

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

**Sub Program All**

**Question No. 121**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:**

Regarding reviews:

- a. How many reviews are currently being undertaken across the portfolio? When will each of these reviews be concluded?
- b. Which reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- c. What is the total number of reviews *both completed and ongoing* in the portfolio since November 2007? What is the estimated cost of these reviews?
- d. What further reviews are planned for the 2009-10 financial year?

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

- a. There are currently 10 reviews<sup>1</sup> being undertaken across the portfolio, to be completed in 2010:
  - Review of the sustainability and future operation of the Australian Institute of Police Management
  - Review of Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines 2002
  - Review of Part 1D of the Crimes Act 1914
  - Review of Part 1B of the Crimes Act 1914
  - Inter-Agency Committee reviewing the National Capital Authority's administration of leases over diplomatic land
  - Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis Program
  - Statutory Review of 2003 amendments to the Copyright Act 1968
  - Review of Classification Fees
  - Inter-Governmental Committee on Planning in the ACT

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<sup>1</sup> A review is defined as a formal examination of a particular Departmental or agency responsibility which is suitable for public release which is conducted by or commissioned by the Department or agency. This definition also applies to parts b), c) and d) of this question.

- Review of the Commonwealth Critical Infrastructure Protection Program

b. Reviews completed since Budget Estimates (May 2009), and the estimated Government response.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Estimated Government response</b>
Review of the legislation, practices and procedures that apply in the Family Court and the Federal Magistrates Court where family violence concerns are raised	The government is currently considering the recommendations of the report.
Review of the delivery of National Security Training by the Attorney-General's Department	The government is currently considering the recommendations of the report.
Review of the workload, resources and funding of the Family Court of Western Australia	The government is currently considering the recommendations of the report.
Review of Commonwealth legal services procurement	Not required
Review of Customary Law (Bail and Sentencing) Amendments	Not required
Strategic Framework for Access to Justice in the Federal Civil Justice System, Report of the Access to Justice Taskforce	Not required
COAG Senior Officials Review of National Critical Infrastructure Protection Arrangements	Not required
Maritime Enforcement Law Review	Not required
Review of the <i>International Arbitration Act 1974</i>	Not required
Taskforce on the Commonwealth's National Capital responsibilities	Not required
Review of the Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historical Area (KAVHA) Governance (Norfolk Island)	The government is currently considering the recommendations of the report.

c. The total number of reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio since November 2007 is 34.

<b>Ongoing Reviews</b>	<b>Approximate cost at 8 February 2010<sup>2</sup></b>
Review of the sustainability and future operation of the Australian Institute of Police Management	\$128,536 (GST inclusive). This funding is provided by all Australian police jurisdictions.
Review of Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines 2002	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of Part 1D of the <i>Crimes Act 1914</i>	The total cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately. The cost of the consultancy to lead the review is estimated to be up to \$75,000 (GST inclusive).
Review of Part 1B of the <i>Crimes Act 1914</i>	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Inter-Agency Committee reviewing the National Capital Authority's administration of leases over diplomatic land	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Critical Infrastructure Protection Modelling and Analysis Program	\$79,250 (GST inclusive)
Statutory Review of 2003 amendments to the <i>Copyright Act 1968</i>	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of Classification Fees	\$20,625 (GST inclusive)
Inter-Governmental Committee on Planning in the ACT	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the Commonwealth Critical Infrastructure Protection Program	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
<b>Completed Reviews</b>	<b>Cost<sup>2</sup></b>
Review of the legislation, practices and procedures that apply in the Family Court and the Federal Magistrates Court where family violence concerns are raised	\$138,552 (GST exclusive)
Review of the Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historical Area (KAVHA) Governance (Norfolk Island)	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.

<sup>2</sup> Review costs do not include staffing costs met within existing Departmental or portfolio resources or travel (including incidentals to travel) costs because this data is not necessarily specifically recorded against these projects and to do so would constitute an unreasonable diversion of resources. Staffing costs which were not met within existing Departmental or portfolio resources have been included in the cost.

Please note that the cost of the National Consultation on Human Rights is the total cost (ie it includes all costs related to this Consultation). This cost had been calculated in detail for the purposes of Additional Estimates Question on Notice 6.

Review of the delivery of National Security Training by the Attorney-General's Department	\$59,389 (GST inclusive)
Review of the workload, resources and funding of the Family Court of Western Australia	\$34,186 (GST inclusive)
Review of Commonwealth legal services procurement	\$167,625 (GST inclusive)
Review of Customary Law (Bail and Sentencing) Amendments	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Strategic Framework for Access to Justice in the Federal Civil Justice System, Report of the Access to Justice Taskforce	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
COAG Senior Officials Review of National Critical Infrastructure Protection Arrangements	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Maritime Enforcement Law Review	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the <i>International Arbitration Act 1974</i>	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Taskforce on the Commonwealth's National Capital responsibilities	\$29,105 (GST exclusive)
Review of the delivery by the federal courts of family law services	\$59,957 (GST inclusive)
Statutory review of the <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	\$45,300 (GST exclusive)
The Street Review: A review of interoperability between the AFP and its national security partners	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Inquiry by the Hon John Clarke QC into the Case of Dr Mohamed Haneef	\$2,500,000 (estimate) (GST exclusive)
Review of the AFP response to an incident at Sydney Airport on 22 March 2009	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
E-Security Review 2008	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.
Review of the Annualised Penalty Payments (APP) under the Attorney-General's Department Agreement 2007	Consultancy \$37,339 (GST inclusive)
National Consultation on Human Rights	Total expenditure for the National Human Rights Consultation was \$2.9m (GST exclusive). Please note that this is the total cost of the Consultation (exclusive of GST) as reported in response to QON 006 (tabled 23 March).
Review of family dispute resolution services in legal aid commissions	\$354,000 (GST inclusive)
Review of the Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program	\$35,040 (GST exclusive)

2008 Review of Funding of the Native Title System	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	\$64,038 (GST exclusive)
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	The cost of the review was met by existing resources and was not costed separately.

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<b>Reviews planned for the 2009-10 financial year:</b>
Review of the legislative arrangements for regulating the construction of offshore installations and the application of Australian laws to such installations.