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QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper.

24 March 2011

330 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the target audience for the Australia Network, and was it determined by market research; if so, is this research publicly available.
- (2) Has his department undertaken any studies to determine whether the Australia Network is reaching this audience; if so, when were they undertaken and what were the results.
- (3) Did his department undertake a study of the Australian Network's effectiveness before the Government announced it would put out to tender a new 10 year contract.
- (4) Does his department believe that television remains the best medium for reaching this target audience; if so, why.

11 May 2011

359 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the activities of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), has APRA undertaken any reviews or investigations from 2007 onwards into the investment operations of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme Pty Ltd (LGSS) (ABN 68078003497), including the purchase by the LGSS of securities known as 'Rembrandt' notes; if so, (a) what is the nature of the reviews or investigations, (b) what powers was APRA exercising in undertaking the reviews or investigations, (c) what were the findings and the outcome of the reviews or investigations, (d) were any adverse findings made against actions of the LGSS, and (e) has any follow-up action been taken by APRA on the reviews or investigations.

361 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the investigation being undertaken by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) into the collapse of Trio Capital Ltd and the APP growth fund, did investors act on advice from licensed financial advisors; if so, can he indicate (a) the actions ASIC has taken against such advisors, (b) whether these advisors had professional indemnity insurance (as required under s 912B of the *Corporations Act 2001*), and if they did not, why not, (c) whether ASIC is taking action against advisors with a view to recovery against their professional indemnity insurance, (d) what action can be taken against any advisors who acted without such insurance, but before the legal requirement to have this insurance was imposed, and (e) what

proportion of lost assets resulted from advisors or Trio Capital Ltd behaving fraudulently, versus negligently.

- 362 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the investigation being undertaken by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) into the collapse of Trio Capital Ltd and the APP growth fund, specifically in relation to investments by self managed superannuation funds, did Trio Capital Ltd have professional indemnity insurance (as required under s 912B of the *Corporations Act 2001*); if not, why not, and what action can be taken against Trio Capital Ltd for any conduct dated (a) before, and (b) after, the legal requirement to have professional indemnity insurance was imposed; if so, is ASIC taking action against Trio Capital Ltd with a view to recovery against its professional indemnity insurance.
- 363 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—In respect of the consultation paper *Review of compensation arrangements for consumers of financial services: future of financial advice* (Richard St. John, April 2011), (a) why does the paper provide little discussion or analysis as to why the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority-regulated superannuation funds are subject to a statutory compensation scheme (provided under Part 23 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*) yet self managed superannuation funds are not, and (b) will he consider seeking advice and publishing a consultation paper on this important and topical issue, particularly in light of the collapse of Trio Capital Ltd resulting in many investors in self managed superannuation funds losing substantial superannuation savings; if not, why not.

23 May 2011

377 **MR COBB:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Why did he make the announcement for the blocking of the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd, but left it to Cargill International to tell Australia it had been approved in its takeover of AWB Ltd.
- (2) Is it a fact that the Government has placed no conditions on the sale of AWB Ltd to Cargill International.
- (3) Can Cargill International refuse to accept grain for other buyers at its sites; if so, how will the Government tackle regional monopolies with farmers restricted by freight, from accessing competition.
- (4) What mechanisms are in place to ensure continued competition in this sector, given the Cargill International takeover of AWB Ltd has resulted in a reduction from three to two companies co-owning the Australian flour mills.
- (5) What processes are in place to consider the cumulative impacts of foreign takeovers, in particular industries along the supply chain, that over time may change the nature of foreign ownerships from a competitive market to a monopoly or near monopoly arrangement.
- (6) Were such cumulative impacts considered in the case of Cargill International's takeover of AWB Ltd; if so, how.

31 May 2011

406 **MR PYNE:** To ask the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth—To date, what is the total cost of the development and construction of the My School website, and what does it cost per month to operate.

1 June 2011

408 **MR SCOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) How many communities in the remote television licence area in the electorate of Maranoa are receiving their analogue television services via a local government-operated self-help rebroadcast facility.
- (2) What would be the cost of converting these self-help analogue facilities in the same electorate to an (a) MPEG-2, and (b) MPEG-4, data format with the digital signal received via satellite.

15 June 2011

- 424 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) assessed the likely impact of the Government's proposed carbon tax on Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs), including loan delinquency levels, and whether ADIs would have adequate capital to cover increased delinquency levels; if so, what assessment was undertaken, and what was the outcome.
 - (2) Has APRA requested that ADIs examine the likely impact of the Government's proposed carbon tax on their loan books, and whether they would have adequate capital to cover increased delinquency levels; if so, what requests were made, and what was the outcome.
 - (3) What scope is there for APRA to increase the capital adequacy minimums imposed on ADIs to cover the potential increased risk of default from both the residential and commercial loan books arising from the proposed carbon tax.
- 425 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—Has the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) assessed the likely impact of the Government's proposed carbon tax on the superannuation industry, including superannuation invested in shares in, and retirement funds exposed to, the energy, manufacturing and mining sectors; if so, what assessment was undertaken, and what was the outcome.

16 August 2011

- 463 **MR HOCKEY:** To ask the Treasurer—How many times in the last three years has the Treasury undertaken economic modelling, and on which issues has this modelling been undertaken.
- 481 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research—
- (1) For what reasons has the Government abolished the Australian Teaching and Learning Council (ATLC), despite restoring \$50 million of the \$88 million ATLC budget over four years expressly to maintain its grants and programs under the same terms of reference and conditions.
 - (2) Has the Government made public its vision for how Australian teaching and learning innovation will be encouraged and recognised internationally; if so, what is it.
- 483 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Is it a fact that the Government is spending \$2.6 million a month on motel accommodation to house asylum seekers because detention centres are currently full; if not, what sum is currently being spent per month to house asylum seekers in motel or other equivalent accommodation.
- 490 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will the Government consider re-establishing the education fund that used to exist under ASX's stewardship, and that also served to channel revenue from fines imposed for breaches of trading rules into improving compliance and risk management practices to prevent further breaches.
 - (2) Is he aware that the education fund more effectively used monies from fines than the current system (under new ASIC supervisory arrangements) of directing them into consolidated revenue.
- 493 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Treasurer—In respect of Treasury modelling of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, what (a) was Australia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2010, (b) is Treasury's base case forecast of GDP growth per annum between 2010 and 2050, and the forecast of GDP for 2050 at this growth rate, in aggregate and per capita terms, (c) is the forecast of GDP growth per annum if a carbon price is introduced, and the forecast of GDP for 2050 at this growth rate in aggregate and per capita terms, and (d) is the expected difference in GDP for 2050 and on a cumulative basis from 2010 to 2050 with and without a carbon price.
- 499 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—Can the Minister indicate what proportion (as a percentage) of the Australian equity portfolio held by the following funds (a) Australian Super, (b) Cbus, (c) HESTA, (d) HOSTPLUS, (e) MTAA Super, (f) CareSuper, (g) LUCRF Super, (h) Media Super, (i) NGS Super, (j) TWUSUPER, (k) AustSafe, (l) Energy Super, (m) First Super, (n) legalsuper, and (o) REI Super, is constituted by investments in the top 500 big polluting companies that will be subject to the carbon price.

18 August 2011

- 513 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did he receive a brief from his department seeking approval of text contained in the request for tender for the Australia Network contract and/or associated documents before their release; if so, (a) on what date (i) was the brief received by his office, and (ii) did he sight the brief, and (b) can he indicate what type of ministerial action was requested by his department, and what resulting action he took.
- 514 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did he or any of his ministerial staff request changes to the text contained in the request for tender and/or associated documents for the Australia Network contract; if so, on what date, and can he indicate the nature of the requested changes.
- 515 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Was the final version of the request for tender and associated documents for the Australia Network contract approved by Cabinet or him; if so, on what date.
- 516 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did he or any of his ministerial staff receive a briefing, written or verbal, from his department or a member of the tender panel regarding any of the information provided by tenderers in their tender submissions for the Australia Network contract; if so, on what date, and can he indicate the nature of the information provided.
- 517 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—On what date did the tender panel for the Australia Network contract finalise its report, and can he indicate whether the report recommended a preferred tenderer.
- 518 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can he indicate whether the panel viewed both tenderers for the Australia Network contract as meeting the requirements of tender.
- 519 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did he or any of his ministerial staff receive a briefing, written or verbal, from his department or a member of the tender panel for the Australia Network contract regarding the panel's progress.
- 520 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—On what date was the report of the tender panel for the Australia Network contract first sighted by the Secretary of his department.
- 521 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did he or any of his ministerial staff receive a briefing, written or verbal, from his department regarding the report of the tender panel for the Australia Network contract, including any recommendation on a preferred tenderer; if so, (a) on what date was the brief (i) received by his office, and (ii) sighted by him, and (b) can he indicate what type of ministerial action was requested by his department, and what resulting action he took.
- 522 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Did his department prepare a Cabinet submission detailing the report of the tender panel for the Australia Network contract, including any recommendation on a preferred tenderer; if so, (a) on what date, and (b) was input into the brief provided by other Governments; if so, which ones.
- 523 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—On what date (a) was his department first notified of the Government's intention to extend the existing Australia Network contract, and (b) were tenderers for the Australia Network contract first notified of the Government's intention to extend the existing contract.
- 524 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he, any of his ministerial staff and/or his department received correspondence from, or had a discussion with, any of the interested parties involved in the tender process for the Australia Network contract since the Government's decision to seek further information; if so, (a) on what date, (b) which parties were involved, and (c) can he indicate the nature of the correspondence and/or discussion.
- 525 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he, any of his ministerial staff and/or his department received correspondence from, or had a discussion with, any of the interested parties involved in the tender process for the Australia Network contract about the impact of the Government's decision on the financial viability of their proposal; if so, (a) what parties were involved, and (b) can he indicate the nature of the correspondence and/or discussion.
- 526 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he or any of his ministerial staff received a briefing, written or verbal, from his department and/or consultants expressing their concerns about the change to the request for tender for the Australia Network contract and/or association documentation; if so, (a) on what date, and (b) can he indicate the nature of their concerns.

- 527 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he or any of his ministerial staff received a briefing, written or verbal, from his department and/or consultants regarding the additional costs associated with expanding the Australia Network’s coverage into the Middle East and North Africa; if so, (a) on what date, (b) can he indicate the nature of this advice, and (c) what are the additional costs.
- 528 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has he or any of his ministerial staff received a briefing, written or verbal, from his department and/or consultants regarding the expansion of the Australia Network into the Middle East and North Africa and its impact on the Network’s penetration rates in Asia and/or the Pacific; if so, (a) on what date, and (b) can he indicate the nature of this advice.
- 529 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Prior to Cabinet consideration of the tender for the Australia Network contract, (a) what position did the designated advisor on the tender process hold, (b) on what legal basis were they stripped of that role, (c) had they made a decision on who the successful tenderer would be, and (d) what position does the current advisor on the tender process hold.
- 542 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What is the accumulated sum of outstanding and written-off debt from consular assistance rendered since the publication of *Helping Australians abroad: a review of the Australian Government’s consular services* (Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee, 1997, Canberra).
- 543 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Was the Government’s revenue from passport fees in 2009-10 equal to or greater than the cost of providing consular assistance.

14 September 2011

- 602 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the 64 clinics under the GP Super Clinics Program, how many had or have a date of practical completion in their original funding agreement which fell or falls in (a) 2007-08, (b) 2008-09, (c) 2009-10, (d) 2010-11, (e) 2011-12, (f) 2012-13, (g) 2013-14, and (h) 2014-15.

20 September 2011

- 615 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the GP Super Clinics Program, how many clinics (a) are operational, (b) are providing early services, (c) are at an advanced stage of construction, and (d) have opened ahead of schedule.
- 616 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—For each of the 64 GP Super Clinics, (a) on what date (i) was the funding agreement signed, (ii) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with evidence of tenure, (iii) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with the preliminary project and plan, (iv) did the organisation notify the Commonwealth that it was ready to seek development approval, (v) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with a construction-ready project plan and budget, (vi) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with a copy of the development approval, (vii) did the organisation notify the Commonwealth of the details of the selected building contractor, (viii) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with a copy of the building permit or certificate to commence, (ix) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with notification that construction has commenced, (x) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with certification that the midpoint of construction has been achieved, (xi) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with the operational plan and communication strategy, (xii) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with the commencement of services and formal launch timeline, (xiii) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with the certification of practical completion, and (xiv) did the organisation provide the Commonwealth with the construction phase final report, and (b) how many (i) services and implementation assessment reports, and (ii) financial acquittals, have been submitted.

22 September 2011

- 628 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—What was his department’s total expenditure on travel in 2010-11, and of this, what sum was spent on (a) first class air travel, (b) business class air travel, (c) economy class air travel, (d) international air travel, and (e) domestic air travel.
- 630 **MS J. I. BISHOP:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In 2010-11, what was his department’s total expenditure on (a) information and computer technology, (b) consultancy, (c) external accounting, (d) external auditing, (e) external legal services, and (f) membership and grants paid to affiliate organisations, and for each category, what was the program breakdown for this expenditure.

11 October 2011

- 637 **MR A. D. H. SMITH:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—
- (1) Why is the Government imposing significant GST liabilities on developers of retirement villages.
 - (2) Has the Treasury estimated the potential increase in GST revenue as a result of the Productivity Commissioner's recent change of approach to increase the GST burden on developers of retirement villages; if so, does this modelling take into account the cost to the economy of the anticipated reduction in construction of retirement villages and aged care facilities.
 - (3) Why is the Government seeking to collect more GST revenue from developers of retirement villages, which more often than not incorporate aged care facilities and may lead to reduced development in an industry where it is acknowledged that there is a greater need for such facilities in Australia.
 - (4) Why is the Government seeking to collect GST in excess of 10 per cent, and potentially up to 100 per cent, of the cash actually received for the sale of a newly developed retirement village.
 - (5) Has the Government modelled the cost of additional public housing to fill the gap left by reduced retirement village construction in the private sector.
 - (6) Has the Government estimated the additional costs on State and Territory governments to provide more affordable housing for older people as a result of the impact of this additional tax on retirement village development.
- 642 **MR CHRISTENSEN:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the recent Health and Hospitals Fund, Round 3, did her department receive any applications from the Dawson electorate; if so, (a) can she indicate what projects they were for, and (b) were any such applications rejected; if so, on what grounds.
- 643 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the GP Super Clinics Program, (a) how many organisations have submitted an operational plan (i) on or before, or (ii) after, the date specified in the deliverables and milestones schedule of their funding agreement; and (b) on how many occasions has the Commonwealth notified an organisation that the operational plan (i) requires amendment, or (ii) is acceptable.
- 644 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the GP Super Clinics Program, which (a) clinics, and (b) organisations, have been required to amend their operational plan at the request of the Commonwealth.
- 645 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—Which of the 64 GP Super Clinics have notified the Commonwealth in writing of a variation to works under their funding agreements which would or might reasonably be expected to have an effect on the: (a) price of the works, (b) timeframes for completion of the works, (c) date for practical completion of the works, (d) fitness of the works for the designated use, (e) project plan, (f) project budget, and (g) approvals obtained in relation to the works.
- 646 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—Which of the 64 GP Super Clinics have received consent in writing from the Commonwealth for a variation to works under their funding agreements.
- 647 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—How many (a) tier 1, and (b) tier 2, GP Aged Care Access Incentive payments have been made to a GP Super Clinic under the Practice Incentives Program.
- 648 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the Indigenous Health Incentive under the Practice Incentive Payment, how many (a) GP Super Clinics have received the registration payment, (b) registration payments have been made at a GP Super Clinic, and (c) outcomes payment (i) tier 1, and (ii) tier 2, have been made to a GP Super Clinic.

13 October 2011

MR FLETCHER: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 666 - 687)—In respect of the Pre-2008 Review of Subordinate Legislation, will the Minister (a) provide a summary of the subordinate legislation within his/her portfolio areas (including the portfolios of his/her junior ministers and parliamentary secretaries) that were identified in the review as redundant and therefore in need of repeal, (b) describe the processes established to repeal this subordinate legislation, including estimated timeframes for repeal, and (c) indicate progress against these processes, including the subordinate legislation that has been repealed to date.

666 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Prime Minister.

667 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Treasurer.

668 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

- 669 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.
- 670 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 671 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Defence.
- 672 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.
- 673 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
- 674 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 675 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 676 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.
- 677 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.
- 678 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth.
- 679 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry and Innovation.
- 680 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Attorney-General.
- 681 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 682 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Resources and Energy.
- 683 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Tourism.
- 684 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 685 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.
- 686 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 687 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research.

31 October 2011

- MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 696 - 697)—Does the Government have information on any engagement by local government of consultants seeking advice concerning the impact of climate change; if so, is the Minister in a position to provide a summary of such engagements, including the cost.
- 697 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.
- 698 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—How many Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) indicated that they resided in a country different to their country of birth/origin for more than six weeks prior to arriving in Australia, and for each of these IMAs, (a) what was his/her country of birth/origin, and (b) in which country had he/she resided prior to arriving in Australia, and for what length of time.
- 699 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of the operations of Tasmania NBN Co. Limited, (a) what are the names of the directors, (b) on how many occasions in the last 12 months has the board met, (c) what sum in directorship fees is paid to each director, (d) does the company have any employees; if so, how many, and (e) what are the (i) annual employment costs, and (ii) activities of the company.
- 700 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of each first release site for the National Broadband Network (ie, Scottsdale, Midway Point, Smithton, Brunswick, Townsville, Kiama, Armidale, Willunga), (a) how many premises were connected (i) overhead, and (ii) below ground, (b) of the premises connected below ground, (i) how many were connected via an existing Telstra duct, and (ii) in how many was new ducting or new underground trenching or boring required, (c) how many pits, if any, were required to be repaired or remediated, (d) in how many instances was it necessary to repair or remediate the Telstra copper connection after the installation of fibre, and (e) what was the cost of building the network (i) in total, (ii) per premises passed, and (iii) per premises connected.

1 November 2011

704 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Why is the Renewable Energy Venture Capital Fund included as part of the underlying cash balance.
- (2) Why is the Clean Energy Finance Corporation not included as part of the underlying cash balance.

706 **MR CHRISTENSEN:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—Can he advise if any asylum seekers have been housed/detained by his department in motel accommodation in Townsville, Queensland, during 2011.

3 November 2011

710 **MR RAMSEY:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—

- (1) Is it a fact that under the Climate Change Plan, refrigerant gas which currently attracts a levy of \$165 per tonne to reduce chlorofluorocarbon emissions, is to be replaced by a levy of \$30065 per tonne to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; if so, has Treasury conducted modelling on the likely impact of this levy on the retail industry and households; if so, will he provide information on this.
- (2) What alternative refrigeration exists for the retail industry that would not attract these levies, and how does it compare with traditional refrigeration in terms of energy efficiency.

716 **MR DUTTON:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of programs (a) 1.1 Prevention, early detection and service improvement, (b) 1.3 Drug strategy, (c) 1.6 Public health, and (d) Australian National Preventive Health Agency's 1.1 Preventive Health, what is the (i) projected departmental and administered expenditure for each initiative, measure or activity within each program over the forward estimates, and (ii) objective of each initiative, measure or activity within each program.

17 November 2011

728 **MR C. KELLY:** To ask the Treasurer—Of the just over 600 franchise-related complaints received by the ACCC in 2010-11, and the (a) 168 of these cases involving allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct by the franchisor, and (b) 84 of these cases involving allegations of unconscionable conduct by the franchisor: (i) how many did the ACCC investigate; (ii) in how many cases did the ACCC initiate proceedings against a franchisor; and (iii) in how many cases were the complainants advised by the ACCC that no action would be taken.

729 **MR MORRISON:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) In the calendar years (a) 2008, (b) 2009, (c) 2010, and (d) 2011 (to date), how many asylum seekers have arrived annually by (i) sea, and (ii) conventional means including air.
- (2) For the same period, how many asylum seekers who arrived annually by (a) sea, and (b) conventional means including air, have been approved as refugees and from which source countries have they come; and by origin, how many (i) have been refused at primary level, (ii) have been refused at review, (iii) are in the court system, (iv) have been rejected at all levels of appeal, (v) have been removed from Australia, (vi) remain in detention, and (vii) have been released on visas, and which visas have they been given.

730 **MR TEHAN:** To ask the Minister for Health—In respect of the GP Super Clinic being constructed in Portland, Victoria, (a) does the clinic have the support of GPs in Portland, (b) what was the original budget and Government funding allocation, (c) what is the (i) current, and (ii) estimated final, expenditure, and (d) what is the expected opening date.

737 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Treasurer—As at 17 November 2011, what is the intrinsic value (based on the value of the metal) of current Australian 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent pieces and 1 and 2 dollar coins.

21 November 2011

739 **MR BALDWIN:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—How many Australian Government staff are currently deployed at each of Australia's international airports, what are their roles and what sum did these officers cost the Government in (a) 2007-08, (b) 2008-09, (c) 2009-10, (d) 2010-11, and (e) 2011-12 (to date), including their salaries and other costs associated with their work.

741 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of the connection by NBN Co. Limited of its fibre network to Australian households, (a) what is the average power in watts that an average household connection will utilise, and (b) how does this compare to the power used with existing (i) voice telephone, and (ii) Digital Subscriber Line modem with a personal computer.

- 742 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—What proportion of NBN Co. Limited’s assets are leased as opposed to owned.
- 743 **MR ROBB:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Is it a fact that the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has implemented a new regulatory policy under which it will be conducting ‘real time’ audits on Australia’s top 200 companies, thereby moving away from the long-standing policy of self-assessment and post lodgement audit.
 - (2) Are all major changes in regulatory policy the subjects of regulatory impact statements and examination and consultation with the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR); if not, under what circumstances are proposed changes exempt from such scrutiny.
 - (3) Did the ATO consult with the OBPR in relation to the ‘real time’ policy initiative; if so, what was the outcome; if not, why not.
 - (4) Did the ATO complete a regulatory impact statement in relation to this policy initiative under the Government’s best practice regulation policies; if not, why not.
 - (5) Did the ATO discuss its ‘real time’ audit proposals with representatives of umbrella groups such as the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Business Council of Australia and others who uphold principles of good corporate governance in Australia, and report its findings to the OBPR; if not, why not.
 - (6) Did the ATO conduct any trials or pilot studies to gauge the impact of its new regulation on corporate productivity and governance; if not, why not.
 - (7) What is the anticipated cost to the Government of this new policy over the forward estimates, including the details of additional human and capital resources; and has an estimate been made on any additional cost to business; if so, can he indicate this sum for the same period.
 - (8) Is the OBPR aware that in the United States the Internal Revenue Service developed a similar policy by seeking volunteers from the corporate sector, thereby avoiding unnecessary expense and lost productivity; and would he consider introducing a similar system here.
- 745 **MR ROBB:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—As of 17 November 2011, what sum had the Government borrowed for financing the National Broadband Network project.

23 November 2011

- 756 **MR ROBERT:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs—
- (1) How many Australian Federal Police (AFP) are currently stationed at the Gold Coast.
 - (2) What is the average number of AFP stationed in the Gold Coast area since 1 December 2010.
 - (3) What are the precise locations where the AFP operate in the Gold Coast area, and what tasks do they perform.

24 November 2011

MR BRIGGS: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 763 - 777)—In (a) 2007-08, (b) 2008-09, and (c) 2009-10, (i) how many corporate credit cards were issued to departmental staff, and (ii) what was the total cost of all transactions made on these corporate credit cards.

- 767 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 770 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth.
- 776 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research.
- 777 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research.
- MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 778 - 782)—In (a) 2007-08, (b) 2008-09, (c) 2009-10, and (d) 2010-11, (i) how many corporate credit cards were issued to departmental staff, and (ii) what was the total cost of all transactions made on these corporate credit cards.
- 778 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Treasurer.
- 781 **MR BRIGGS:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.
- 784 **DR SOUTHCOTT:** To ask the Minister for Health—Out of the 64 original GP Super Clinics that have signed a funding agreement, what was the (a) original indicative date of practical completion, and (b) actual date of practical completion.

MR TRUSS: To ask the Minister listed below (questions Nos. 787 - 788)—In respect of the AJ Wyllie Bridge upgrade on Gympie Road in Queensland, (a) what total sum will it cost to build the bridge, (b) what total sum has the Australian Government allocated to the bridge construction, and has this contribution been paid to the Queensland State Government; if so, on what date; if not, what sum has been paid to date, (c) when will the tender process be finalised, (d) when is construction expected to be completed, and the bridge open to traffic, (e) is the Minister aware of reports that local businesses have suffered up to a 30 per cent downturn in business, and traffic is severely congested, as a result of the traffic restrictions in place on the current bridge, (f) what measures are in place to assist local businesses and the community until construction is completed, and (g) will the Minister consider fast-tracking the construction of the bridge.

788 **MR TRUSS:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

790 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—Before, during or after the implementation of the Home Insulation Program, did the Government request any legal advice concerning the legality of the scheme, including whether the scheme was constitutional; if so, in each case, when, by whom, and from whom was the advice requested, and can he indicate the general nature of the advice that was sought.

7 February 2012

792 **MS MARINO:** To ask the Minister for Resources and Energy—Has the Government had, or sought to have, the (a) Australian Federal Police, (b) a private contractor, or (c) any other Government body, monitor opponents of coal mining in the Margaret River; if so, can he provide the nature of the information obtained, and indicate to whom that information was distributed.

793 **MR SIMPKINS:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—

- (1) Can he explain the Government's position on the Saturated Greenhouse Effect Theory (SGET) of Dr Ferenic Miskolczi,
- (2) Can he indicate what the Government has done to disprove or prove the SGET.
- (3) Has the Government directed the CSIRO to investigate the SGET.

794 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—

- (1) What balances does UniSuper use to meet its obligations to members in its defined benefit scheme.
- (2) Which other industry super funds have a defined benefit scheme, and what balances exist to ensure that each fund meets its associated obligations to members.

795 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Resources and Energy—In respect of the Yearly Energy Outlook issued in November 2011 by the International Energy Agency, can he provide the advice he has received from his department or elsewhere concerning the report and its implications for peak oil; if so, what was it.

MR FLETCHER: To ask the Ministers listed below (questions Nos. 796 - 825)—How many departments, agencies, commissions, Government owned corporations or other such bodies have been created within the Minister's portfolio since 24 November 2007 (excluding existing departments that have been re-named or merged into a larger entity), what is the name of each such entity, and how many full-time equivalent employees did each such entity have at the end of 2011.

796 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Prime Minister.

797 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Treasurer.

798 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research.

799 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

800 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

801 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for the Arts.

802 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

803 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Defence.

804 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

805 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

806 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Attorney-General.

- 807 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- 808 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Disability Reform.
- 809 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.
- 810 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.
- 811 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth.
- 812 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Emergency Management.
- 813 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Housing.
- 814 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Homelessness.
- 815 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- 816 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Resources and Energy.
- 817 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Tourism.
- 818 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Trade.
- 819 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Industry and Innovation.
- 820 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.
- 821 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 822 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation.
- 823 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.
- 824 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Social Inclusion.
- 825 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Health.
- 826 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—What is the estimated (a) number of mobile communication towers that will need to be built as part of the rollout of NBN Co. Limited’s wireless network, and (b) the likely building schedule of the towers in part (a).
- 827 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency—Has the Government sought or been provided with legal advice that deals with the constitutionality of the Home Insulation Program; if so, on what date(s), and in what context.

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- 828 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—Can he (a) provide an update on the Very Fast Train proposal between Sydney and Brisbane, and (b) confirm he has received a submission from the community of Taree for a dedicated Very Fast Train station.
- 829 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—Can he provide complete details of costings and work schedules for the full completion of the Pacific Highway dual carriageway works between Hexham and the Tweed.
- 830 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Attorney-General—Has she responded to recent claims that (a) the Government (i) spent more than \$9.7 million using a grant from her department’s Counter Violent Extremism Fund to promote the Islam religion in Australia, (ii) has developed and implemented activities that assist the Islamic Society of Victoria to dispel myths and misconceptions about Islam and Muslims, and (iii) is funding overseas religious workers, paying them a salary of \$66,000 per year to spread Islam in Australia, and (b) no such government program has ever been run for any other religious group, and no other religion has ever received a penny from the government; if so, what was her response.
- 831 **MR OAKESHOTT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Can the Minister indicate whether any tenders were received for the roll-out of set-top boxes throughout Australia as part of the Household Assistance Scheme; if so, were any received; if so, can the Minister indicate by whom, and whether any of the prices tendered were less than the one selected.

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- 832 **MR FLETCHER:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Further to the answer to question in writing No. 510 (House *Hansard*, 7 February 2012, page 126), is it a fact that (a) neither the National Broadband Network (NBN) Implementation Study, the NBN Co. Limited Corporate Plan, nor the independent verification by financial advisory firm Greenhill Caliburn, were prepared prior to the Government deciding to proceed with the investment in the NBN, and (b) the Government did not conduct a feasibility study prior to the Government deciding to proceed with the investment in the NBN; if so, why.
- 833 **MR TRUSS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—In respect of the Minister's answer to question in writing No. 45 (House *Hansard*, 10 May 2011, page 3480), in each of the following localities in the electoral division of Wide Bay: (a) Bauple, (b) Cherbourg, (c) Cooloola Cove, (d) Cooran, (e) Cooroy, (f) Goomeri, (g) Gunalda, (h) Gympie, (i) Imbil, (j) Kandanga, (k) Kilkivan, (l) Maryborough, (m) Murgon, (n) Noosa, (o) Peregian Beach, (p) Pomona, (q) Rainbow Beach, (r) Tewantin, (s) Tiaro, (t) Tin Can Bay and (u) Widgee, will the Minister provide an update on (i) the planning undertaken for the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN), (ii) whether fibre optic services will be available through the NBN to residents and businesses, (iii) the number of houses and businesses that will be offered NBN fibre optic broadband, (iv) the expected actual cost of providing a NBN connection to each household and business, and (v) when the NBN services will be turned on.

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