivery by the federal courts of family law services	20 November 2008	Not Applicable	\$196,506
Inquiry by the Hon John Clarke QC into the Case of Dr Mohamed Haneef	23 December 2008	23 December 2008	\$2,807,000
House of representatives Legal & Constitutional Affairs inquiry into whistle blowing protection within the Australian Government public Sector	25 February 2009	Under consideration	This is a matter for the Committee.
2008 review of Funding of the Native Title System	August 2008	Under consideration	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Statutory Review (required by Schedule 6 in Table A at the notes to the <i>Copyright Act 1968</i> ) of the operation of copyright exceptions of format-shifting of films and photographs	31 March 2008	17 June 2008	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the Implementation of the Night Patrol Services in the Northern Territory	November 2008	The Department is working with service providers to implement the recommendations.	\$64,038
Review of the Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program	March 2008	The Department has been undertaking extensive consultations with stakeholders on the recommendations.	\$35,040

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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs inquiry on the effectiveness of the <i>Sex Discrimination Act 1984</i> .	12 December 2008	Under consideration	This is a matter for the Committee.

(e) There are 32 reviews being undertaken by, or are directly related to, the Department or portfolio agencies that are in progress or have been completed since November 2007.

(g) Information pertaining to further reviews planned by the Department and portfolio agencies for 2009 is set out in the below table:

### Future Reviews (g)

#### Review Name

Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis Project

Review of the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines 2002

Statutory Review of Part 1D of the *Crimes Act 1914*

Governance and Administration Audit of the Australian Crime Commission