

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates 2013-2014, Wednesday 29 May 2013

Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio

Q no.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd
01	CORP 01	MACDONALD	Government response to the Committee's Accident Aviation Report	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Thank you for that. Senator Thistlethwaite, as the minister representing the minister, can you give any indication of what timing the minister might adopt in relation to this important report and the government's response to it?</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: I cannot give you an indication now, Senator, but I can take that on notice and see if we can come back to you before the end of the day.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: That would be great, thank you.</p>	5 29/05/2013	
02	CORP 02	MACDONALD	Answers to Additional estimates questions on notice	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you tell us when the answers were submitted by you to the minister's office?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There were 132 questions in total, 40 taken on notice on the hearing day and 92 written questions. The department did not this time meet our requirements to get the advice to the minister as we would have liked. The first 100 draft responses were provided to the minister on 28 March. The further 32 outstanding responses were provided on 8 and 18 April, owing to some delays in getting data from us. But the minister had all of the consolidated answers by 18 April.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Senator Thistlethwaite, do you have any indication of why it took the minister from 18 April until last Friday to deal with those things?</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: No, I do not, Senator. Again, I can seek to take that on notice and provide you with an answer.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: It would be good if you could.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Can I suggest that perhaps the good senator might like to do that over the next two days for us? I am sure he is able to call the minister's office and</p>	5 29/05/2013	

				come back to us before the end of tomorrow.		
03	CORP 03	HEFFERNAN	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 4. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? 5. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? 6. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What classification were these staff? 7. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the reason for these reductions? b. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 8. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including: if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 9. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 10. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 	Written	
04	CORP 04	HEFFERNAN	Public Service efficiencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108). 2. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels? 3. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres? 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Has there been a reduction in business flights? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 5. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? b. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 6. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? b. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 7. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? b. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? c. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 8. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? 9. How many of these printed documents were also published online? 		
05	CORP 05	HEFFERNAN	Graduate Recruitment	<p>Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please itemise and detail costs. 2. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 	Written	
06	CORP 06	HEFFERNAN	Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising including the program the advertising was for, the total spend, and the business that provided the advertising services. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 5. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program; the total spend; and the business that provided the communication services. 7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other 	Written	

				communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?		
07	CORP 07	HEFFERNAN	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates? 	Written	

08	CORP 08	HEFFERNAN	Meeting Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written	
09	CORP 09	HEFFERNAN	Program Launch Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written	
10	CORP 10	HEFFERNAN	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. 	Written	

11	CORP 11	HEFFERNAN	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 3. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? b. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? c. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 	Written	
12	CORP 12	HEFFERNAN	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. 2. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 3. What was the total cost of this travel? 4. List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. 5. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 6. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 	Written	
13	CORP 13	HEFFERNAN	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Reviews are being undertaken? 2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? 3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 5. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? 6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 7. What reviews are planned? 8. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written	

14	CORP 14	HEFFERNAN	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? c. Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? d. In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 	Written	
15	CORP 15	HEFFERNAN	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written	
16	CORP 16	HEFFERNAN	Social Media	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. 2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? If no, why not? b. Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? 3. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours). 	Written	

17	CORP 17	HEFFERNAN	Internet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Did it impact the Minister's office? 	Written	
18	CORP 18	HEFFERNAN	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written	
19	CORP 19	HEFFERNAN	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why were coffee machines purchased? b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? c. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e. Who has access? 2. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. b. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? 3. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 4. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why are coffee machines rented? b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? c. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? e. Who has access? 5. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. b. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? 6. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 	Written	

20	CORP 20	HEFFERNAN	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 	Written	
21	CORP 21	HEFFERNAN	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. 	Written	
22	CORP 22	HEFFERNAN	Commissioned Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee 	Written	

				<p>members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 		
23	CORP 23	HEFFERNAN	Government Payments of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	
24	CORP 24	HEFFERNAN	Stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 	Written	
25	CORP 25	HEFFERNAN	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. What is the cost for this financial year to date? What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. What is the cost for this financial year to date? What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written	
26	CORP 26	HEFFERNAN	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on 	Written	

				<p>their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012? Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost? 		
27	CORP 27	HEFFERNAN	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written	
28	CORP 28	HEFFERNAN	Education expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. 	Written	

				Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.		
29	CORP 29	HEFFERNAN	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged 5. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 6. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	
30	CORP 30	HEFFERNAN	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services; 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was 	Written	

				<p>granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased; b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e. The total amount spent on the service; and f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used; b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. 		
31	CORP 31	HEFFERNAN	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? 2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 3. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date. 	Written	
32	CORP 32	HEFFERNAN	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. 3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which 	Written	

				Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.		
33	CORP 33	HEFFERNAN	Corporate Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where is the car/s located? b. What is the car/s used for? c. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? d. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 	Written	
34	CORP 34	HEFFERNAN	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written	
35	CORP 35	HEFFERNAN	Hire Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 	Written	
36	CORP 36	HEFFERNAN	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	
37	CORP 37	HEFFERNAN	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, 	Written	

				provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.		
38	CORP 38	HEFFERNAN	Electricity Purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? 2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written	
39	CORP 39	HEFFERNAN	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information? 	Written	

40	CORP 40	HEFFERNAN	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	
41	CORP 41	HEFFERNAN	Protective security policy framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written	
42	CORP 42	HEFFERNAN	Office Locations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken. 	Written	
43	CORP 43	HEFFERNAN	Communications Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d. How many are graphic designers? e. How many are media managers? f. How many organise events? 2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications? 	Written	

44	CORP 44	HEFFERNAN	Alternative Policy Costings	Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings or advice? If yes, provide details of what these costings or advice were, including provision of costings or advice documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.	Written	
45	CORP 45	HEFFERNAN	Pre-election appointments	Provide a list of any appointments made in your portfolio that will commence after the announced election date of 14 September 2013. Provide details of the appointment including position and length.	Written	
46	IA 01	NASH	Staffing	<p>Senator NASH: In terms of the staff, what sort of classification will they be—do you know what sort of level they will be?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: We are just working on that now. I have a working party trying to deal with all of those implementation issues at the moment—subject, of course, to the parliament passing the legislation.</p> <p>Senator NASH: When you determine that, would you mind advising me—just taking that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I am very happy to do so, Senator.</p> <p>Senator NASH: If we could have that one reasonably quickly—I think that might be an easy one to get back to the committee within a time frame. Are the staff going to be in the premises in Sydney?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: That is not yet determined.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Again could you take that one on notice?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Yes, Senator.</p>	19 29/05/2013	
47	IA 02	LUDLAM	Non-monetary issues of freight	<p>Mr Deegan: Taking a step back, one of the issues when we started was to look at the national strategic approach around a host of issues. In the transport space we have pushed fairly hard for a nationally consistent approach to freight, whether that is road or rail, and how those issues are measured. An example is rail noise and how rail noise is considered as a social impact within the freight corridors. Our advice to governments has been that the corridors of significant national freight importance should all be considered in the same way, and the social impacts of various issues—for example, rail noise—would also be considered in the same way, as we do as a nation around our airports. So what we are trying to do is create a methodology that treats like-for-like and deals with these issues. Similarly, if you are on a freeway, road noise and the sorts of issues that would impact. But as the licence from the community to operate is extended, these things are not taken for granted. So that we take that as a qualitative issue in a broader, strategic sense, and then bring that down into assessing particular projects is the approach that we have taken.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. Are you able to provide us with a list? So rail noise is one interesting one. Could you provide us with a list of the non-monetary impacts that are included for all projects, if they are right across the board?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I will take that on notice.</p>	23 29/05/2013	

				<p>Senator LUDLAM: Is that something that you are likely to be able to do? Mr Deegan: Yes.</p>		
48	IA 03	LUDLAM	Freight submissions	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Ah, that is where we are hung. Can you tell us how many freight submissions you have received from WA in total? It might be on notice. Mr Deegan: I will take that on notice, but there are very active discussions, particularly with Minister Buswell and his department. The projects around freight moving in and out of Kalgoorlie to the various ports is one project that we actively engaged. You may have seen that the West Australian government has just released their freight strategy. We are pouring over that at the moment as an interactive process with the West Australian government, dealing particularly with the general port issues, but also the larger port up in the Pilbara.</p>	25 29/05/2013	
49	IA 04	BACK	Project governance report	<p>Mr Deegan: Thank you, Senator. I appreciate the question and your continuing interest in this important area. We were made aware of a particular detailed study being undertaken by a contracting firm in Sydney, and I think the business school from the University of Melbourne on project governance. We have been working with those players and have now produced a report that if it is not up on our website will be shortly, and does go through in a large degree of detail around project governance. It is primarily from a study of people directly involved in governing these projects, both within government and the private sector, and it reinforces the comments that you have made elsewhere about the significant cost issues around not getting the project governance right. Issues as to the accountability of the people who are on governance committees, as to whether it is just on top of their day job, whether there is any incentive for them to be involved in getting the right outcomes, or indeed accountability in a different sense where things do not go right. We think, certainly in our work from my office, that getting these project governance structures right can represent a significant saving to both public sector and private sector, and it is a report that we would hope to engage with governments and the private sector more generally about the potential to save the sorts of huge losses to which you have referred. I will make sure you get a copy of that report. Senator BACK: I would be appreciative of it, because if it was to find its way into documentation associated with projects as they are allocated, if we could save a proportion of that \$12 billion, it would be very significant.</p>	27 29/05/2013	
50	IA 05	GALLACHER	Priority List of work	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you have a priority list of work that you look at? Mr Deegan: Yes, we do. We publish that each year.</p>	28 29/05/2013	

				<p>Senator GALLACHER: Where does that project stand in your priorities?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Let me just check my notes and I will come back to you in a moment, if I can. Thanks, Senator.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: All right. Thank you.</p>		
51	IA 06	BIRMINGHAM	Desalination plant	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay, thank you. Well that will cut some time off and we will simply move straight on to the other matter which is, hopefully, more directly within the department's domain. I have one other question on the desalination plant—and this may have been referred to Infrastructure Australia anyway. On 8 May I wrote to Minister Albanese seeking release of any cost-benefit analysis and or benefit-cost ratio relating to the Adelaide desalination plant. Is the department aware of where consideration of that request that was made to the minister is?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Sorry, Senator; that is one for Infrastructure Australia. We can certainly take that on notice and seek advice for you.</p>	50 29/05/2013	
52	NB-II 01	MACDONALD	Bruce Highway	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: But the announcement made on 24 April indicated that the \$4.1 billion would be spent and it particularly mentioned a great number of projects, all of which are important. As a regular user of the Bruce Highway I look forward to them all. But I really would like to know what amount of money has been allocated to each of those particular road projects that were adverted to in the announcement of 24 April. For example, the Yeppen South floodplain upgrade—how much money is allocated to that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: At this stage, while we have some indicative estimates, the minister has yet to finalise the program.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you give us the indicative estimate then?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice, Senator. I think in the absence of the minister settling the program I am not in a position to provide those numbers, I am sorry.</p>	15 29/05/2013	
53	NB-II 02	WILLIAMS	Bolivia Hill project	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Thanks, Senator Nash. What is the total cost of that project for Bolivia Hill, Mr Mrdak?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will just check with my colleagues.</p> <p>Senator NASH: You did not have the individual financial year breakdown. We have only figures 2 and 3.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: Again, it is in New South Wales?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is a New South Wales project, so we do not have the put in from the minister. I can take those on notice and provide those when the minister has completed the schedules.</p>	34 29/05/2013	
54	NB-II 03	WILLIAMS	New England Highway	<p>Senator NASH: No, that is incorrect. Senator Williams was asking why on the same highway—the New England Highway—the split 80-20 at one end 50-50 at the other if it is the same road.</p>	37 29/05/2013	

				<p>Senator WILLIAMS: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: I will take that on notice and get an answer for you.</p>		
55	NB-II 04	CHAIR	Heavy vehicle movements	<p>CHAIR: Long overdue. Just at hand, out of curiosity, do you have the heavy vehicle movements per week or per month available?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I do not have those figures with me at hand, but we can take that on notice if you would like.</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, if you could, please. I think it would be handy.</p>	48	29/05/2013
56	NB-II 05	BIRMINGHAM	North-south corridor planning study	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: You referenced planning previously, and the state government has previously been provided with funding, I think to the tune of \$70 million, for a planning study for the north-south corridor. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: There were a number of planning studies as part of that overall funding. The north-south corridor development plan was one of a number of studies undertaken.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: What was the funding specific to the north-south corridor?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: The Australian government contribution to the north-south corridor development plan was \$4.4 million towards a \$5.5 million overall cost.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Has that study been released?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: That study has not been released at this stage.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: When will that study be released?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: That is a matter for the South Australian government.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: The Commonwealth paid \$4.4 out of the \$5.5 million for it. I would have thought it would be a matter of interest for the Commonwealth government.</p> <p>Mr Pittar: It is a matter for both governments, but the South Australian government has not at this stage released that document. It is being used to inform some of the work that is being committed to under the Nation Building 2 program.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: When was that study completed?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Was it this year? Last year? I am not looking for a specific date necessarily but an indicative time line.</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I would not want to hazard a guess.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: When was it funded?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I do not have a funding profile in front of me. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Again, do you have any knowledge of whether it was this year or last year, in terms of the \$4.4 million that was provided?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I do not have that information with me.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will check now and get that information to you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Yes, if you could, it would be useful to know when that study was completed. Is it within the domain of the Commonwealth</p>	51	29/05/2013

				<p>government to release that study? Is there any reason that study needs to be kept under wraps?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I think the release or otherwise of that report relates to potential construction. Thinking around what will actually be delivered and what the impacts on the ground will be really will come through in the detailed design and planning stage for upgrades of South Road. The South Australian government engages, as do other state and territory governments, when they are moving into a phase of detailed design prior to construction, in significant community consultation. So there will be close engagement with the community by the South Australian government in the design details of South Road.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I am pleased to hear that. I think the question was about the release of the report, though. Would the Commonwealth have any objections to the release of the planning study?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Perhaps I can expedite this and say that I will take it on notice and come back to you. I think at this stage we do not see an in-principle issue. We would need to talk to the South Australian government and come back to you as quickly as we can on the scope for release of the report and when that would happen.</p>		
57	NB-II 06	BIRMINGHAM	Darlington project	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Has the South Australian government previously submitted an application relating to the Darlington project?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: Do you mean the Darlington construction?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Pittar: I will have to take that on notice. I am not sure of the answer to that one.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you are able to get an answer on that quickly, that would be helpful.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: We would also probably need to check with Infrastructure Australia as well, to see if they have received anything. But certainly moving towards decisions around Nation Building 2, there were no applications made in relation to that project.</p>	52 29/05/2013	
58	NB-II 07	BIRMINGHAM	North-south corridor – next stages	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Did the planning study—the one that the Commonwealth gave \$4.4 million towards—make any firm recommendations as to what the next stages of the north-south corridor were?</p> <p>Mr Pittar: We will need to take that on notice too.</p>	52 29/05/2013	
59	NB-II 08	EDWARDS	Stream 1 - RIF	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Are you able to briefly, at some stage over the next couple of days, provide the details of why they were reprofiled? I am specifically looking at your revenue pressures and things like that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is largely a result of project preparedness as they have proceeded on, rather than revenue at this stage, for the stream 1 projects, but we will take that on notice and come back to you.</p>	56 29/05/2013	

				<p>Senator EDWARDS: In the next couple of days? Because the world falls off a cliff here in the next couple of months.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will try and get you an answer very quickly. I will just see what we have. Mr Jagers has got some further information now if you like.</p>		
60	NB-II 09	MACDONALD	NT Government	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Has no-one from the government indicated to the Northern Territory government that there is no way that the projects can commence before federal funding is available in 2016-17? Has that not been said?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not by my officers, but I am happy to take on notice whether there has been any other communication with the Northern Territory government. The two officers who handle my negotiation with the Northern Territory are at the table, and our answer would be that we have not made any such statement.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: You stand by that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am happy to take on notice any other communications, and I will check that, but that is our position.</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: Perhaps, if you have some information that you believe is contrary, you could provide that and we could check on it, because it appears that—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Minister, I am conscious of what the chairman said earlier, that—</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: I am quite happy to forgo my time to—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: No, Senator Sterle said you would come back and say something verbally. I am not doing that, as he suggested. But these transcripts are publicly available, and you can be assured that they are widely read by people from other governments. I am just giving you an opportunity to confirm or review the information given before, but, if you stand by it, so be it. That has answered my question.</p> <p>Senator Thistlethwaite: The federal government cannot provide funding for projects when they do not know what the details of them are.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, I will take on notice your question, but I and my officers are not aware of any such statement.</p>	57 29/05/2013	
61	NB-II 10	LUDLAM	Draft strategy	<p>Senator LUDLAM: One of the things that the draft strategy recommended was to separate pedestrians and bicycles from vehicles, particularly in high-speed and high-volume traffic. Mr Mrdak, we have sparred a couple of times about the fact that you cannot get Commonwealth funding for a bike lane unless you order a freeway. We have had differences of opinion over the merits of that. But sticking to the projects where freeways have been funded, cycling infrastructure has been laid in alongside. Are you able to provide us with some data for the projects that you have funded? There are 15 nation-building projects that include funding for cycling infrastructure and 13 of them are cycleways along highways and freeways. Could you confirm, of those 13, how many comply with the strategy's</p>	131 29/05/2013	

				<p>recommendation to completely separate cyclists from high-speed or high-volume motorised traffic?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. I am happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you could. What I am specifically wanting to know is: how many of them are like a painted dotted line by the side of the road and for how many are the cyclists completely separated from the motorised traffic?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will get you details of that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If you could. Just break them down by those projects.</p>		
62	NB-II 11	LUDLAM	Wiluna to Meekatharra Road	<p>Senator LUDLAM: All right. Last one for me on freight; have you ever received a submission from the state government on the Wiluna to Meekatharra Road, which I think I have taken up with you before, as the last section of unsealed state highway between Kalgoorlie and the Pilbara?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: There has certainly been discussion around that project. I think it is partly—again, the department may be better able—I think there has been some discussion, again, as part of their freight strategy on that project as part of a broader network.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay, but you would not say that there is any proposal before you?</p> <p>Mr Deegan: There would be a proposal before us, yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: There is? Is that new information? I think last time I asked there was not.</p> <p>Mr Deegan: I would need to check.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you could, just what the nature of the character of the proposal is. That is not something that you folk would have in hand yet, is it? Okay.</p> <p>Mr Deegan: Yes, I will undertake to check that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: — it is a very important little, tiny piece of a network, that is all.</p>	25-26 29/05/2013	
63	NB-II 12	NASH	Bruce Highway Safety programme	Please provide the uncommitted balance (if any) for each of the financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14 for the Bruce Highway Safety programme.	Written	Nation Building
64	NB-II 13	NASH	Parramatta to Epping Rail Link	At the February 2013 Senate Estimates hearings no financial year by financial year funding profile was available for the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link. Is a funding profile now available? If so, provide the financial year by financial year funding profile.	Written	
65	NB-II 14	NASH	Moreton Bay	At the February 2013 Senate Estimates the financial year by financial year funding profile was not provided for the additional funding set aside for the Moreton Bay	Written	

			Rail Link	Rail Link in Nation Building 2. Could you please provide the financial year by financial year funding profile for the remaining funding to be spent on this project from the Nation Building 2 programme?		
66	NB-II 15	NASH	Projects	<p>For the 11 projects below please advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The financial year by financial year breakdown of expenditure during the life of the current Nation Building programme (2008-09 – 2013-14); 2. The financial year by financial year expenditure from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (where applicable); and 3. The financial year by financial year expenditure beyond 2018-19 (where applicable/available) <p><u>Projects</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hunter Expressway (NSW) (commenced in August 2010 and scheduled for completion in late 2013) (\$1.5 billion) 2. Pacific Highway – Kempsey Bypass (NSW) (commenced in June 2010 and complete in early 2013) (\$618 million) 3. Ipswich Motorway – Additional Works (QLD) (various works which are complete) (\$884 million from BAF and Nation Building funding of \$1.9 billion) 4. Gold Coast Rapid Transit (QLD) (construction commenced in 2010 and scheduled for completion in 2014) (\$365 million) 5. Gawler Line Modernisation (SA) (some works were completed but the SA Govt cancelled the project) (\$293.5 million but note cancellation) 6. Noarlunga to Seaford Rail Extension (SA) (construction commenced in July 2010 and was completed in December 2012, services to commence in December 2013) (\$291.2 million) 7. Goodwood and Torrens Junctions (SA) (commenced in January 2013 and expected completion in September 2013 on the Goodwood grade separation; Torrens Junction and Leader St upgrade timeframes are yet to be decided) (\$232.1 million) 8. Regional Rail Link (Vic) (commenced construction in 2009 and works and is significantly progressed) (\$3.225 billion) 9. Melbourne Metro 1 – preconstruction (Vic) (design and preconstruction underway) (\$40 million) 10. Oakajee Port Common User Facilities (WA) (Govt has made provision for a possible equity contribution but project has stalled) (\$339 million) 11. Majura Parkway (ACT) (construction commenced in February 2012 and expected to be open to traffic by June 2016) (\$144 million) 	Written	
67	NB-II 16	NASH	Stream 1 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide the past and future financial year by financial year breakdown of funding for the below projects. 2. Have any of the below projects had to be delayed or had funding re-profiled due to the smaller amount of revenue collected by the MRRT? If 	Written	

				<p>so, provide details.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Have any of the below projects had to be delayed or had funding re-profiled for any other reason? If so, provide reason for delay. 4. Noting that Stream 1 of the RIF was intended to fund the above 8 projects can you confirm that there is no uncommitted funding in Stream 1? If there is uncommitted funding, please provide the total and financial year by financial year profile of the funding. <p><u>Projects</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gladstone Port Access Road (\$50 million) 2. Blacksoil Interchange (Qld) (intersection of the Warrego Hwy, Brisbane Valley Highway and the Wulkuraka Connection Rd near Ipswich) (\$54 million) 3. Townsville Ring Road (\$160 million) 4. Peak Downs Highway through the Eton Range (Qld) (\$120 million) 5. Bruce and Capricorn highway intersection (south of Rockhampton) (\$40 million from Regional Infrastructure Fund and additional \$28 million from Nation Building Bruce Highway Black Spots program) 6. Gateway WA (roads around Perth Airport) (\$480 million) 7. Mackay Ring Road study (\$10 million) 8. Scone level Crossing study (NSW) (\$1.4 million) 		
68	NB-II 17	NASH	Stream 2 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund	<p>Please provide the past and future financial year by financial year breakdown for the following projects:</p> <p><u>Projects</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hunter Economic Infrastructure Plan (\$450,000) 2. North Queensland Resources Supply Chain (50 year infrastructure plan for N Qld and developing a demand model to prioritise projects) (\$1.66 million) 3. Central Queensland Resources Supply Chain Plan (manage growth and infrastructure demands) (\$1.5 million) 4. Regional Mining and Infrastructure Plan (plans for Yorke and Mid-North/ Braemar Region, Far North Region and Eyre and Western Region; estimated completion of July 2013) (SA) (\$1.5 million) 		
69	NB-II 18	NASH	Stream 2 of the Regional Infrastructure Fund – uncommitted funding	<p>Noting the Government’s decision to roll Stream 2 of the RIF into Nation Building 2, how much of the \$2.4 billion RIF – Stream 2 which has been rolled into the Nation Building 2 programme is uncommitted funding?</p> <p>Please provide the financial year by financial year breakdown for the years 2014-15 – 2018-19 of the uncommitted funding previously in RIF – Stream 2 that will now be transferred to the Nation Building 2 programme?</p>	Written	
70	NB-II 19	NASH	Stream 2 of the Regional Infrastructure	<p>For the \$2 billion reduction in the RIF – Stream 2, I note that the budget advises that part of the \$2 billion cut is \$100 million in 17-18; \$500 million in 2018-19 and \$500 million in 19-20. Please provide the financial year by financial year</p>	Written	

			Fund - reduction	breakdown for the remaining \$900 million reduction in the fund. If unavailable, please confirm that the \$900 million is beyond the forward estimates.		
71	NB-II 20	NASH	Regional Roads Productivity Package	For the Regional Roads Productivity Package (NT) (funding to upgrade 6 rds: Roper Hwy, Port Keats Rd, Santa Teresa Way, Rocky Bottom Creek bridge on Central Arnhem Rd, Buntine Hwy, Arnhem Link Rd) (\$90 million) Please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Total contribution from Nation Building 2 (2014-15 – 2018-19); Total contribution from Nation Building 3 (2019-20 – 2023-24); and Total contribution beyond Nation Building 3. 	Written	
72	NB-II 21	MACDONALD	Hann Highway	In answer to questions at previous estimates (Additional Estimates February 2013 Answers to Questions on Notice 70 (Proof Hansard p42)) the department indicated that the Queensland Government had not submitted a funding proposal for the Hann Highway under the next phase of the Nation Building program (2013-14). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Department of Infrastructure and Transport/Nation Building classify the Hann highway as part of the national road transport network? Is the department reviewing road infrastructure projects in Northern and Western Queensland? The answer provided to question on notice 70 does not answer the question as to whether the department is aware of any approaches for funding for the highway. Can the department indicate if it has been made aware of any submissions (through RDAF or other commonwealth agencies) for funding for the Hann highway? 		
73	NB-II 22	MACDONALD	Cardwell Range Re-alignment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the date of completion is the realignment of the Cardwell Range section of the Bruce Highway? The Commonwealth committed \$115 million to this project in 2012. How much of this has been spent so far? What is the current estimate for the total project cost upon completion? 		
74	ARTC 01	WILLIAMS	Yarraman Creek	Senator WILLIAMS: Thank you for your presence here, Mr Fullerton. You know where I am going to take you. We will go to the Yarraman Creek. Can I thank you for the action and what you have done already. I really appreciate it because it has been a long-term problem, ongoing, and I think many out there are thinking, 'At last we might find a solution soon.' Just to run through a bit of history: the ARTC met with landholders and representatives from the New South Wales Office of Environment and Heritage on 13 March. Following estimates, the ARTC has confirmed replacing the coal that will be part of the 2013-14 works program. I have got a note here saying that the worry from the landholders is that the plans will be based on the hydrology study of 2005 and 2006 and will not take into account land use patterns, et cetera. From your initial observation at Yarraman	59 29/05/2013	

				<p>Creek railway crossing, what do you see as a solution to the flooding issue, besides drought?</p> <p>Mr Fullerton: We like to have some drought sometimes. Thank you for those comments. We have got a team of people looking at the design of the floodways, and the preliminary review is to replace that culvert. In our budget it is around about \$1 million that has been provided for in the 2013-14 budget. In terms of your technical question, I would need to take that on notice and come back to you. The design relates to construction of new culverts in that area.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: You have engaged an engineering firm to come up with options, so when would you expect something to be table in terms of recommendations from that engineering firm?</p> <p>Mr Fullerton: I would need to come back and confirm that time. We have got people working to make this happen as quickly as we can, given that we are about to enter our financial year. We will need to move as quickly as we can to get those works completed. I will come back to you with the detail and the time frame to do that technical work, and also when we expect that culvert to be installed.</p>		
75	ARTC 02	WILLIAMS	Railway creek crossing	<p>Senator WILLIAMS: I have note here from a friend of mine, Di Hockey, who owns a property right on it. I have known her for many years, a very decent lady. She was telling me that they held their first group meeting on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, and that, because of damage incurred predominantly by the diversion of water at the railway creek crossing, landholders see a need to repair the creek in conjunction with the culvert upgrade. All at the meeting agreed that because of the increased speed of water flows downstream to define a protected channel with an adequate riparian zone will be required. What they are saying is that there has been damage to the creek as well. Do you know if in your budget to upgrade this project, would it not only allow the construction of a new bridge but also some repair work of the creek for damage which has obviously been caused by the blockages?</p> <p>Mr Fullerton: I think all of those things would have been taken into account. In terms of that earlier question, I can come back with full details of the scope of works.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Can you take that on notice? We just do not want a new, higher culvert, we want to have it where water can flow during decent rainfall events and not just make a flood area of good farming country. You have seen areas yourself; have you been up there?</p> <p>Mr Fullerton: I have, yes.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: Can you see the enormous damage it has done to the properties upstream from the railway line?</p> <p>Mr Fullerton: I have not seen the specific problems that occurred with this flooding event. I have been in the region, obviously, but not to do with that specific problem. If I could take those queries on notice I will come back with a response.</p>	60 29/05/2013	

76	ARTC 03	RHIANNON	Hunter Valley Coal Chain & Access Undertaking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there any, and if so what is the interaction between ARTC's Hunter Valley Access Undertaking(HVAU) and the Capacity Framework Agreements between PWCS, Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and Newcastle Port Corporation? 2. What charges does ARTC apply to coal transported and penalty charges under its long-term take or pay contract? 3. Are the take or pay contracts under the HVAU consistent for all Hunter valley coal producers? 4. Are all Hunter Valley Coal Chain (HVCC) coal producers locked into HVAU take and pay contracts? 5. What are the terms of the HVAU take or pay contracts? 6. When does ARTC expect HVCC coal loading capacity will exceed existing approved capacity? 7. Considering coal dust and its potential health impacts have been identified as a significant community concern in Newcastle, what would the estimated cost be for retrofitting solid covers to all HVCC coal wagons to reduce airborne dust particulates from escaping from coal wagons along the Hunter Coal Chain? 8. What would be the estimated cost of replacing the HVCC current hopper wagons with tilt wagons to reduce even greater levels of airborne dust particles from escaping coal wagons? 	Written	
77	OTS 01	MACDONALD	Regional Aviation	<p>In 2012 the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport committed \$4.9 million in funding for improvements to regional airports – ranging from \$100,00 - \$460,000. These airports included Horn Island, Cloncurry, Barcaldine, Bundaberg and Longreach.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the \$4.9 million has been spent? 2. What work has commenced and what has been completed? 3. Has the department assessed the cost of taxiway and apron expansions at Horn Island airport and have applications been received for assistance? 		
78	A&A 01	FAWCETT	ILS installation	<p>Senator FAWCETT: You gave us an answer on notice from the last estimates and you indicated you committed funds for one ILS facility in your forward capital program. Can you advise what other airports are within your forward program for ILS installation?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have that detail to hand.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I think this department is on tomorrow again; can you come back? Clearly answers to questions on notice will probably come far too late in terms of election periods and things.</p> <p>Ms Staib: Certainly.</p>	85 29/05/2013	

79	A&A 02	SMITH	Airport Capacity Enhancement program	<p>Senator SMITH: So, specifically around initiative No. 2 of the Airport Capacity Enhancement program, if I am correct, it has five particular activities and when this was signed there were three of them planned and two of them completed. What is the progress report against those three planned activities?</p> <p>Mr Harfield: Can I take that on notice just so that I can give you the accurate information?</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Yes.</p>	91 29/05/2013	
80	A&A 03	SMITH	Perth Airport capacity	<p>Senator SMITH: So, at the last estimates you talked about having limited success in terms of the airport capacity issue. You talked about an aspirational goal—they are my words—of looking for 10 to 20 movements an hour. How far progressed are we in terms of reaching that aspirational goal?</p> <p>Mr Harfield: We have made some improvement. To give the quantum I will take that on notice and we will provide that.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: While we are talking about taking things on notice, the strategic plan and roadmap contains 103 initiatives to improve airport capacity and in March this year 10 were described as completed, three were described as active and 89 were described as planned. What I would like to know, as of May, what is the number of completed, number of active and number of planned? In addition to that, I am just keen to understand too that we are talking the same language, so when we say 'planned', they have been identified and planned or identified, planned and activated. So, are they underway?</p> <p>Mr Harfield: We will give you the proper definition so we will be talking of the same thing.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: I would be keen to know what the definition is around 'completed' as well.</p>	92 29/05/2013	
81	A&A 04	SMITH	Future growth	<p>Senator SMITH: In terms of future growth, what is the source of information for that future growth and are industry bodies like the Chamber of Commerce and Minerals and the Western Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry doing enough to furnish yourselves and others with information about projected growth?</p> <p>Mr Menon: We work closely with the CME.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Are they providing enough information?</p> <p>Mr Menon: They have provided us periodically with reports that are quantitative in nature which demonstrate the future growth and the anticipated growth in terms of the FIFO industry and so on.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Are they public documents? Can you make them available to me?</p> <p>Mr Menon: I will take that on notice.</p>	93 29/05/2013	

82	A&A 05	NASH	Regional Aviation	<p>The Budget No. 2 statement (pg 228) states the government will allocate \$9.9m over two years to extend the Regional Aviation Access program to provide further funding to upgrade remote airstrips.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many remote airstrips will be upgraded? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where are they? b. Are they for private use or serve remote communities? c. Will/can they be used by the Royal Flying Doctor Service? d. How do you decide which ones to fund? e. Given the funding will be in the form of grants, what will be the application process/criteria? 2. The budget statement says these grants will be co-funded by this applicant? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What will be their share? 3. How was the amount of funding and timeframe to upgrade remote airstrips determined? 4. How many remote airstrips are there, and what is their general condition? 	Written	
83	A&A 06	NASH	Sydney Airports	<p>In the Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio statement under Outcome 2 – Strategy (pg 38), it states a major new activity during 2013-14 that will continue into the forward years is implementing the Australian Government response to the report of the Joint Study on aviation capacity in the Sydney region .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What will this involve? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How long will it take? Please provide a timeline? b. What will be the cost and how will it be funded? 2. In reference to the Joint Study on Aviation Capacity for the Sydney Region, in the Key Findings and Direction section of the report, the Steering Committee states it is conscious of the importance of access to Sydney for regional communities and does not support the forced movement of existing regional operations to another airport. 3. What is the intention for regional airline access in response to the report? <p>The steering committee further recommends the Master Plan process be used to resolve a strategy to allow Bankstown Airport to accommodate RPT (Regular Public Transport) operations by smaller turbo-prop RPT aircraft, including in particular regional services, as slots for additional services become unavailable at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport</p> 4. Can you explain what the intention is? 	Written	
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88	AA 05	RHIANNON	Flight paths	<p>Senator RHIANNON: On this issue of flight paths I am getting complaints from people around East Melbourne near the MCG. They are reporting that in their area aircraft noise was previously less intrusive because the aircraft were flying over waterways and highways. I am told that many of them feel that this is no longer the case, with the aircraft flying over residential areas. Has there been a change in the regulatory regime, or however you manage this, which has permitted a change in the flying patterns and is resulting in the complaints that I am now receiving?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I am aware of the issues around East Melbourne and specifically regarding the helicopter noise around the MCG. We have been in communication with Adam Bandt to understand exactly because he has represented to us some complaints. This week we received details of what his concerns are—that is, what days and so on—and we are investigating that now. I cannot tell you now whether it has been a change in the regulations but I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When will you be able to get back to us, because for many people it is a weekly or a daily problem? When would you be able to follow up on that?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Would within a fortnight meet your requirements?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you.</p>	93-94 29/05/2013	
89	AA 06	RHIANNON	Flight height limits	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I would be interested in any specific response about April with regard to a lot of flights in Melbourne, but also more generally can you take on notice if there are many flights above whatever the limit is, because they do not have to register or whatever it is when you are below that height. Are you judging that this could become dangerous at some point because of the number of aircraft in the air?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think it is important to be clear that aircraft that are operating over residential areas do not operate without air controls. Mr Harfield is setting it out for you and it would probably be beneficial to give you some information about the nature of aircraft operations over urban areas. There are no aircraft that operate in a manner which is unsafe or uncontrolled.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I will ask that in a different way, as I may have misunderstood the response. I thought that the response was that above a certain height you do not have to put in flight plans?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No.</p> <p>Ms Staib: It is below a certain height.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is in certain airspace areas. I think it is probably best to get you some information on notice to explain that, because I do not want to leave any impression that there are aircraft operating without any controls or regulatory requirements. That is far from the case.</p>	94 29/05/2013	

90	AA 07	FAWCETT	Nav Canada's independent review of air traffic controllers	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Let us come to another media release that you put out this month in terms of the independent review by Nav Canada about air traffic controllers. Can you provide the committee with a copy of that report?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes.</p>	85 29/05/2013	
91	CASA 01	FAWCETT	Staffing	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Mr McCormick, I ask about the CASA staffing level. In looking at the most recent annual reports and budgets I noticed from 2006 through to the most recent figures that corporate services have gone from 342 people with an additional 74 people to 416; senior management has increased by 43 positions and yet the coalface, in terms of flying operations for airlines, has decreased by four and for general aviation it has decreased by nine. In terms of value to the aviation industry, can you talk to the committee about why those disparate changes are occurring and where you are investing your resources?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: The actual breakdown on the numbers I can take on notice and get back to you. What we have tried to do with our frontline staff, as with our backline staff, is that the current percentage is about 39 per cent of our people are not frontline staff. Frontline staff also include legal officers, aerodrome inspectors and some other people other than the flight operations inspectors as such. The target that I have given the organisation to head towards is 30 per cent of back-office staff to front-office staff by the end of this calendar year. In general terms, if you are in private enterprise, you would say 25 per cent would be about the breakdown in numbers, but that is almost unattainable and it is more or less an aspirational goal. So we are shifting the focus to the front end of the organisation as best we can and GA and air transport—even though the breakdown there is by their category, which is by pay—are combined into teams so we are looking at more cross-functional operations. I can give you more detail on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can that information come back, rather than on notice, perhaps within the next day or so of what your strategy is for investment because on notice is going to be probably during the election campaign, which is not much use to anyone.</p>	95 29/05/2013	
92	CASA 02	FAWCETT	Industry advice	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Given that Robinson themselves in July 2006 issued safety notice 40 indicating that there had been a number of cases where the people who survived the accident went on to be severely burned or killed by the fire and they strongly recommended that all occupants, not just the regular pilot but all occupants, wear fire-retardant Nomex flight suits, gloves, hood and helmet, did CASA take any action at that time to advise industry of the risk of this operation in this aircraft?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I would have to take that on notice for 2006. It predates the information I have available.</p>	95 29/05/2013	

93	CASA 03	FAWCETT	CASA IT tool	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Can you tell me the final overall cost of the system as of this budget?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: For the CASA IT tool Sky Sentinel business and technical implementation, development implementation and the new CASA surveillance manuals from March 2011 to June 2013, the total cost was \$2,419,157, but we do not have the breakdown of the Sky Sentinel out of that at this stage.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can you come back to the committee today, if you can, or tomorrow with that figure? I would be interested to know how much that was.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Certainly.</p>	97 29/05/2013	
94	CASA 04	FAWCETT	Pentana PAWS system	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Lastly, I noticed that Airservices Australia use the Pentana PAWS system. They also list CASA on their website as a customer. Have you been in contract with them previously to use their system?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We did have a contract with PAWS which we discontinued before we moved into this system.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Did you ever have the system? Did you ever trial it or modify it?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We certainly had Pentana but my recollection of the time, and I will take it on notice, was that the system was not delivering what we wanted it to deliver.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Did CASA ever attempt to modify it?</p>	97 29/05/2013	
95	CASA 05	FAWCETT	Reg 309A	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Mr McCormick, can you confirm that under reg 309A it is actually a strict liability offence to disregard instructions of a crew member?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I will take that on notice. I do not have the regs with me at the moment.</p>	98 29/05/2013	
96	CASA 06	FAWCETT	Personal electronic devices	<p>Senator FAWCETT: The other question for CASA is that I notice that in 2001 you started a process for personal electronic devices, a notice for rule-making, where it was strict to control. I also notice there have been a number of drafts and consultations of that, but I do not actually find anywhere an approved regulation around personal electronic devices. With that process that started in 2001, has CASA actually issued a regulation control on these devices yet?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I am not aware of that, but I will take it on notice and give you a breakdown of what has happened. Did you say since 2001?</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: That was the original notice, yes. If you could confirm that the head of power that the flight crew operate under to tell people to turn phones off is 309 Alpha, which is a strict liability offence.</p>	98 29/05/2013	
97	CASA 07	LUDLAM	OC or UAV controller certificate	<p>Senator LUDLAM: It is. Senator Heffernan's intervention is always entertaining. How is CASA checking, testing and signing off new applicants for an OC or UAV controller certificate? How is that actually done?</p>	99 29/05/2013	

				Mr McCormick: It might be best if I give you that on notice.		
98	CASA 08	LUDLAM	Breaches of aviation regs	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Has ACUO provided CASA with information regarding breaches of aviation regs in Australia?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: As an organisation or as members from that organisation?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: As an organisation. You can take it on notice if you do not have it at the table.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I do not think that we have heard from that organisation, but we will check and if we have we will get back to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Take it on notice if you like.</p>	100 29/05/2013	
99	CASA 09	NASH	Taxis	<p>Senator NASH: I know, but I am really keen to know why it is \$200,000. There might be a very good reason, but you are not giving us a reason here. All you are saying is, 'All taxi use must be acquitted in accordance with applicable policies and appropriate use in expenditure.' We get that. What we want to know is why there is almost a \$200,000 bill for taxis for CASA.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We will take it on notice and get some more information.</p>	101 29/05/2013	
100	CASA 10	XENOPHON	Aviation safety	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I am not suggesting that, and I understand the heavy burden on CASA to oversee the aviation safety of this country. Can you take this on notice, because I am going to run out of time, there is a perception out there—</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I acknowledge that.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: not just from people I speak to—Senator Macdonald has spoken to many, Senator Nash and other colleagues in the Senate and in the lower house have raised this issue as well. There are too many stories from too many people. Could you at least take on notice to consider carefully: how can you defuse what appears to be a culture of fear amongst some within the aviation industry.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Certainly, Senator, and I do acknowledge that.</p>	106 29/05/2013	
101	CASA 11	XENOPHON	Fatigue risk management systems	<p>Mr Boyd: As far as I am aware, the only feedback we have from pilots, for example, on the fatigue regulations is to do with the representation of the pilots' groups on the safety action groups that we have in the regulations for consultation around fatigue risk management systems.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Who represent thousands of pilots.</p> <p>Mr Boyd: Indeed.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: They are saying that these rules stink and that there is a real risk in terms of fatigue and with it aviation safety. So why would you not put a lot of weight on what the pilots are saying?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: Senator, the feedback we are getting is not that the rules stink, as you put it.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But it is that they do pose a risk to aviation safety.</p> <p>Mr Boyd: The only feedback we have from the pilots association is about that</p>	106 29/05/2013	

				<p>particular issue. Senator XENOPHON: And will you be acting on that particular issue? Mr Boyd: We have replied to the association to say that we are taking the ICAO approach, and that is what we have taken all the way through this development of the fatigue regulations. Senator XENOPHON: Can you provide us with details of documents with respect to that? Mr Boyd: Absolutely.</p>		
102	CASA 12	XENOPHON	Bankstown office surveillance	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I have got two more questions. What prompted you to focus on the Bankstown office? Mr McCormick: I will take this on notice, but from memory there were over 77 certificates being managed from a very small office. In other words, an enormous amount of surveillance was being done at Bankstown.</p>	107 29/05/2013	
103	CASA 13	XENOPHON	Pel-Air reports	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Was there any material associated with the report, such as a covering note or notes attached to that report, that CASA did not provide to the committee? You may want to take that on notice. In other words, as part of the extensive process of obtaining documents as part of the preliminary enquiry, the many boxes of documents, we got the report— Mr McCormick: To my knowledge, what you got was all of the report. If there was an email that said, 'Here is the Chambers report attached', you would have had that email as well. Senator XENOPHON: I would urge you to take this on notice, in fairness to you. Mr McCormick: We will take it on notice. Senator XENOPHON: Were there any covering notes or any associated materials with that report that were not provided to the committee? Mr McCormick: Senator, as you know, we have provided well over 600 emails to you. The only difficulty I am having is knowing what we actually provided to you and saying whether we actually provided it or not. I will go back and look at the Chambers report and we will take it on notice. Senator XENOPHON: My understanding is that there was not a covering note or any associated note with the report, but I would like to know whether there was one. Mr McCormick: To my knowledge there was not, but we will take it on notice.</p>	107 29/05/2013	
104	CASA 14	RHIANNON	CAO 48	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Mr McCormick, does CASA expect tier 2 operators to operate to the flight and duty limits established in CAO 48? I was interested in looking at what some of the representations were that had been made to our office. But, in 1.12—I am sure you aware of it, but I want to give some context for why I am asking about it—the first dot point talks about the fatigue risk increases, then it goes on to say that the impact on performance 'eventually becomes unacceptable sometime after 16 hours awake'. We are talking about pilots being awake for more</p>	107-108 29/05/2013	

				<p>than 16 hours. Some of the representations made to us are that pilots may be operating for 19 hours. We are talking about the limits in CAO 48. Would you comment on that. Is that what you are expecting? If you have that there, do you actually expect that those limits will be what people work to?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Sorry, I will have to take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I can give it to you.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Perhaps the way forward is to take your question on notice. During the dinner break, officials can look at the document just to ascertain what it is, if that is all right, Chairman. I am just trying to find a way forward to assist the senator.</p>		
105	CASA 15	RHIANNON	CAO 48/Air Operator's Certificate	<p>Senator RHIANNON: And the rest I will put on notice. If CASA does not expect operators to utilise the limits of the CAO 48 based on perceived individual operator risk, how does CASA intend to manage that risk? What head of power is CASA reliant upon in imposing further restrictions on the CAO limits? If CASA is imposing Air Operator's Certificate operations manual limitations, against what standard are those limits assessed and audited? Does CASA expect all, many or most of the tier-2 operators to have limitations imposed on them?</p> <p>CHAIR: Mr McCormick, where possible, please could we have the answers as direct and short as possible. I know that is a big call for this committee.</p>	108 29/05/2013	
106	CASA 16	WILLIAMS	Qantas incident	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to the investigation into the incident involving the Attorney-General refusing to turn off his mobile phone on a flight on the 23rd of April, are you aware if Mr Dreyfus has been reported for a similar offence in the past? 2. By not reporting the incident to CASA, has Qantas breached any regulations? 3. Will CASA continue to investigate this incident and release its findings publicly? 	Written	
107	CASA 17	RHIANNON	Civil Aviation Order (CAO 48)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you update me on the progress of the further review of current CASA standards and policies in relation to the management of fatigue risk? 2. What are the next stages of the process and what is the timing of the review process? 	Written	
108	CASA 18	RHIANNON	Tier 2 Operators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the case of Tier 2 Operators does CASA expect the operators to operate to the flight and duty limits established in CAO 48? 2. If CASA does not expect Operators to utilise the limits of the CAO 48 based on perceived individual operator risk how does CASA intend to manage that risk? 3. What Head of Power is CASA reliant upon to impose further restrictions on the CAO limits? 4. If CASA is imposing Air Operators Certificate Operations Manual 	Written	

				<p>limitations, against what standard are those limits be assessed and audited?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does CASA expect all, many or most of the Tier 2 operators to have limitations imposed on them? How many Tier 2 operators are there? 		
109	CASA 19	RHIANNON	Fatigue Risk Management System	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you outline how CASA has established a flight and duty time limitation system that manages the fatigue risk associated with operating aircraft and is safe? Does CASA expect many Tier 3 Operators to develop a Fatigue Risk Management System? Is it the intent that a Fatigue Risk Management System acceptable to CASA would permit an Operator to utilise flight and duty limitations outside those contained in the appendices CAO 48? 	Written	
110	CASA 20	RHIANNON	CAO 48 limits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I understand there are flight and duty time restrictions you expect to be imposed on a significant number of Tier 2 Operators that are inside the limits contained in CAO 48. Do you believe the limits contained in the CAO are safe when used in Toto? If not, why not? If the answer is yes then why is there a necessity to impose further restrictions? Why is it safe to permit Tier 3 Operators to use limitations outside the CAO? Do you accept that fatigue is incurred after prolonged periods of wakefulness and duty and is only ameliorated by sleep? Do you accept that flight operations that occur across normal sleeping periods is fatiguing even when the pilots are able to rest during flight? If CASA has insisted on restrictive limits inside the CAO for the majority of Tier 2 Operators how can the CAO 48 limits be safe? 	Written	
111	CASA 21	RHIANNON	Research on fatigue and application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> It has been reported that Mr McCormick did a master's thesis specialising in fatigue. Is that correct? Did Mr McCormick play a direct role in producing CAO 48? In his previous role in Cathay Pacific Airways did he see evidence of fatigue affecting flight crew performance in that airline? How did he manage the operational risk presented by the fatigue? Did the airline operate to the limits of the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department rules on flight and duty limits or did the airline apply self-imposed limits or apply limits as a result of industrial negotiation? 	Written	
112	ATSB 01	FAWCETT	Estimate projections	<p>Senator FAWCETT: So, taking into account inflation and the cost-growth pressures, which are normally real inflators on top of that, have you calculated the real cost, or the real cuts, that these estimate projections represent to your budget?</p>	111 29/05/2013	

				<p>Mr Dolan: No, there is not a readily available figure that I could give you on that. I am certainly happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can you take it on notice? And, as we have been saying to every other group, because there is a looming election, the normal time frame will not work. If you could come back to the committee with an indication of what you used for your indexation and your cost-growth pressures that then enable a calculation of what this real cut is over these estimate figures, that would be useful.</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Yes, Senator.</p>		
113	ATSB 02	XENOPHON	Retrofitting	<p>Senator XENOPHON: So you are saying that the retrofitting would not have made any difference?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: That would be our general assessment.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Take it on notice, because I have a few other matters to raise. You are saying that, from a causation point of view, even retrofitting the helicopters with that protective bladder, it still would have been a fatal accident?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: On the facts that were available to us. We are not aware of any previous to Cessnock. I do not think we are aware of any of the low-energy collisions leading to that sort of thing. There were, as you say, a number of high-energy collisions that would have led to a ruptured fuel tank in any helicopter and therefore a great likelihood of a post-crash fire. Those are the sorts of accidents that generally are not survivable.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If you would not mind taking that on notice, even if it is just referring us to what you consider relevant, that would be very helpful.</p>	113 29/05/2013	
114	ATSB 03	XENOPHON	R44 accidents	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Thank you. I want to ask Mr Dolan to take something on notice. Going back to the R44 accidents that occurred in 2003, 2006 and 2008, my understanding is that four people died in each of these accidents, so 12 in total. Can you provide information on notice as to whether they were categorised as high-impact accidents and whether there was an appropriate engineering or other expert assessment undertaken as to whether retrofitting of the aircraft with the safety bladder for the fuel tanks would have made any difference?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: I can say in each of the cases there was no direct consideration given to the retrofitting issue, which was a subsequent issue from Robinson Helicopter. We can certainly give you the information that relates to our assessment essentially of the survivability questions related to those three accidents.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Which will go to the issue of how high the impact was et cetera. Thank you.</p>	115 29/05/2013	
115	STP 01	COLBECK	Reform process	<p>Senator COLBECK: Whose responsibility is to do it then? How does the government say that it is achieving its reform process if it has no mechanism to actually understand whether it is actually happening? It said it would in the RIS, it is part of its regulation impact statement. We know there is a reform process in place, the compact has been compiled, so we can put a tick against that; that is</p>	121 29/05/2013	

				<p>positive. Isn't there any method of measuring how the industry might be becoming more efficient, which is, after all, one of the objectives of the reform process as stated?</p> <p>Ms Power: There would be a mechanism for the parties to the compact to provide reporting, but I would not be able to give you detail at this point on how exactly that would occur. I would need to come back to you and take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If I may, Senator, we have been very focused on the new regulatory regime itself. Perhaps if I take it on notice and we will get details from the ship owners and the various parties involved in the compact and come back to you in relation to those questions of performance measurement.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Why isn't the government monitoring this? It was a fundamental part of their reform and, as I said, it is something that the minister has stated on a number of occasions and it was also put into the regulation impact statement. I would have thought that you would be interested in whether the measures that had been put into place were actually working or not. It is about the efficiency and the cost effectiveness of the shipping. It is a pretty specific reference: align practices in the Australian shipping industry with international best practice. You have absolutely no method of measurement of whether that might be occurring or not?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We just have not focused on it to this point. We will seek some advice urgently from the parties involved as to where they have got to in that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Would any of the agencies of government at all look at that, such as the bureau of transport economics, for example. Would they consider this as part of the work that they do?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: No. At this stage, as I said, we have been focused on bedding down the regulatory parts of the shipping reform package. It is an area that we will pursue to get some further details for you.</p>		
116	STP 02	COLBECK	Contested voyages	<p>Ms Power: Of the contested applications, there were a total of 53 voyages that were contested, because, as I said earlier, not every voyage will be contested. Fifty-three of them have been contested, and in relation to nine of those, the licence application has been granted.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Nine of the 53 have been granted.</p> <p>Ms Power: The remainder have been either refused or the parties to the application—the general licence holder and the applicant—have negotiated an alternative outcome, and the objection has therefore been withdrawn or the application has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: How many were withdrawn?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: We would need to take that on notice. We do not have the withdrawn number in front of us.</p>	123 29/05/2013	
117	STP 03	BACK	Cargo	<p>Senator BACK: For the 16 transitional, to transition they must then come under Australian operation and be Australian crewed.</p>	123-124 29/05/2013	

				<p>Ms Power: They are in transition, yes.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Of the 16 transitioning, would you expect all 16 to move to join the Australian-flagged general licence fleet?</p> <p>Ms Power: Our understanding is that most of those are in the process, so they are making inquiries about the process to flag the vessels here. They would be putting together business cases, et cetera. It would be impossible for me to predict the outcome of that process entirely, however.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Can you just give us an understanding of the 28 and the 16. What is the nature of the cargoes that they are carrying?</p> <p>Ms Power: It varies. It depends on the type of ship. They may be bulk carriers or ships that move dry goods. To give you the detail I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BACK: But it would not include the LNG gas tankers coming in and out of our north-west ports, it would not include ships that are carrying coal from the Queensland ports or the New South Wales ports, or those carrying iron ore from Western Australian ports—they would not be in these categories?</p> <p>Ms Power: There are certainly general licence holders that carry coal. I do not believe there any that carry LNG, but again I would need to check the detail.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Or iron ore?</p> <p>Ms Power: It is possible, but I would need to take that on notice in order to confirm that.</p>		
118	STP 04	COLBECK	Flagged vessel	<p>Senator COLBECK: Yes, but does that differ between a vessel that is flagged to a foreign flag versus an Australian flag?</p> <p>Ms Power: I do not believe so. I would need to double check that. Let me take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes, sure.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I do not believe that they do. I believe that crewing levels are approved by AMSA. They are developed by the industry but approved by AMSA to ensure safe manning levels.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So AMSA in that context has oversight over foreign flagged vessels?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: They have oversight of the manning levels associated with operating within the Australian shipping industry. General licence manning levels—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I understand that. I have no quibble with that at all.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: As Ms Power has indicated, the transitional arrangements require them to operate in accordance with Australian standards. Part of the work that I recall that the compact has in train was an examination of the manning levels in certain areas.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I do not have the details of what those changes may be and where that may be at in front of me.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: That goes to the point that I was making at the outset in</p>	125 29/05/2013	

				<p>relation to the compact about aligning the Australian shipping industry with international best practice. That then goes back to the question of why we are not doing some measurement of that or some benchmarking of that so that as the implementers of policy we have some idea as to whether the compact was put into the process, written into the regulation impact system and mentioned a number of times by the minister during the development and the implementation of the legislation should be in place. There should be some measurement of what is going on. I understand that there is a process of implementation, but surely part of that implementation should be the establishment of a measurement structure.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I apologise for not having the details, but we will obtain them for you.</p>		
119	STP 05	NASH	Shipping industry	<p>The Budget No. 2 statement (pg 228) states the government will allocate \$5m over three years (2013-14 to 2015-16) to help the shipping industry meet its future workforce training needs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the industry's workforce need? 2. In what areas are there workforce shortages? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reason? (NOTE: if high costs are mentioned, explain what these are and does it include union salary demands) b. How is/has it affected productivity including at our major export ports? c. What is the value of that lost productivity? 3. How much of the \$5m will go towards the national training co-contribution subsidy of \$10,000 per integrated rating trainee and \$20,000 per deck and engineer officer trainee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What percent of the co-contribution does industry have to pay? b. What is the criteria/conditions to secure the subsidy? c. Who decides which employer receives a subsidy/subsidies? 4. What is the government and industry's targeted outcome for the \$5m funding, in terms of addressing workforce needs? 5. The budget statement says there is seed funding for three years to cover the following: development costs of the national aggregation model; undertake biennial workforce censuses; support national industry training body; and support the Maritime Workforce Development Forum's ongoing operation. 6. What is the breakdown in cost for these? 7. Is there any union involvement in any of the above, particularly the National Industry Training Body and the Maritime Workforce Development Forum. If so, how much involvement do unions have? 	Written	
120	STP 06	WILLIAMS	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could I get a report on the progress of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator? 2. How much has been spent on its establishment so far? 	Written	

121	P&R 01	LUDLAM	Commonwealth group on cities	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Mr Mrdak, could you provide for us a list of the attendants of that group—those who sit at that table?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>	129 29/05/2013	
122	P&R 02	LUDLAM	<i>State of Australian cities</i> report	<p>Senator LUDLAM: It might be something that you could point us to in the <i>State of Australian cities</i> report if it is not at the table. All of these capital cities have strategic plans that set out infill targets, and from Perth it was reduced it in <i>Directions 2031</i> to 47 per cent from 60 per cent. All capital cities have those. Is there no high level understanding of how we are tracking?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We will try to give you a comprehensive answer on notice, but certainly the series of cities reports that the bureau has produced over the last couple of years deals with those issues, because that is assessing progress against strategic plans in four of the major cities. Dr Dolman, do you have anything to add?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Yes, that is correct. Those studies have looked at population growth. Employment growth and commuting patterns is within their title but they cover a broader assessment of the planning goals in each of the cities and the outcomes compared to the goals in those plans. We have done studies that have been published for Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, and South-East Queensland, and we are now preparing our comparative report that covers all four of those and looks at how well the different cities have achieved their goals. Part of the assessment, as you have requested, looks at infill against the infill targets in each of the cities. Essentially it finds that those cities that are growing fastest are struggling to meet those targets whereas some of the cities that are growing more slowly, particularly Sydney, have maybe even overachieved against their targets. They have greater infill than their target suggested.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That makes sense. If you want to provide us with anything on notice that would bear that out with some data that would be helpful.</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Yes.</p>	132 29/05/2013	
123	P&R 03	LUDLAM	Measuring potential housing yield	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Finally, on the same subject, have you done any work on measuring potential housing yield along existing or future transit corridors? For example Rob Adams's work in Melbourne, or the work that we have undertaken with the Property Council in Perth in a document called <i>Transforming Perth</i> that measured how much infill you could get if you went up to medium density along transit corridors identified by the state government. Is anything systematic across all Australian cities being done by anybody present at the table?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Most of the city plans have transit oriented development and centred both population and jobs goals, and we have assessed whether or not those have been achieved. I am not sure if that goes towards answering your question.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Not really. Can I maybe just commend those two studies to you, which is a bit cheeky since one of them was mine, and come back on notice with whether anything systematically is being done along those lines in other</p>	132 29/05/2013	

				Australian cities by the department?		
124	P&R 04	EDWARDS	SA government proposal/ MCU Plan	<p>Senator EDWARDS: I have your national urban policy here, and for the benefit of Hansard it is a piece of paper which is an extract from your policy, and it states your goals and your objectives, which outline productivity, sustainability, liveability and governance, yet you have not seen a proposal by the South Australian state government for 38,000 new homes.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is correct. I do not think we have been involved in that at all. We will double-check on that.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Where is the accountability of state governments? I know that the Major Cities Unit does other things, but where do you get involved in this? Please help me out.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: State governments are not accountable to the Major Cities Unit.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: I know. They nearly nailed you for \$41 million last year.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: With the Major Cities Unit, as Mr Mrdak has indicated, this a document that outlines the Commonwealth's goals in regard to its agenda for cities. States are constitutionally capable of making—</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: What cities do you overlay your plan onto?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: As Mr Mrdak has indicated, the document is a guide for Commonwealth future investment and involvement in major cities in Australia.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: You have not been asked to contribute in any way, shape or form to the formation of this plan with the South Australian state government?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: No.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: So they are on their own.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will check, but I do not think we have had any engagement on this matter.</p>	133 29/05/2013	