

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

**Corporate/cross-portfolio/general**

**Question No. 80**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:**

Reviews

- 1) Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:
  - a) the date they were ordered
  - b) the date they commenced
  - c) the minister responsible
  - d) the department responsible
  - e) the nature of the review
  - f) their terms of reference
  - g) the scope of the review
  - h) Whom is conducting the review
  - i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review
  - j) the expected report date
  - k) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public
- 2) For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?
  - a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
  - b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
  - c) If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item
  - d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
  - e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
  - f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
  - g) If yes, for each, who selected them
  - h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,
    - i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
    - ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
    - iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
    - iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
    - v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
- 3) Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.
- 4) Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.
- 5) Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.
- 6) Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.
- 7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- 8) What reviews are planned?
  - a) When will each planned review be commenced?
  - b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?

- c) When will government respond to each review?
- d) Will the government release each review?
  - i. If so, when?
  - ii. If not, why not?

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

1-2) Nil

3) Review of the *Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Act 2009*.

4-7) Nil.

8) This is a matter for future decision by the Attorney-General and the Government.