

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

Sub Program All

Question No. 178

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

With regard to the Portfolio's reviews, please provide an update since the February 2009 Additional Estimates on the following questions:

- a) How many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency?
- b) Which reviews have been completed since Additional Estimates February 2009?
- c) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- d) What is the total number of reviews completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007 (in each case please provide detail identifying the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the organization conducting review if known)?
- e) What further reviews are planned from now until end of financial year 2009/10 (in each case please provide detail identifying the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the organisation conducting review if known)?

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

- a) 21
- b), c) See table below (and also covered in the attached spreadsheet)

Reviews completed since Additional Estimates February 2009

Title	Estimated Government Response
Parliamentary Joint Committee on ACLEI Inquiry into Law Enforcement Integrity models	Under consideration
House of Representatives Legal & Constitutional Affairs inquiry into whistle blowing protection within the Australian Government public Sector	Under consideration
Review of the <i>Legislative Instruments Act 2003</i>	Under consideration
Review of family dispute resolution services in legal aid commissions	The Department will consult with legal aid commissions regarding implementing the recommendations in the report
Review of the AFP response to an incident at Sydney Airport on 22 March 2009	The MHA has asked the AFP Commissioner to respond on the implementation of the recommendations by 30 June 2009

- d) 36; see attached spreadsheet for details
- e) See attached spreadsheet for details.