

**SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – JUNE 2013**  
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Q No.	Senator	Division/ Agency	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & Hearing date <i>or</i> Written question
BI-1	Bushby	ANSTO	Cyclopharm court case	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Dr Paterson, you mentioned the current court case. I am aware that ANSTO and PETNET are currently in a federal court case with Cyclopharm regarding alleged breaches of the Competition and Consumer Act. ANSTO, as a government enterprise, is required to be a model litigant. That is correct, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Is ANSTO fully compliant with its obligations as a model litigant in respect of that case?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We believe that we are.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> My information is that ANSTO has failed to meet agreed dates regarding delivery of some of its evidence, including dates that were set by a court. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I will take that on notice, Senator. We have not modified our initial position, but the other party has regularly changed their pleadings and, as a result of that, I will have to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I think what I am referring to in particular is requirements to provide your lay evidence.</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We will take that on notice, and check the timings.</p>	Page 6, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-2	Bushby	ANSTO	PETNET revenue	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> In ANSTO's 2011-12 annual report, on page 35, revenues for PETNET were stated to be \$2.5 million, and this was up \$1.2 million from the previous year. What were the net losses for PETNET in the 2011-2012 financial year, compared to the previous year?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Is that not public at this point?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> It is in the public domain, but I would prefer to check the accurate records and properly reflect it in a question taken on notice.</p>	Page 6, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-3	Bushby	ANSTO	Mo-99 marketplace	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Last September you announced, in conjunction with the government, a \$168 million investment for a synroc and molybdenum plant. In justifying the investment in the molybdenum plant, what assumption was made on the value of the global market?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I will come back to you with the details of that, but the market assumptions were independently verified by KPMG in a report, which was supplied as part of the process of seeking that funding.</p>	Page 7, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Was that a public report or was it provided to you?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> It is a report that was provided as part of the process of securing the funding. It is not a fully disclosable report, but we will be happy to supply an estimate of the Mo-99 marketplace which we used to underpin that set of assumptions.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Off the current global market, what percentage does ANSTO currently supply?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We supply less than five per cent. We have, over the last period of time, been growing our supply, particularly into the Asian region and into the United States. During the last two months, when the Canadian research reactor, which is the major supplier into the North American market, was shut down, we were able to really assist the American market in particular by supplying a significant quantity of the requirements of that market. I will take the details of that on notice and we will give you a reply on the number of doses supplied over the last two months, which very much follows the approach that we are taking, which is that, as the assurance of supply drops globally, it is important that players who have benefited from nuclear medicine find effective ways to enter this market.</p>	
BI-4	Ludlam	ANSTO	HIFAR	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Thank you. There is \$28.7 million listed for decommissioning of HIFAR, predisposal of existing radioactive waste in preparation for long-term storage—that is again in Budget Paper No. 2. I think we have seen these expenses coming down the line in prior years, but could you break out for us the cost of the three distinct areas recognised in the \$28.7 million? So, disaggregate for us the costs of the decommissioning of HIFAR, the predisposal condition of existing waste, and the clean-up of buildings and infrastructure containing hazardous waste.</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> Senator, I will take that on notice and provide it to you.</p>	Page 8, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-5	Ludlam	ANSTO	Staff engagement survey	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Thank you. You recall reviews that we have been following for a while, which were conducted in 2011 and 2012, into health and safety culture at ANSTO, and related incidents, accidents, sacking of whistleblowers, and so on. Several of these documents do report improvements at ANSTO and have made recommendations for further improvements. Can you tell us how you are tracking implementation of further improvements of health and safety culture at ANSTO?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> There are a number of initiatives that we have taken over the last two years. At the request of Comcare we improved our investigation procedure, and qualified all of our investigators against the Australian standard. That is now in place and has been recognised by Comcare. We were asked to pilot, on behalf of Comcare, their questionnaire in relation to bullying. We did that in our last staff engagement survey. We were, I believe, the first Commonwealth organisation to do so.</p>	Pages 8 and 9, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> That is interesting.</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We shared the results of using the Comcare questions with Comcare. They were very satisfied with the answers that were given by ANSTO staff to those questions and applauded us for being proactive in addressing the issue, which is very prominent in discussions around Australia at the moment, as you would know, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> We only have you for a brief period of time. Are you able to provide us with a de-identified summary of the findings of your survey?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> Yes, I believe it would be useful to provide that.</p>	
BI-6	Ludlam	ANSTO	Current court cases	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Thank you. How many court cases or legal proceedings is ANSTO engaged in at present with current or former employees?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Are there a number of them?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I am not absolutely sure of the exact number at the moment. It is a small number, but I would like to be accurate in respect of the number I provide.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> More than zero. So, yes, take that one notice. ....</p>	Page 9, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-7	Ludlam	ANSTO	External legal fees	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> More than zero. So, yes, take that one notice. This might also have to go on notice: how much has ANSTO spent in the last five financial years on external legal advice and representation?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We will provide that on notice.</p>	Page 9, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-8	Ludlam	ANSTO	Deeds with 'gag orders'	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Again, these next couple of questions may need to be taken on notice because they are a little technical. Could you indicate how many disputes with employees over the last five years have resulted in deeds with gag orders being signed to prevent comment to the press and that sort of thing?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> It is a highly technical question because we do not use language like 'gag orders' in deeds that we complete.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> What sort of language do you use?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We sometimes complete deeds as a matter of bringing to an end discussions in relation to disputes we have with employees, but I do not think that we intend to specifically gag people. It is just a matter of course that, when you have finished a matter, it should be finished and not of a continuing nature.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> How many of those sorts of deed have been signed?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I will take it on notice and reply to you.</p>	Page 9, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-9	Ludlam	ANSTO	Robert Blisset's qualifications	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Is Mr Robert Blissett still responsible for human resources and workplace health and safety at ANSTO?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> There is a Robert Blissett heads up our work health and safety in human resources function.</p>	Page 9, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> There is no bio of that gentleman on your site, though there is for most of your senior management team. Could you confirm for us, on notice, what his qualifications are for that role and what is past experiences in the HR field are?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We would be very happy to do that.</p>	
BI-10	Ludlam	IP Australia	CDDA claims	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I have a couple of quick questions around claims processes. Do you have an advocate or someone who can help people complete a CDDA claim or find their way through that process where they might have an issue with IP Australia?</p> <p><b>Mr Noonan:</b> We do not have an advocate as such, though there are guidelines about how the scheme works, which are available through the Department of Finance's website. They administer the scheme. If we got a claim that we felt fell within the parameters of that scheme, we would draw the claimant's attention to that. It would be up to them to articulate the various aspects, the most significant of which would be the potential loss, where we would need to rely upon their information.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> When did you last pay out a claim? Do you have any pending?</p> <p><b>Mr Noonan:</b> I would have to take the past history on notice. We are dealing with a trademarks application matter at the moment. We expect that there will be a CDDA claim. We have certainly been discussing that.</p>	Page 12, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-11	Colbeck	CSIRO	Datadot share transaction	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Did CSIRO sell its 50 per cent share in DataTrace DNA Pty Ltd's joint venture partner, DataDot Technology Ltd, in 2010, a few months after the Novartis transaction?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> CSIRO undertook a share swap with DataTrace's parent company, DataDot. That was associated with DataTrace acquiring the rights to a wider range of technologies from CSIRO. It had had a limited field licence prior to that. It sought a wider field licence. DataDot engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers to independently assess the value of that additional transfer. But, yes, that share swap took place in December 2010, I believe.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Is it the case that three of the four directors of DataDot Technology who approved that transaction either had close associations with CSIRO or were on the board of DataTrace Pty Ltd which approved the Novartis transaction?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> It is true that CSIRO, by virtue of its 50 per cent shareholding in DataTrace, did have two director positions. Over the time we held shares in that company, three different officers held those two positions. They were not necessarily officers of CSIRO. In one case, the person who took the director role was an independent individual.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So three of the four had formerly served with CSIRO.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> No, that is not true. What I said was that, over the period of our</p>	Page 22, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>shareholding in DataTrace, CSIRO appointed three directors. At any one point in time we had two on the board of DataTrace.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So, did CSIRO sell most of its shares to the inDataDoc technology that it received in that transaction that you spoke of to one of the CSIRO-associated directors in an off-market transaction?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> Not to my knowledge. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Perhaps you could also tell us, if that transaction has occurred, whether those terms have been made public.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> And also the timing of that—my understanding is perhaps within a matter of days of being able to do so—and then why.</p>	
BI-12	Colbeck	CSIRO	Mr Huw Morgan – Media Adviser	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So, you would not investigate an allegation that a radio broadcaster was subject to abuse, intimidation and bullying by your media manager?</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You do see the irony in this, don't you!</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I spoke to Mr Morgan after I had heard that, and I asked him for his record of events. I regarded it as no more than a robust exchange between, as you say, a broadcaster and a media advisor. Mr Morgan is a very experienced media advisor. He has worked in the press gallery. He is familiar with the cut and thrust of broadcasters and journalists trying to get an edge in stories, and he has had to deal with a range of difficult situations over time. I have always regarded his conduct as professional. And, while I understand that his interchange with Mr Welsh was robust, I do not think, having listened to Mr Welsh's show, that anything that Mr Morgan would have said or done could have intimidated Mr Welsh.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Is this the same Mr Morgan who once wrote an abusive message on a newspaper website in respect of the former CSIRO chief research scientist?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I am not aware of that.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> You are not aware of that occurring?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> No, I am not.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Is anyone else in the organisation aware of that?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I could take that on notice.</p>	Page 23, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-13	Joyce	CSIRO	Chiswick station	<p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> On Anthelmintic resistance and the work at Chiswick in CSIRO Armidale, what work is currently under progress with worm resistance at CSIRO? How are your staffing levels going at CSIRO Chiswick?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> In terms of an update on the parasitology work in general, which is work that is undertaken at Chiswick for both the beef and sheep industry, I would prefer to take that on notice to provide you the detail around all of the work that we are doing. Would you</p>	Pages 28 and 29, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>be comfortable with that?</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> What I want to know is that our work going forward at Chiswick means that Chiswick is in no way under threat or anything like that?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> One of the things we have done in partnership with the University of New England is to develop their work on animal genomics and animal research and put that together with what we are doing and with our field stations to build a centre of global significance in Armidale. That has been additionally supported by the investment we have recently seen into the University of New England. That will see CSIRO putting some of our staff directly into the university and making our facilities and research available to that partnership. Our joint vision is that this will raise the work that we are doing in Armidale and the work that the University of New England is doing by putting the best that we have with the best of the university to national and global importance. It is a very important area for us and consistent with making our regional centres vibrant. It requires that level of collaboration and partnership.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> And the budget funding into Chiswick allows that?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> Yes. Chiswick provides into that partnership the strength of the work that we do in a number of areas around animal health: the work we are doing with sheep, and flystrike, for example; the work we are doing with cattle; and the work that we are now doing for the poultry industry. It also provides the use of our field stations, which are vital to the university.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> So there is no threat to Chiswick?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> There is certainly no threat to the work we are doing at Armidale. We are investing increasingly in that area.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> I know there is no threat to Armidale—to the work of the university—but what about to the actual Chiswick station, the research farm at Chiswick? Is there any threat to that?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> We have a number of field areas that we are looking to contribute as part of that partnership.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Is Chiswick under threat?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> Senator, let me provide for you on notice how we are intending to bring our field stations to bear on that partnership and how we are looking to bring all of those together. Can I provide that on notice for all of the field stations? The reason I say that I was recently in Armidale and met with the University of New England and we are looking at how we use those field stations and what contribute. So I can provide you.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> Dr Clark, you are leaving it up in the air. <b>Dr Clark:</b> No, I am not leaving it up in the air. I simply want to provide you with the most accurate information</p>	
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				<p>on the field stations and what we are providing into that. Also, as I said, I was recently in Armidale to have discussions with the vice-chancellor and vice-chancellor of research, the head of research, of the university, in terms of what the needs are going to be around our field stations. My understanding is that there is going to be greater need for our field stations, so I would prefer all of that in detail to you.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> When would we get that, Dr Clark?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> We will provide that as a question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> So you cannot give an assurance that Chiswick is not going to be affected and not going to be downgraded?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> What I can give you an assurance of, and which I have given you an assurance of, is that the use of our field stations is a vital part of our partnership with UNE. I have given you assurance that we have had increased funding into that area and that our contribution of our field station work is a pivotal part of what we are doing to build Armidale up. I should leave you in no doubt that the area of animal genomics, the area of the work that we are doing, for all of those industries is an area that we are looking to consolidate and put on both the global and national stages.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> So you cannot give an assurance that Chiswick is not going to be downgraded? What you are saying is that your field stations still have an important role but you are, for a direct purpose, not discussing Chiswick, so that issue is remaining in the air, as to what is going to happen to that.</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> I have answered your question, Senator. I will provide that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator JOYCE:</b> You have; you definitely have.</p>	
BI-14	Nash	ASQA	Audits – site visits	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Great. If somebody could dig it out, that would be fantastic. I imagine that it would be fairly easy to do. The renewable audits now include site visits as well where they had not before. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> No. Most of them did include site visits. What I am saying is that some regulatory practice from previous regulators was that some audits were done as desk audits for renewable audits. But we are moving to the situation where they all involve site audits unless the sites have been recently audited for some other reason.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay. Does having the requirement to do a site visit comparatively increase the cost of doing the audits?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> It does increase the cost.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Do you know by how much?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> I cannot answer that question without getting further information.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay. Please take that one on notice, insofar as you can. I understand that that one is probably a little more difficult, but if you could provide that by the end of</p>	Page 53, Monday 3 June 2013

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				the day that would be very useful.	
BI-15	Nash	ASQA	External auditors	<p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> Indeed, some previous regulatory experience reflected repeated examples of people who were given opportunities to rectify and who made undertakings to do so; but of course the next time they got audited the same problems existed.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> That is a fair call to make. How do you determine which audits go to external auditors?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We have a process in the organisation where the audits are scheduled: it is the number of audits that the internal auditors would have on their plate and whether it is necessary, in that particular location and if all the internal auditors are booked out, that we use some external auditors to do further work. Sometimes we also get an external auditor who may have particular expertise in an area to do the audit.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So, in the main, it is a workload issue. When the workload gets too high internally you employ the external ones, unless they have got a specific area of expertise. What sort of percentage of the overall auditors would the external auditors be?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> I am not sure of the exact percentage. The majority of our audit work is done by the internal auditors, but I will have to come back to you with the precise figure. It is certainly the vast majority that is done by internal auditors.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> You have undertaken to take on notice today those 70 staff, and then I think you said there were 40, give or take, who did risk assessment. In that, perhaps you could have a quick look at the external auditors for me as well. It can be a rough ballpark figure; it does not have to be exact.</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We will try to get it today, but if we cannot we will get back to you soon with it anyway.</p>	Page 56, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-16	Cameron	ASQA	Correspondence with Victoria TAFE	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Has there been correspondence between you and the Victorian TAFE system or the government?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> I have had some correspondence with them. We have had some meetings with them about it. Essentially, they have been handling it in that manner. We have not yet—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Just before you go on: essentially, you are saying that handling it in that manner is what they have put to you: 'Look do not worry about quality. We have cutback in numbers so we can maintain quality'?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We will make our own assessments of what impact they have had on quality when it comes time to assess applications from them—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> It seems to me you have made an assessment. You have said that they have cutback on numbers to maintain quality.</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> They have informed us of what they have done to date, but we have not</p>	Page 58, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>yet had occasion to reregister a Victorian TAFE since those cuts have occurred. In fact, if there is going to be an impact—we are not saying there will not be an impact; we have not made that conclusion at all—we would not have expected the major impact to flow through yet. It is certainly on our radar. When we examine those institutes for reregistration, we will be looking in some detail at this very issue—as to whether there has been an impact—and if they are meeting the required standards.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Just let me be clear: have they put to you that they are maintaining quality by cutting back on the places available?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> I have had some correspondence from at least one institute that had some major implications, and they wrote to me and informed me about the closure of the campus and the programs that they were trimming back and the like. That is information that we will use in future regulations of that institute to check the effects of that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could you table that correspondence from that individual TAFE?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> Yes.</p>	
BI-17	Cameron	ASQA	Audits	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> From the information I have received, it seems that there has been a huge growth in private RTOs and a decline in the use of the TAFE system, by deliberate government policy, in Victoria. Do you have the resources to make sure that these RTOs are complying?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We have conducted 1,600 audits in 21 months—that is since we started—and we have another 400 under way at the moment. There are also 600 earmarked. That is out of the 4,100 or so providers that we regulate around Australia. We have had a very active program to date and we are taking strong action when we find that noncompliance is an issue. Obviously there are some cases where those compliances are not serious enough to warrant deregistration, but they do perhaps warrant us giving them a direction about rectifying matters or requiring other actions.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Are these audits desk audits?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> No, 85 per cent of them are site audits. The main time we do a desk audit is if they have recently had a side audit. It is a subsequent process where they have had a side audit; we do a desk audit to follow up on something.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could you provide details of your audit procedure?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We could. Just quickly, they do involve looking at the RTOs' facilities and equipment. We do a sample of their programs to check teaching, assessment and qualifications of staff and the like. So it is a pretty thorough process to examine how they are doing what they are supposed to be doing. We check whether anything that is in a training package for that program is being done properly by the RTO, and they can also speak to students.</p>	Page 60, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am sure you have a management system to follow. Someone does not just say that they are going to do an audit. Can you provide us with some details? Thanks for giving me the overview, but I would like some details on how the audits are being done.</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We will provide further detail about that for you.</p>	
BI-18	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Independent Youth Allowance	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I did raise it with the minister's office several months ago to try and do the right thing but it obviously was not addressed. If you could take that up it would be very useful.</p> <p>In answer to some questions that were actually from estimates last time. We were talking about the model for trying to get an understanding of the expenditure separately for independent and dependent youth allowance and Dependent. Ms Sakkara, I think it was, said 'Yes, we have been redeveloping the model that we used to estimate expenditure for student payments,' because—couldn't get any—and that you expected that in another six to 12 months there would be more detail. Given that that was February—I realise it is not six months down the track—has there been any movement on that?</p> <p><b>Ms Sakkara:</b> We have made some progress with that work but we are not yet at the stage where we can supply the answer to that question. As we said—I think it was in February—it would be in six to 12 months time, so we have got a little bit more work to do yet.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I understand that. I just live in hope. What I am particularly interested in—I suspect that you are going to have to take this on notice but I am going to ask anyway—is getting an understanding of the numbers and any change in expenditure on independent youth allowance before and after the parental income test cap was applied. I assume you will take the question on notice. What I would like is both the numbers and expenditure for the department for independent youth allowance from 2007, 2008, 2009 and then wherever the crossover is where the cap came in for the years subsequent until now. Would you that on notice for me in terms of numbers and the expenditure prior to the cap coming in and after the cap coming in. Although if you have any enlightenment for me now I would be happy to receive it.</p> <p><b>Ms Sakkara:</b> I will take it on notice so we can get the accurate answer.</p>	Page 63, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-19	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Independent Youth Allowance	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Are you aware of commentary made about the high debt levels that regional and rural students already face, and the concern that this change is just going to exacerbate that and make it worse?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> We are aware of commentary you have already referred to about concern that some people have that increasing debt levels might act as a disincentive to some students.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I ask that in relation to an answer to a question on notice, which I find</p>	Pages 63 and 64, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>incredibly alarming—not the answer, the statistics. According to the 2001 Census, 36.1 per cent of 25-34 year olds from metropolitan areas have attained a bachelor degree or above compared with 17.4 per cent of those from regional areas and 15.4 per cent of those from remote areas. Does the department find it alarming that almost double the number of metropolitan students have a degree compared with regional students? I find that incredibly alarming.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> It is absolutely the case that government policy is aimed at correcting that imbalance. It is a labour market issue and a participation issue, and of course—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> How, specifically for regional students, is the participation rate being addressed? It is appalling. How is being addressed?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> The changes made to Youth Allowance—and I am well aware of the concerns you have expressed and asked us about in previous estimates—and the more generous parental income test have been a significant advance for regional students. We had a 42 per cent increase in regional students on Youth Allowance compared with a 31 per cent increase in the same period overall. Ms Sakhara can give you more figures along those lines. There are also more specific funding measures aimed at improving and supporting regional campuses, regional universities, specific regional loadings at the regional round—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> How does that help a student access a university? I understand that the regional loadings for regional universities are a good thing but how does that help the cost burden of the regional student who has to relocate?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> The aim is to make more viable the provision of university campuses and teaching in regional centres as one arm of the strategy. So, to the extent you have an expansion of university places in regional areas, that will help some students not to relocate.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Sure, it helps them to get a place but it does not help with the cost, does it?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> If they do not have to move, it might. Some proportion of people will not move.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Regarding those 31 and 42 per cent increases in Youth Allowance—bearing in mind that that is a welfare measure and does nothing to address the inequity for regional students when you compare them to city students, because they have no choice but to relocate—of that 11 per cent how many are on the full rate of Youth Allowance?</p> <p><b>Ms Sakkara:</b> We would have to take that on notice.</p>	
BI-20	Mason	Higher	Impact of efficiency	<b>Senator MASON:</b> So if we do not get them for the next fortnight, they are going to be	Page 72, Monday

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		Education	dividend on higher education	<p>sitting there; they will not be legislated for. That will be interesting, but that is a political discussion. I turn to the efficiency dividend and its impact on higher education. You may need to take this on notice, but can you give the committee for every program affected by the imposition of the efficiency dividend a comparison for every year over the forward estimates of the spend for that program if no efficiency dividend was applied—for example, as per the 2012-13 MYEFO update—and the spend for that program with the efficiency dividend applied. So without it and with it over the forward estimates. If you can do it now that will be great, but I suspect you cannot.</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> That would be an enormous number of numbers that I would be reading out to the committee. I think it is best taken on notice.</p>	3 June 2013
BI-21	Mason	Higher Education	Impact of efficiency dividend on higher education	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Over the last six months or so, or at least since the MYEFO for 2012-13, the government has cut about \$3.3 billion out of higher ed research and student support. This amounts to, roughly, five per cent of that budget over four years. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I think it is important to break down the different savings that you are talking about. \$1.2 billion of that is through the change in the student start-up scholarships. That is not taking cash out of universities for students.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I just want to make sure I get the global figures right. My calculations are that that is about five per cent of the budget across the board over the forward estimates. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I have not calculated it that way myself.</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> I think we will have to take that on notice. There would be a fairly large question about what the denominator was. I assume you are intending to include all the income support programs as well as—</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> We would need to take that on notice.</p>	Page 73, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-22	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Seek.com.au and Swinburne Online partnership	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> As I understand it, Swinburne Online is part of a publicly listed for-profit corporation. It is in partnership with Seek.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I think we will need to take this on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> You are not aware of that?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I do not have the details of their arrangement.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> That is precisely why I am asking the questions.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> If we do not know I think we should take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> We are aware of the relationship with Seek. I believe that they run the operation through a company that is jointly owned. I am not exactly sure of the corporate arrangements, but they are clearly in a partnership with Seek in that venture.</p>	Pages 74 and 75, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> They are in a partnership with that company. Is it the case that they are able to offer these courses? I am referring to Commonwealth supported places.</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> Yes, and Swinburne is responsible for the quality of the courses. As I understand it, Seek is a major infrastructure provider. Seek is also involved with Universities Australia in the provision of online education. That is the nub of the relationship.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> This is a particular instance of something that is relatively common across the sector. It sounds to me like what we refer to as a third-party teaching arrangement, where the university will enter into a relationship with a third party to deliver their courses on their behalf and the university takes full responsibility for quality control and for ensuring compliance with the AQF. This is done quite commonly across the sector, particularly with TAFEs, for example. That is another instance where this happens.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So they do not need any permission?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Not specifically.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> When you say not specifically—</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I know they do not have to write to us to seek to enter into a third-party grant.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So they do not need that written permission. It is already covered in their agreement?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> They are the ones responsible for delivering the courses. If they choose to enter into an agreement with a third-party provider, that is within their agreement.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> They must seek agreement if they are seeking to start provision at a new physical location.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> You said it is very common. Can you give other examples of where a public university is offering Commonwealth supported places through an educational facility that is fully or partly owned by a for-profit educational institution?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I could take that on notice to get a greater range of them, but I do know that there are other for-profit providers who are involved in the delivery of higher educational courses on behalf of universities. Kangan, I think, is perhaps one of those providers.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I am happy for you to take it on notice.....</p>	
BI-23	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Date of correspondence – Swinburne	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I am happy for you to take it on notice. Has Swinburne University of Technology gained written approval to close or otherwise dispose of the Lilydale campus or the Prahran campus of the university?</p>	Page 75, Monday 3 June 2013

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			University	<p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> It has written to us about those arrangements.  <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What was the date?  <b>Mr Warburton:</b> It was last year; I would need to take the exact date on notice.</p>	
BI-24	Cameron	VET Reform	Definition of 'medium risk'	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I know about these changes, and I do not want to waste a lot of time on that, because you did in your questions on notice provide that detail, so I do not need it again. But part of your program objectives are to have more transparency and enable better understanding of the VET activity that is occurring in each jurisdiction. Is that correct?  <b>Mr Griew:</b> That is right.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So you are saying you do not really understand what is happening in Victoria?  <b>Mr Griew:</b> No, I do not think I am saying that. We have been negotiating pretty strongly with the Victorian officials. We talk to them a lot. We probably have access to as much information of what is happening in their system as any. We still have ongoing discussions with them over the concerns the Commonwealth government has had. As I attempted to do last time we talked about this, I was making clear that (a) we know more and (b) more has happened and we are looking at it at a more granular level now than we were perhaps last time we talked.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You have got a more granular level, so you are saying you do understand what is happening in the TAFE system?  <b>Mr Griew:</b> We have more information about what is happening in the TAFE system than we did last time we talked, that is for sure.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So are you aware of the Victorian acting Auditor-General's report into the TAFE system?  <b>Mr Griew:</b> The one that was just released?  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes.  <b>Mr Griew:</b> Yes.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What do you say about that and the implications for the TAFE system?  <b>Mr Griew:</b> There are a number of things that the Victorian Auditor-General is saying about the TAFE system there, and they broadly reflect the kinds of concerns that we have had. The TAFEs collectively, according to the Victorian Auditor-General, have generated a surplus in 2012, but it is a lower—  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am not really worried about the surplus; I am after the concerns.  <b>Mr Griew:</b> It is a lower surplus than it was previously and they rate a higher number of the TAFEs as being of what they call medium risk. They have also raised concerns about</p>	Pages 82 and 83, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>their long-term capital financing.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes—that is, medium financial risk, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Yes, that is right—they pose a medium risk.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is medium risk classified as?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I do not think I have their actual definition with me. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
BI-25	Cameron	VET Reform	TAFE and VET systems in regional areas	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You are aware that 10 out of the 14 stand-alone TAFEs are under medium financial risk? That is from the Acting Auditor-General's report.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Yes, compared with seven in 2011.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So the financial risk in the system is increasing? Earlier we had ASQA here. They said they had reports back from some of the TAFEs—I think one TAFE in particular—saying that they were trying to maintain the quality but reduce the output of the TAFE. Are there any implications to being able to provide skills to industry because of the situation in Victoria?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I listened carefully to Mr Robinson's evidence and he was referring to discussions with a TAFE—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> That is what I just said.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> That is right. Across the TAFE system as a whole in Victoria, they are trying to orient their funding towards areas of high-skill need and towards the trades, and we would be supportive of that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> When you say 'trying'—</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> They have changed their subsidy levels to give a higher hourly rate for—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is the outcome of that in terms of skilled graduates out of the TAFE system?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> It is a product of many factors. Do you have data there, Ms Furnell?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> The most recently available data on Victoria was released in March. That showed that the Victorian government's subsidised vocational training has grown to 670,400 enrolments in 2012, which was 22 per cent up on 2011. That is the most recent data we have and that covers part of the period after the changes were announced.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Are you saying that you can take \$290 million out of the system and you can increase your output?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> Those are the numbers on enrolments—yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> The thing you have to understand about what has happened in the Victorian system is that they had a very large increase from 2008. In the 2011 financial year that peaked very high. It went from expenditure of about \$800 million to about \$1.35 billion and they have brought it back down to about \$1.2 billion. There is a big cut there, but</p>	Pages 83 and 84, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>there was a very big increase as well. The numbers to some extent reflect that. In those trade areas, as I said, they have done the right thing in some ways with their hourly rates. The other area that we would be concerned about is regional areas in thin markets—that there has been such a high degree of change and those reductions in the full-service funding may produce adverse outcomes in TAFEs in those regional areas, in some of those thin markets. What I am trying to say is that a lot is happening in the TAFE and VET systems.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, can you provide on notice some details of the problems you perceive in the regional areas?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Sure.</p>	
BI-26	Cameron	VET Reform	Funding for failed providers	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> SQA indicated that they had kicked out about 170 private RTOs from the system nationally. I understand, from information I have received, that in Victoria RTOs grew 310 per cent between 2008 and 2011—this is private RTOs—and 122 per cent between 2010 and 2011. That has resulted in a decreased share of enrolments by TAFE from 66 to about 48 per cent. Does that sound right to you?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I have some NCVER data here, which has public VET students—that is, publicly funded VET students—by state and provider from 2006 to 2011. Essentially the numbers in the TAFE system in Victoria start at 345,000 and finish at 341,000, and they go up by 20,000—so it is essentially a straight line—while the private sector figures go from 126,000 to 256,000, which is essentially a doubling. Those are different figures to yours, but it is a trend whereby the market share is certainly shifting.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, there is a doubling of the private sector.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Have you any idea, for those 170 RTOs, of what percentage or what numbers of students they cover?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Are you referring to the ones that have had regulatory action taken against them?</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I would not be able to answer that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Who would be able to answer that?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> It would require a piece of data matching between the names of the providers that have had various kinds of regulatory action taken against them.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, we have had 170 private RTOs kicked out of the system, and no-one in your department can tell us how many students that affected?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> When an RTO is closed we will know. I am not sure that the number 170 was the number closed.</p>	Page 84, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is your recollection?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Let me just have a quick look for that figure.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Maybe you can clarify that. We were not sure whether it was 170 or 117. We should have clarified at the time. Regardless, it is a big number.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> We can pursue the data we have on the number of publicly funded students that we are aware of in services that have been closed by the regulator. I think that is the number we can try to find for you.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Yes, perhaps you could give us that, and also advise if there was any recovery of money, if these were privately funded providers with public funding. Has there been a recovery of any money from these—</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> That is information we would have to seek from the relevant state training authority, because we do not contract those providers unless they are part of one of our programs. But mostly they will have been contracted by the relevant state or territory authority.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But using federal government funding?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> About one-third federal and about two-thirds theirs.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, I would like to know what the cost to the federal government was for funding these failed providers. You said it was 170—one seven zero—is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Sorry, I had stopped looking for it and said we would take it on notice.</p>	
BI-27	Cameron	VET Reform	Correspondence – reduced funding	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, rural is going to be looked after, and regional is going to be looked after, and disadvantaged students. What about just an ordinary punter out there trying to get an apprenticeship in metropolitan Sydney?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> The mechanism that the Commonwealth government has in relation to the VET system in New South Wales and the TAFE system in New South Wales is the intergovernment agreement—the national partnership agreement—and, as I said, it has, as all of these agreements do, quite specific targets. And it has requirements within it for specific plans in relation to the public provider and in relation to apprenticeships, and those are the levers that we have. As I said, when we saw the budget in 2012 with our then minister, we discussed that and we raised our concerns with the New South Wales government, and negotiations have been ongoing.</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> They are also I think developing a skills list and skills priorities, which would be commensurate with their economy and their economic focus.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> They also have been keen to reinforce trade training in the setting of their subsidy rates.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> And one of the areas that has been quite controversial has been</p>	Pages 85 and 86, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>the closing down of fine arts.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> They have reduced subsidies to a number of areas that they judged to be less high-needs, and there has been quite a lot of controversy around some of the fine art programs.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am a great supporter of the trades training area in TAFE, but you also have to have a wider capacity in TAFE to provide training in other areas, don't you?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> The VET system covers both traditional trades and a lot of other economically necessary areas.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> And our funding is not simply for, say, mechanical or electrical trades.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> Absolutely not.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Have we raised any issues about the reduced funding for fine arts in New South Wales?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> We raised a full range of concerns with the New South Wales government at the time of their 2012 budget. And, as I said, discussions with them have been ongoing.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Were these concerns raised in writing?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I would have to check the records as to whether there was a written letter or a written exchange. There have been several meetings at senior official level and there have been meetings that ministers have had as well.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Perhaps you could take that on notice. And if there was correspondence between the department and the New South Wales government, could you provide details of that correspondence?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I will take it on notice. I have some caution about tabling correspondence that goes to our Commonwealth-state negotiations, especially when those negotiations have not been finalised.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am also looking at not just Commonwealth-state negotiations but outcomes for the New South Wales public.</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> I appreciate your concern.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, you are taking it on notice, and could you also take on notice any response that the New South Wales government has given? Given that you do not have a final position on this, I assume that negotiations are actively continuing with New South Wales?</p> <p><b>Mr Griew:</b> That is correct.</p>	
BI-28	Mason	AusIndustry	CRC funding	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I want to move on to Cooperative Research Centre funding, which is something we have discussed before in these estimates. In February this year the Prime</p>	Pages 98 and 99, Monday 3 June

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				<p>Minister announced \$70 million of funding for the 15th Cooperative Research Centre round. That is a bit less than half of the \$150 million the government originally budgeted for with respect to CRC funding. There were complaints about it at the time from Professor Peacock, who is the CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre Association. Why was only \$70 million out of the budgeted \$150 million awarded in the 15th CRC round?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> The amount of funding that we award in a round is dependent on the number of applications we receive, the number of competitive applications that are recommended for funding and the grant that they are asking for. In the 15th round it was a particularly small field. I think we had a total of nine applications. Of that, seven might have gone through to round 2 and, from that, a smaller field was put through for a funding recommendation.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> So there were not enough applications of sufficient quality to justify the expenditure of \$150 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> The bids that came in were much lower than what had happened in the past rounds.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> So even the applications were not for sums that added up to \$150 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> No. So none of the applications were actually reduced. They were funded for the full application amount.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> The successful applications added up to \$70 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> What was the sum of the unsuccessful applications?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> I do not have that information with me. I would need to take that on notice.</p>	2013
BI-29	Colbeck	Corporate	Ministerial responsibilities	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I have a clarification to start with. As a result of the ministerial reshuffle in March there are now two ministers with the term 'science' in their title. Can we get a sense of the responsibilities of Minister Emerson and Minister Farrell? Who is doing what?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Minister Emerson is responsible for major funding programs, major funding decisions and appointments. Minister Farrell has responsibility for the science agencies and for the SKA project. To be comprehensive, Senator, I might need to give you a full list on notice. Questacon and the Australian Astronomical Observatory both report to Minister Farrell. International Science reports to Minister Emerson. I can supplement that with a comprehensive list on notice.</p>	Page 100, Monday 3 June 2013
BI-30	Colbeck	SKA Project	SKA funding	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So what is that \$24½ million?</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> In 2011, \$40.2 million was identified for the SKA project, of which \$27½</p>	Pages 100 and 101, Monday 3

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				<p>million was allocated to a contingency reserve because the government needed to understand exactly what our future commitments would be in regard to the preconstruction phase of the project. What we have provided you in the portfolio budget statement is a re-profiled profile, if you like, for the funding for the next four years. That is obviously with the benefit of knowing where the project is at this point in time.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Is that all that we will be spending at this stage if that is as far out as we need to commit?</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> It is, yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> That commits to the end of the preconstruction period. It does not cover any construction of SKA.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So we have no obligation to commit to anything beyond that?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> The government has been very strongly supportive of the project on the basis that we would, along with other partner countries, be a funder of the construction of the instrument, but there has been no specific commitment. The international SKA organisation is currently working on a funding model which would indicate how the funding for the stage 1 construction would be split up between countries. The amount that would be asked for from Australia and from other countries involved in the project is not yet clear. The government obviously cannot consider it until a funding model has been arrived at.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> You have given me numbers that total \$22.95 million and the budget says \$24.5 million, so there is about \$1.5 million missing out of that.</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> The \$1.5 million is the revised budget for 2012-13. I was giving you the forward numbers.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> That is the revised amount for this year.</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> The contingency reserve had \$27.5 million in it and that has now been re-profiled into these numbers?</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> How much was spent on the total bid phase of the project?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I think we will have to take that on notice.</p>	June 2013
BI-31	Colbeck	SKA Project	List of Grant beneficiaries	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> How much has been spent in total on the project, both post and pre the bid, by the CSIRO? Do you know?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Are you asking for the funding that has been spent on ASKAP, the SKA precursor instrument?</p>	Pages 101 and 102, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am asking how much has been spent in total on the project by the CSIRO, both pre and post the bid.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> The design and construction of the SKA pathfinder has involved expenditure of \$122.6 million by the CSIRO.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> That is it?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> That would be the major part of it, but there may be some other smaller items that we would have to check with the CSIRO. There was also an additional \$1 million spent on the purchase of the Boolardy pastoral lease by the CSIRO.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Can you tell us what that \$24½ million over the next few years will be spent on?</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> That is predominantly on Australia's participation in the preconstruction phase, and that is related to work packages associated with the project. As the project has moved into the preconstruction phase the SKA office has released tenders for a range of activities associated with preparing the project to get it construction-ready. That has been around low frequency aperture arrays, the dish's infrastructure, signal data processing, central signal processing and a range of other things. We are supporting Australian companies to actually participate in those work packages.</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> We have just recently run a grants process in the department to provide \$18.8 million for Australian institutes and industries to support their competitiveness in this preconstruction phase. Typical beneficiaries are people like the Curtin University of Technology at \$4 million and Aurecon Australia Pty Ltd at \$3.5 million. The CSIRO have a work package in building the antennas and receivers at \$6.2 million. RPC Technologies, a manufacturing company specialising in composite dishes, have been awarded \$400,000 and Swinburne University has been awarded \$638,000. I have a full list here, Senator, that I would be happy to provide you with.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> If you could table that, it would be really handy. ....</p>	
BI-32	Colbeck	SKA Project	SKA expenditure and projects	<p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> These companies have applied for tenders with international SKA organisations who participate in the design stage. If they win those tenders then these grants will flow to them. The grants are dependent on them winning the tenders.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> When will we know that the tender process has been finalised? So effectively when will we know we are committed to the money?</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> The middle of August.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So the tenders for all those projects close at that time?</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> That is right. They will be submitted to the International Project Office on Friday of this week, and then the project office will take a month or two to review those tenders. We understand that most of those tenders will be submitted on a non-competitive</p>	Page 103, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>basis—that is, there is likely to be only one consortium applying for each of the work packages. So we would have a fairly high degree of confidence that they would be successful.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> And there are other packages to come out that will take up the remainder of that?</p> <p><b>Dr Boyle:</b> Yes. In total, there are 10 applicants who have been successful in gaining grants from this \$18.8 million program. Of course each of those applicants represents a particular consortium and it will contain other industries in many cases beneath them. We are looking at about 20 beneficiaries from this grants program across universities, CSI and industry.</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> I think you are asking, working from your figure of \$24 million, what the difference of \$6 million is. That relates to further contributions to Australia's membership of the SKA organisation. That is half paid at the moment. We have paid 500,000 euros of the one million euros that the membership costs. The other amount is a contribution to the organisation to help them with their day-to-day operational costs and management of other work package activities.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So it is one million euros to the membership and three million euros to—</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> It is closer to AU\$5 million.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So the total on a contribution is \$5 million?</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> To the SKA organisation, yes. It is probably just a fraction over \$5 million. I will get you the figure.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So we have put in 500,000—</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> We have put in 500,000 euros to date. A lot of the figures that we are working on roughly have an exchange rate of 78c to the euro.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am starting to work out that you are short of money at that rate because I was assuming that you had spent this year's \$1.5 million. The \$18.8 million leaves you about \$4 million to get up to \$22.95 million.</p> <p><b>Mr Luchetti:</b> From the figures that I have, it is \$18.8 million for the work packages and it is roughly AU\$1.5 million for the SKA membership, converting that from a million euros. Then the remaining amount is roughly \$6 million. So it is closer to AU\$6 million for our contribution to the SKA office. Keep in mind that, of that \$24.4 million that you are working from, we have also made payments in 2011-12 and 2012-13 towards the project. That is why that will be just above the \$24.4 million that you have.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> That is what I was assuming—that the \$1.5 million had already been spent. So I still cannot get, with \$18.8 million, \$1.5 million and another \$6 million,</p>	
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				<p>within a \$22.95 million cap.  <b>Mr Luchetti:</b> I am not quite sure where you are—  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> You said there was \$24.5 million in the budget. We started with that. We said \$1.5 million was this year's expenditure, and then you gave us \$8.36 million, \$7.65 million and \$6.94 million, which adds up to \$22.95 million, say \$23 million, plus the \$1.5 million. There is the \$24.5 million that we have talked about. That is the way that the numbers rolled out before. Now you are saying that \$18.8 million of that is going to the projects—I have no argument with that—you have another \$1.5 million for membership and another \$6 million on top of that as contribution. It does not stack up: 18.8 plus 6 is 25.  <b>Mr Luchetti:</b> I think we should take it on notice. I am comfortable with the figures we have given you, but I am not quite sure where our disconnect is.  <b>Dr Boyle:</b> It may be that there were payments in 2011-12, as well as 2012-13.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I think I have run through the number with you relatively well. If you have a table or something that you can table for us—  <b>Mr Luchetti:</b> We do.  <b>Dr Boyle:</b> We would be happy to provide them to you.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> and a list of those projects, that would be of use.</p>	
BI-33	Colbeck	Corporate	Science Education Programs	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Can we move on to the Inspiring Australia program. There is no funding for that, according to the budget papers, beyond next year. Is that because the program has met its objectives and no more needs to be spent, or are there other reasons?  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> It is a terminating program so if the program is to be continued then it would need to go back to budget next year.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So the government has decided that that program is a terminating program?  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Yes, that is right. It is not an ongoing program. That does not necessarily mean it will terminate, but it means that it will require a new submission to government for funding if it is to continue in next year's budget.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> How many cycles has it been through? Is it a one-off program at this stage?  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> It has been through one cycle in its current form. There have been previous science communications programs that have had some of the elements of the current Inspiring Australia program, such as the National Science Week support and support for the Prime Minister's science awards. They were funded under previous programs and now have been picked up under Inspiring Australia.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. Can you give us an indication of each of the individual</p>	Pages 104 and 105, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p>science education programs that the government currently funds or part-funds?  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> I am sorry, Senator; because we were informed that Questacon, which looks after these issues, was not required at these estimates, I do not have that detail with me. I do not have anyone with me from Questacon who could answer that question, but we could take it on notice and provide it.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. Could you take on notice for me, then, each of the individual science education programs the government currently funds or part-funds; the spending profile for each of them over the forward estimates; and an indication of the year when government expenditure is currently due to end.  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Just to be clear, Senator: obviously, you are talking about our portfolio here—  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Yes.  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Are you talking about elements under Inspiring Australia or something else? Because Inspiring Australia is our main science communications program.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am after each of the individual programs, whether or not they are under Inspiring Australia. I am looking at science across the portfolio—yes, all science education, please.  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Did you say 'across the portfolio'?  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> All science education.  <b>Ms Kelly:</b> So do you want CSIRO as well?  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Yes, please.....</p>	
BI-34	Ryan	Minister Combet	ATS funding	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> This may be a question for Senator Lundy: will Ford's decision change the overall amount of money the government will make available through the ATS to 2020 and, if so, in what way? I am assuming that Ford is likely to continue to apply to access the ATS in the remaining years of its manufacture.  <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> You are right, Senator. That is a matter for the minister. The ATS, as you know, is legislated with the amounts also contained within the legislation I believe through to 2020, but it is entirely a matter for government around decisions around the policy.  <b>Senator LUNDY:</b> I will take that on notice for the minister.</p>	Page 16, Tuesday 4 June 2013
BI-35	Cameron	Manufacturing	GM government support	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Mr Devereux, in response to some of the attacks from the coalition on support for the car industry, has indicated that, over a 12-year period, GM received \$1.8 billion in support and that generated \$32 billion in investment and economic activity. Could you give us, on notice if you have to, what the government's view is on that figure?  <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 23, Tuesday 4 June 2013
BI-36	Ryan	Manufacturing	Automotive	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> The committee will come to order. We continue with examination of budget</p>	Page 23, Tuesday

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			Transformation Scheme	<p>estimates.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> On page 26 of your annual report, there is a table that shows that just over \$256 million was paid to the three motor vehicle manufacturers in the year to 31 March 2012. Are you able to provide a more up-to-date figure on what has been paid to motor vehicle manufacturers since 1 January 2012 through the ATS?</p> <p><b>Mr Sexton:</b> The three passenger motor vehicle manufacturers are part of the capped scheme and the figures that I have include supply chain participants, so we would have to break it out.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> If you would take that on notice, and also for the other categories and tables, that would be great. Is it possible to go through each of the car programs now and receive an indication of what has been spent and what remains to be spent over each year of the programs through to 2022?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I can do that.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Including the capped and uncapped breakdowns, if possible. You are normally very good—you can do these from memory, Mr Durrant!</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> Under the Automotive Transformation Scheme, the capped element, because it is a special appropriation and therefore is committed—and we discussed how it rolls over—for 2013-14 there is \$324.2 million. That is an example of it rolling over: it would be \$300 million, but \$24 million has come from the year before. The next year is \$300 million, then \$300 million and a further \$300 million in the following two years. Then, in the out years, from 2017-18, there is a declining rate: \$258.4 million in 2017-18, \$175.0 million in 2018-19, \$91.7 million in 2019-20 and \$25 million in 2020-21.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> That is capped?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> That is capped, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> And the other, if I may?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> The uncapped across the forward estimates are \$67.5 million in 2013-14, \$52.9 million in 2014-15, \$36 million in 2015-16, \$46.8 million in 2016-17 and \$16.5 million in 2017-18—the capped element finishes then.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Sorry, would you speak up a bit. It is not your fault; my hearing is not great today.</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> The capped element finishes in financial year 2016-17, and in that year \$16.5 million is available. That is uncommitted at this stage.</p>	4 June 2013
BI-37	Ryan	AusIndustry	Green Car Innovation Fund	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> If I could turn to a couple of questions on some numbers. Across the forward estimates there is no further money to be paid to grant recipients under the Green Car Innovation Fund, or are there some disbursements remaining?</p> <p><b>Ms Cattell:</b> Across the forward estimates there is \$47.5 million in this financial year, just</p>	Page 25, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p>\$6.1 million in the next financial year and \$5.2 million in 2014-15. There is no money beyond 2014-15.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> So the \$47.5 million is in this financial year?</p> <p><b>Ms Cattell:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can you outline which projects have not been fully paid, which projects are awaiting payments?</p> <p><b>Ms Cattell:</b> The projects that have not been fully paid as yet are two projects for Holden, one project for SMR Automotive Australia, one project for Hirotech Australia, one for Toyota Australia and a project for Nissan Casting Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can you take on notice the amounts for those project payments, or are they commercial-in- confidence?</p> <p><b>Ms Cattell:</b> We will take it on notice. If I could clarify: are you after the amounts remaining to be paid?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Cattell:</b> Certainly, Senator.</p>	
BI-38	Colbeck	Industry and Innovation	R&D Tax Incentive	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. I have a number of questions along that line, looking at different categories. It appears that you do not have that level of detail in your analysis yet, so we might move on to some other stuff. Senator Lundy, the Prime Minister said on 17 February that the government would make around a \$1.1 billion cut to the R&amp;D tax incentive by restricting access to larger companies. Can you give us a guarantee that, if the government does not achieve this desired saving of \$1.1 billion, you will not expand the exclusion to others?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I might see if the officers are aware if the minister has made any specific statement in that regard—</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> The Prime Minister, I am talking about.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> But we are in the business, of course, of doing what we say we will do, particularly in relation to these important programs.</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> Perhaps I could add to that. Certainly the projected savings are reflected in the budget papers. Budget Paper No. 2 has an estimated saving of \$350 million in 2014-15, \$400 million in 2015-16 and \$300 million in 2016-17. So the clear expectation is that the savings would be delivered.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> But the question is: if you do not achieve that saving, that you do not expand the exclusion to other companies. It is a policy question I am asking of Minister Lundy and I do not really think that the officers can reasonably answer that question. I am just asking if that is something the government is prepared to rule out.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> You can ask questions which impugn some kind of—</p>	Pages 30 and 31, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I am not trying to impugn; I am simply asking a question—that is all I am doing.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> We stated the objective of the program, so—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Let me just interrupt, Minister. You have been asked to provide a comment on a commitment or undertaking made by the Prime Minister. If the possibility raised in Senator Colbeck's question were to occur sometime in the future, that would be an issue for cabinet to resolve at the time and the relevant minister would carry it out. Senator Lundy does not have the capacity to speculate on future cabinet decisions.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> I might have used a different word, Chair. I said 'power' perhaps but not 'capacity'. I have a lot of respect for Senator Lundy's capacity. But we are not going anywhere with that, by the sound of it, so that is fine. Can you tell us which other governments in the world disqualify firms from accessing R&amp;D tax incentives on the basis of turnover?</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> I would have to take that on notice to the extent that I can respond to it, but it is very clear from the policies available overseas that they vary a lot. There are a range of different thresholds in schemes overseas and there is a recognition in the work that we have looked at in relation to where you get the best bang for your buck, if you like, from your R&amp;D tax incentive scheme that small businesses are much more responsive to a tax incentive than larger firms. While I cannot answer it directly, I am happy to take that on notice and provide as much information as I can—other than to say that the schemes vary a lot in how they operate. Also, countries often provide grants rather than tax incentives as the form of support. The extent to which you want to target the scheme into particular industry sectors and that sort of thing is also a factor in the policy thinking overseas. It is quite mixed actually.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Are you aware of any other jurisdictions that disqualify on the basis of turnover?</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
BI-39	Urquhart	Manufacturing	Food manufacturing industry	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> I want to follow on with some issues around the food industry. I want to know how many people work directly in food manufacturing in Australia?</p> <p><b>Ms Bray:</b> As of 2011-12 the manufacturing employment four-quarter average over the financial year was 225,500.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> That is direct. How many people work throughout the supply chain?</p> <p><b>Ms Bray:</b> I do not have those figures. That is for the food and beverage manufacturing employment. Of course the supply chain includes all sorts of people from farmers, to logistics firms, to service industries that might provide—</p>	Pages 33 and 34, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Are you able to take that on notice?  <b>Ms Bray:</b> We will take it on notice and I will see whether I can make that information available.</p>	
BI-40	Urquhart	Enterprise Connect	Reviews of Businesses	<p><b>Ms Anton:</b> Enterprise Connect is a demand-driven program. So, business approaches the program and requests a business review. An application can be made through the website. We aim to have a very quick process, so that can be filled out with relatively little detail. The aim is then to provide a response back to that company within 24 hours. The company needs to meet one of our eligibility criteria to be eligible for review. A quick assessment of that is done on the assertions of the company, and then one of our state centres will contact the business to arrange to have a business advisor come and talk to them. There are around 100 business advisors and facilitators who are part of the program and located around the country. They will try to match up the interest of the firm with the skills of the business advisor so that they have a good idea of some of the challenges that firm might be facing. The business advisor will then typically go and meet with the company and do an initial assessment—do they actually meet the criteria when you have a bit more of a detailed conversation?  Then, in terms of the business review, once they are through that eligibility process they will have a very broad based conversation with them about the challenges they are facing their business. They will go through some of their financials for the last few years as a starting point: how robust is the firm? What might they look at? And then they will look at a range of different elements, from succession planning to what their products are and how they might improve some of their procedures and processes. And at the end of that business review process—which is really a coaching conversation in a lot of ways—they will provide some specific recommendations about what they might do to improve their competitiveness and capability within the firm. The firm is then eligible for a tailored advisory grant, which is, again, a 50/50 matching grant, to implement the recommendations that are made by the business advisor in that review.  <b>Senator URQUHART:</b> I am aware that there are about 20 or so businesses, around northern Tasmania in particular, that have taken up the opportunity for that full advisory service or part advisory service. Some of them I know have taken it up more than once. I am not sure whether you can give me this detail, but, if not, you might be able to take it on notice. But I am just wondering if you can let me know the success or otherwise of the reviews on those businesses in northern Tasmania.  <b>Ms Anton:</b> In northern Tasmania there are a couple of areas of activity for the program. There is the broad based business reviews. I can give you some numbers on Tasmania generally. I would have to take it on notice if you want a cut on northern Tasmania.</p>	Pages 35 and 36, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> That is fine. If you could give me the broad stuff, that would be great.</p> <p><b>Ms Anton:</b> To date there have been 241 business reviews completed in Tasmania. That is one level of activity, and then the firms are able to take on the Tas grants. Separate to that, northern Tasmania is also an innovative region, so we have the general business advisors who go in and help. There is also activity around innovative regions. So, there is a facilitator based in northern Tasmania, and they actually have a regional approach. The work they have been doing there includes development of regional innovation plans, and then specific projects and programs. So, the firms may engage with us multiple times. They may engage for a business review—that is the first level of engagement—and in some cases firms will go into a second and third year of engagement with Enterprise Connect, which is called the continuous improvement program. Or, alternatively, they may be engaging with some of the projects in terms of that innovative region. There has been some work around innovation and entrepreneurship in Burnie. There has also been some alliance building around King Island and Flinders Island. There has been some work with the University of Tasmania around engineering capability and services, done under what we call a 'mapping the connections' process. So, there has actually been quite a concentration of activity in that region. In terms of the successes or the outcomes of that, I would really need to take that on notice. And I know that we would have within our list some case studies of firms who have had successful things. I can certainly dive into my folder and try to find those for you.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> If you want to take that on notice, that is fine. And if you could take on notice too the success or otherwise of the other businesses that have been done, even across Australia, that would be great. So perhaps you could give me a Tasmanian one and then a model of what it looks like broadly.</p> <p><b>Ms Anton:</b> Certainly. And I guess in those I would be relying on some of the broader reviews of the program. They generally suggest that the companies do see an improvement when they are engaging with Enterprise Connect. A large percentage will actually take up and implement the recommendations of the review. But I am certainly happy to give you some further details on that.</p>	
BI-41	Urquhart	Enterprise Connect	Reviews of Businesses	<p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> Does that information measure the impacts of new jobs or jobs that have been saved—productivity improvements—and tailored advisory services? Does it cover off on that sort of detail?</p> <p><b>Ms Anton:</b> I would be relying on the outcomes of the review, which is really going to the improvements we have seen at a firm level.</p> <p><b>Senator URQUHART:</b> And would that go down to the addition of new jobs?</p>	Page 36, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p><b>Ms Anton:</b> I will have to take that on notice. The review is a couple of years old. We have implemented, since that review, a more standardised data capture. So there are a number of data points that we are now collecting from firms. I am expecting that in the next six months we will start to see a far more detailed capacity to answer questions of that nature. But, again, we need to rely on the information that firms are providing, and I need to be careful in terms of not identifying firms in relation to what we release and what we do not release. So, that is something we will certainly be looking to also.</p>	
BI-42	Colbeck	Industry and Innovation	R&D Tax Incentive	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Are you familiar with the Dyson report?  <b>Mr Pettifer:</b> No.  <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> That is James Dyson, the manufacturer. He visited Australia recently.  <b>Mr Pettifer:</b> I have seen reference in a news clip or something.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> The report, as I understand it, indicates that large companies undertaking R&amp;D are likely to engage with academia and smaller companies to collaboratively do that R&amp;D and foster innovation around them. I suppose I was looking to see what understanding you had of that element of the report—that this is what occurs; the larger companies undertaking R&amp;D are likely to engage with academia and smaller companies to collaboratively do R&amp;D and foster innovation.  <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> This is an issue that has been picked up in the context of the government's recently announced precincts policy. There is a set of measures there, which we are very happy to talk to you about, that are trying to increase the collaboration that you are referring to. I have not read the specific comments that you are referring to, but the issue of collaboration between universities and large and small companies—effectively the whole supply chain—or the issue of collaboration more broadly across companies in trying to address issues of scale or research and development is an issue being picked up through that set of policies. Would you like us to talk to those issues?  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Let's move on to that. I do want to come to some of those other programs later, so I will not interrupt where we are at now. Do you have a measure of how many joint venture R&amp;D projects between large companies and SMEs would typically take place in Australia annually?  <b>Mr Pettifer:</b> I do not have that information.  <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> We would be happy to take that on notice for you, Senator, and try to find some estimates of collaborations. There are estimates of the extent to which companies collaborate. It might be difficult to have a number of those collaborations, but there are certainly OECD estimates around the extent to which firms collaborate in Australia. Mr Pettifer might have more details.</p>	Pages 36 and 37, Tuesday 4 June 2013
BI-43	Colbeck	Industry and	Industry and	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay. That will do me on that. We will go to the jobs plan. Was</p>	Pages 38 and 39,

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		Innovation	Innovation Statement	<p>the final version of the industry and innovation statement approved by cabinet prior to its public release on 17 February 2013?</p> <p><b>Mr Kennedy:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I can respond and say the statement went through cabinet processes, but I cannot recall here in front of you exactly how it went. But certainly the statement went through cabinet processes and would have been approved in the normal way. Is there another dimension to the question you are seeking?</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> No. I just want to know whether the final version of the statement was approved by cabinet prior to its public release.</p> <p><b>Mr Kennedy:</b> The industry and innovation statement's release was approved by cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Yes, but was the final version of the statement approved by cabinet?</p> <p><b>Mr Kennedy:</b> I will take it on notice for you. Typically these processes involve—because we have to do publishing and various other things—that sort of change. I am also being mindful not to discuss cabinet deliberations. But the release of the statement went through cabinet in the normal way, and all ministers at cabinet would have seen the statement. It was a standard release of a statement that went through cabinet for processes that, as long as I worked through government, have been fairly usual.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> But was it the final version or was it modified after cabinet had their discussion?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I think the officers have answered your question.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> They actually have not answered my question; that is why I continue to press. Was the final version of the Industry and Innovation Statement approved by cabinet prior to its public release on 17 February 2013?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I distinctly heard that to be the question that you asked previously.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> It is the question—I am reading the same question.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> So you got an answer.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> No, I did not. That is the point.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> You can ask the same question lots of different ways, but I would say that you have got an answer and to persist is just being unduly repetitive.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> All I am trying to do is get an answer to my question.</p> <p><b>Mr Kennedy:</b> There is one aspect perhaps that is helpful. All the policies that were announced in the Industry and Innovation Statement went through cabinet and were announced as considered by the decisions of cabinet. Whether the publication itself had some sort of minor modifications for charts or something is the bit I cannot assure you of. But there was the normal cabinet process and the final set of measures went through cabinet in the usual way.</p>	Tuesday 4 June 2013
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				<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> So nothing substantial changed in the final version of the Industry and Innovation Statement from what went through cabinet?</p> <p><b>Mr Kennedy:</b> Yes, you could say that. I will take it on notice to confirm because it was some time ago, but that is my understanding.</p>	
BI-44	Colbeck	Manufacturing	Australian Industry Participation Authority	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> You have identified that 24 ASL need to be assigned to establish the legislation and bureaucracy of the Australian Industry Participation Authority and also will be set up to oversee these rules. Where will the authority be based and how did you arrive at the number of 24 ASL?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> The authority will be based in Canberra. A process will be gone through to appoint the CEO of the authority. It outlines in the legislation the sorts of qualifications that person would need to have. Then the authority will include a transfer of some functions that already occur within Canberra, and the creation of new functions. Some of the functions that are being transferred are terminating programs and some are ongoing programs. So there is a relatively complex process of calculating the net requirements for what will be around a 50-person organisation. My colleague can take you through some of the elements.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> How do we get from 24 to 40 or 50?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> There are new persons plus the transfer of existing functions. That might well be the difference. For the legislative AIP plans and the Enhanced Project By-law Scheme program, which are new elements, it is five ASL in 2013-14 and eight thereafter. For the continuation of AIP plan requirements that are for government procurement, which is a terminating program with five ASL. So those five ASL have to be funded in the future. The Supplier Advocates program—I should explain that this authority is not just about the requirement to do the AIP plans; it is also some efforts to facilitate work with the local supply chain to improve their capabilities and get them to be more competitive and do some introductory work to the large projects. The Supplier Advocates program has 10 ASL in it from this financial year, when it otherwise would terminate. The Resources Supplier Advocates envoy and forum process is currently nine ASL, but that terminates at the end of 2014-15, so it is nine ASL afterwards. Then the corporate costs—because it is a separate authority, although will be embedded in the department to reduce some of the separate costs—start at 6.5 people in 2013-14 and will steady out at 11.5 people. They are set up this financial year and next at four people. So getting new ASL of 30 in 2013-14, and new ASL of 43 or so in 2016-17. That is the additional funding and costing for programs, some of which are new and some of which are existing ones that would otherwise terminate.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Effectively, at the end of the day, we will have about 40 or 50</p>	Page 44, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p>people administering the program.  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> There are about eight people administering the program we have been talking about. There are other programs that—  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Will roll into this organisation—  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> Will roll into this. There are the AIP things, which are about projects—being clear about the opportunities available for Australian industry—but then there is a bunch of programs around lifting the capabilities of small and medium enterprises so that they are better able to win those opportunities when they are made available.  <b>Senator COLBECK:</b> If you could give us on notice all the programs that will be rolling into the administration under that agency.</p>	
BI-45	Birmingham	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Investment Programs	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Is there an accepted round of applications underway at present, or is there a time line for the next round of applications in terms of when you are going to start to commit that \$97 million? When would you expect to starting to make those commitments?  <b>Ms Peterson:</b> We have a continuous assessment process, so it is not rounds based. The figures that I have given you were current as of 30 April 2013, so there would be additional commitments which would be made for grants approved in the remainder of this financial year, and further commitments made from approvals that occur during 2013-14.  <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Who has the final sign-off on grants to be approved?  <b>Ms Peterson:</b> The program delegate makes the final funding decisions on advice from Innovation Australia.  <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> The program delegate—that being an official within the department?  <b>Ms Peterson:</b> Correct.  <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Are there current applications as part of the continuous assessment program that are pending approval?  <b>Ms Peterson:</b> Yes, there are.  <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> What is the quantum in terms of number of applications and value of those applications?  <b>Ms Peterson:</b> I do not have those figures with me. I would have to take that on notice.  <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Do you have any indication? Is it just a handful or a lot? Does it make a big dent in the \$97 million?  <b>Ms Peterson:</b> In terms of the numbers of applications currently under consideration, there are about 68, I think, which were considered by members of the department who have the delegation to make recommendations to the delegate for grant amounts up to</p>	Pages 45 and 46, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p>\$300,000. The delegates are yet to review those recommendations. There are further applications being considered by Innovation Australia committees during June.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> In terms of the value of contracts to date, are you able to give us a breakdown as to the different size of grants that have been allocated, by whatever metrics you may have them easily broken down?</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> Certainly. The smallest grant amount, I think, that has been approved to date is \$25,000 and I think the largest grant is about \$9.8 million so far. I do not have full details in front of me in terms of the size of grants across the number approved.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Could you break that down.        .....</p>	
BI-46	Birmingham	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Investment Programs	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> What is the average cost per tonne of abatement under the programs?</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> For projects that have been approved up to 30 April, for the Clean Technology Investment Program it is \$19.16; for the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program it is \$13.53; and for both programs it is \$15.55. But I should emphasise that that is the cost just in relation to the grant; it is the fiscal cost rather than the resource cost, if you will.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> And what proportion of funding is the Commonwealth usually contributing on average?</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> The average grant ratio is two to one, so that is \$1 from the Commonwealth and \$2 from the customer.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> I think I got the number that had been considered. Can I get a total number of grants that have been committed to date?</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> As at 31 May the number of grants approved is 335.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Has the department been asked to undertake any analysis of what electorates those grants are in?</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> We record the address of each of our customers, so we do have that information.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Have you been asked by the minister's office or simply provided of your own volition breakdown information in relation to what electorates those grants are in?</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> Yes, we have.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Do you have that information such that you could table it?</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> I do not have it, not that I could table, but I can provide it.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Do you know how many are in coalition seats versus in Labor seats?</p>	Page 46, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> No, I do not have that specific breakdown.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> If you could present that information when possible, that would be great.</p> <p><b>Ms Peterson:</b> Certainly. Can I also add that, in accordance with the Commonwealth granting guidelines, once we execute an agreement with one of our customers, information is published on the departmental website.</p>	
BI-47	McKenzie	Manufacturing	Industry assistance	<p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I have some industry assistance questions to ask—hopefully just some quick statistics, given the time. I know Senator Colbeck has a lot of questions. What value of assistance, measured as a percentage of industry output, has been provided by the federal government to the motor vehicles and parts manufacturing sector?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> The Productivity Commission trade and investment annual review publishes so-called effective rate of assistance data. Currently, the effective rate of assistance, which is the assistance as a percentage of value added, is 8½ per cent for the automotive industry, compared with, back in the mid-eighties, 150 per cent. So there has been a decline in the effective rate of protection as the tariffs and quotas have been taken down.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Can you give me a similar figure for the federal government assistance to the textile, clothing and footwear manufacturing sector?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> The figures are quite similar, but I do not have them to hand.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> That is fine. I am happy to take that on notice—today hopefully. Hopefully that will not be far away.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> What about the assistance, measured as a percentage of industry output, that the federal government has provided to the wood and paper products manufacturing industry?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Again, I would have to just check. We use this stuff from the Productivity Commission. It is published in the trade—</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> My understanding is that it is 4.7 per cent. Can you just check that?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes.</p>	Page 48, Tuesday 4 June 2013
BI-48	McKenzie	Manufacturing	Industry assistance - Heinz	<p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> In terms of industry assistance, what was the federal government's response in May 2011 to the Heinz relocation of Golden Circle beetroot production from Brisbane to New Zealand, with the loss of 150 jobs? What assistance was offered at the time?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 49, Tuesday 4 June 2013
BI-49	McKenzie	Manufacturing	Industry assistance -	<p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Thank you. That is fine. Rosella entered into voluntary</p>	Page 49, Tuesday

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			Rosella	administration in December 2012. What government assistance was offered when it shut, with the loss of 70 jobs, this year? Do you want to take that one on notice too? <b>Mr Lawson:</b> I would have to.	4 June 2013
BI-50	McKenzie	Manufacturing	Industry assistance – Windsor Farm	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Okay. Windsor Farm, a business that fed Australian and US troops in World War II, went into voluntary administration in March and dismissed 70 workers. Could you also take on notice the government assistance that was provided to that company? Similarly, Mondello Farms, which employs 140 people in the potato processing industry, called in the receivers in March. I am wondering what the government assistance is to save those jobs. You can take that one on notice too, Mr Lawson. That is fine.	Page 49, Tuesday 4 June 2013
BI-51	McKenzie	Minister Combet	Meeting with SPC and AMWU	<b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> ..... Last month SP exports, once Australia's largest tomato grower, folded, with the loss of 50 jobs. I would like to know what incentives the government offered to stop that failure, and also the federal government's assistance to Grain Products Australia and the 46 jobs lost there; the 64 jobs lost last year from Murray Goulburn's milk drying operation in Rochester; and the 146 jobs lost in Girgarre and 38 in Wagga with the closure of Golden Circle. This brings me to my point, Mr Lawson: I am really keen to know what government industry assistance is going to be available to another iconic Australia brand, SPC Ardmona, and the 870 employees in Shepparton, in addition to the 160-plus growers that support that iconic Australian business. <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> That would be a matter for government. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> The department is not in discussions with government? There has been no communications from government to the department around this particular issue? <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> We discussed the economic circumstances around a number of industry developments, including the ones you are referring to, and we would advise government on them all the time. I can inform you that there have been some discussions around one of the programs with the department, ministers and SPC Ardmona, I believe. <b>Ms Butler:</b> Yes, we have been in discussions with SPC around their eligibility for a number of the AusIndustry programs. <b>Senator Lundy:</b> I can also advise you that I understand Minister Combet met with representatives of both SPC and the AMWU yesterday to discuss their issues. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Are you able to advise us of the outcome of that meeting? <b>Senator Lundy:</b> No, I am not, but I will take it on notice. <b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Thank you; I appreciate it. And you have no idea around the timeliness, given that the company wrote to the Prime Minister over a month ago? It is	Page 49, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p>quite time sensitive, as you would appreciate.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I certainly do, and I think the fact that the minister did meet with the representatives yesterday shows that we are obviously in a position to progress things, but I am not able to give you any detail today.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Was this in specific reference to the application for emergency safeguard measures?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I am not aware of that specifically. As I said, I will take it on notice, but I think in the context I would reasonably expect so.</p> <p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> Thank you.</p>	
BI-52	Cameron	Manufacturing	Australian Industry Participation	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Recently the Minerals Resource Rent Tax inquiry had both BHP and Rio Tinto, and I think Xstrata, appearing before the committee. Each one of those companies could say how much they had sourced their goods and services within Australia. There were figures for local resourcing, but when I asked them none of those companies could tell me what was the value of and what type of goods and resources were sourced overseas. Does the department have any idea?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> A lot of that data is not available, because there has not been a requirement for AIP plans to be reported. I think one of the things that will happen out of this legislated AIP plan is that we will be collecting data not just on where the contracts were laid. It will go to whether that was sourced in Australia, or otherwise. I think there are estimates around on those proportions. The Reserve Bank actually published some material recently, much of it based on input/output analysis—and consulting with companies in a similar process to the way we do. It varies. It has tended to be the case that the very large gas projects have less local content than small, hard-rock mining projects, for example. There is some evidence to suggest that globalisation opening up those supply chains means that there is some actual reduction in the local content of even the smaller hard-rock mining processes. Also, it depends on whether you measure the investment/construction phase or you look through the life of the project, because there is obviously a stronger content in the ongoing maintenance and supply. So any numbers between 30 and 70 per cent would be the range of numbers that I would see for different resource projects.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So is that a range of 30 to 70 per cent sourced overseas?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Local—well, either way; it is a symmetric of that range.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> If it is the bigger projects that would be more sourced overseas, does not it follow that they would be the ones that probably are 70 per cent sourced overseas?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes, they are the ones that tend to have in the construction phase a larger</p>	Pages 50 and 51, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p>overseas sourced—  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> These are projects worth billions of dollars?  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> But it will be highly variable between a floating offshore platform and one land based construction phase. I am being a bit equivocal in the numbers, but they are so variable.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What was the Reserve Bank's assessment?  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> Those sorts of numbers that I just quoted are similar to our—  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Did they do it by value? Did they do it by lost job opportunities? What did they do it by?  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> No, it was a value of local content. It was a sort of measure of value.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Was that a dollar value or a percentage?  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes, dollar.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What was the dollar value?  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> The percentage terms are the numbers that exist in my head, I am afraid. I would have to take on notice the dollar—  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But there is a Reserve Bank dollar value?  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> I cannot remember. I would have to take that on notice to get that.  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Take that on notice, and maybe one of your officers might know that figure off the top of their head, given that this is what you guys are all about.</p>	
BI-53	Cameron	Manufacturing	Australian Industry Participation	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Given this position—that, as you say, some companies having looked at Chinese standards after they have called for the bid, have you also heard that the bids are put out in such volume—these are monstrous projects—that no Australian company has the capacity to actually make the bid? This is another ruse and another way of ensuring that Australian companies do not get access?  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes, it is certainly an issue about the size of requests for tender. That is part of the reason for this AIP process, which is to make sure that the tendering company understands the capabilities in Australia. It is in their interest to get the best available bids. If they are not efficiently structuring their tender documents because they do not understand the local situation, that will reduce their capacity to get efficient production. But equally, it is not a charity exercise. The companies do have to be competitive and do need to achieve the scale—  <b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am not asking you whether it is a charity exercise. I think these value judgements are a bit condescending to Australian industry, but that is okay.  <b>Mr Lawson:</b> Could I say just that our steel supplier advocates are working with steel companies to try and see if they can get joint-venture agreements together so they can achieve the scale that will make them more able to compete on some of those things. For</p>	Pages 52 and 53, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p>companies, it is quite a legitimate exercise to say, 'I want to have a single point of responsibility', and that can set the size.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Okay. The analysis conducted by the government indicates that, if we can get these industry participation plans working well, it would see an additional \$1.6 to \$6.4 billion of extra work. Can you just take us to how that came about, and how many extra jobs that could create?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> The analysis was reported in our regulation impact statement. It is based on the department looking at the numbers of projects in the pipeline based on the publicly available Deloitte Access Economics <i>Investment Monitor</i>. We investigated that, and we had looked at information provided to us by the Industry Capability Network about the additional opportunities that can be provided by a well-prepared, well-implemented Australian industry participation plan. It was on that basis that the analysis of the value of additional work was calculated. I do not believe we have converted those numbers into an employment number, I am not sure. I do not think so.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Well, there is a standard approach to this—that there are certain values and certain outcomes in various industries. Could you take that on notice and see if you can provide us with some analysis of the jobs that could be available through this program?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes, we can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Thanks.</p>	
BI-54	Colbeck	Manufacturing	Food Plan	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> On page 29 of the budget portfolio statement there is an item totalling \$30.335 million in 2012-13 out to 2016-17. How much of that is for the Food Plan?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Senator, is that on page 29 of our PBS?</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Yes. It is about halfway down: Decisions taken but not yet announced; 2.5, 6.3, 5.9, 7.9, 7.5.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Okay. The National Food Plan is not in our portfolio.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Well, DAFF told me that there was some funding in your portfolio when I spoke to them last week.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> I think it is possible that the Food and Beverage Supplier Advocate that has since been announced—</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Which is about \$500,000 I think.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes. Senator, we do not have that breakdown in front of us. We can take on notice your specific question about how much of the National Food Plan monies are inside the 'Decisions taken but not yet announced' line.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> And about how much of that funding—that \$30.34 million—</p>	Page 53, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				remains unannounced. <b>Mr Kennedy:</b> Okay. We will take that on notice.	
BI-55	Ryan	Small Business	Small Business Commissioner budget	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Thank you. I turn now to the table headed Program Expenses 1.1 on page 37 of the PBS. There are some quite significant jumps and declines in funding for the Australian Small Business Commissioner. The revised budget for this year is \$316,000. It jumps to \$802,000 in the coming financial year, declines to \$535,000 in 2014-2015 but then more than triples in 2015-2016 to be \$1.838 million. What is the basis for those quite significant sorts changes? When does your contract expire, Mr Brennan?</p> <p><b>Mr Brennan:</b> On 30 June 2016.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Upon the expiry of the program?        Why the jumps around in this program's expenditure?</p> <p><b>Mr Chesworth:</b> In relation to 2013 and 2013-2014, I expect the key reason for that is that the office itself was not established. Mr Brennan did not come on board until 2 January this year. There was a significant ramp-up time for the establishment of the office. I think that probably takes out half of that. In relation to the \$802,000 versus \$535,000, could I take that on notice and get back to you?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I appreciate the jump from 2012-2013 and from 2013-2014, given Mr Brennan's start halfway through the year and the start-up costs. If that was reflected through the forward estimates that would make some sense to me, but there is a 40 per cent decline in the following year, then a 300 per cent plus increase in the year after that. Mr Brennan, do you have any idea why your budget appears to be jumping around a bit?</p> <p><b>Ms Weston:</b> The last year includes another year of the Small Business Support Line, which was extended so that it finished at the same time as the small business—</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> So that is accounted for in that budget line because it extends until 30 June 2016.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston:</b> That is right. Those small business activities finish at that time and the government can then have a look at them as a whole, if that is what it is inclined to do.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> That is very helpful. How much of the \$1.8 million does that particular announcement and 12-month extension represent? I am trying to disaggregate this figure.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston:</b> I can probably give you a rough amount. Based on the other years of the Small Business Support Line, it would be in the \$1.3 to \$1.4 million category.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Absent that, the funding allocated in the year 2015-2016 is closer to the year 2014-2015 than it is for the actual Small Business Commissioner role. Taking that part out of it would bring it down to roughly half a million dollars, which would be closer to 2014-2015 than it is to 2013-2014. Am I interpreting these numbers correctly? That is</p>	Pages 58 and 59, Tuesday 4 June 2013

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				<p>purely the Australian Small Business Commissioner. There is no extension of programs in that that I am missing, is there?</p> <p><b>Ms Weston:</b> Not that I am aware of, no.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Mr Chesworth, I think the explanation you are about to provide me for the year 2014-2015 applies similarly to 2015-2016. In considering this, are there any particularly unique start-up costs that it might be obvious I am missing, which might mean that year 2 is higher than years 3 and 4?</p> <p><b>Mr Chesworth:</b> There are things such as establishing a web presence—a few things like that. But I think it is probably best that I go away and get some detail for you.</p>	
BI-56	Nash	ASQA	Cost recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current percentage of revenue that is coming from cost recovery so far?</li> <li>2. Can you confirm for us, that cost recovery refers to the entire cost of ASQA's operations- not just the audits undertaken?</li> <li>3. Given you have a presence in every capital city, this is adding significantly to the cost?</li> <li>4. Total recovered under cost recovery so far?</li> <li>5. What is the expected amount to be charged for an audit of a small Registered Training Organisation, offering 4 training packages, once full cost recovery is in place?</li> </ol>	Written question Wednesday 12 June 2013
BI-57	Nash	Higher Education	FEE-HELP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have been contacted by the Melbourne University Law Student's Society. This group is concerned that universities, including Melbourne University, are shifting toward a system where graduate students' degrees are not covered entirely by the FEE-HELP limit. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are you aware of such a shift by universities?</li> <li>b. Can you confirm which universities have courses which are not entirely covered by the FEE-HELP limit, and list the relevant courses?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. I understand that law students at University of Melbourne, Monash University, the UNSW and Sydney University, among others, are facing a large 'FEE-HELP' deficit as the cost of a law degree is more than the FEE-HELP loan limit. These law students then face additional costs of approximately \$10,000 to complete Practical Legal Training which is necessary to be admitted. I am told these students are as a result facing out of pocket costs of \$20,000-25,000 to finish university and get admitted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are you aware the huge costs facing law students?</li> <li>b. Do you accept that finding an extra twenty odd thousand dollars to finish university is a huge, and often impossible burden for students, particularly if their parents are not in a financial position to assist?</li> <li>c. How do you respond to the claim by the Melbourne University Law Students' Society that 'The structure FEE-HELP' has the potential to further entrench</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written question Wednesday 12 June 2013

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				<p>advantage and preclude the study of law by students from diverse backgrounds’?</p> <p>d. Do you accept that students, say from a rural background who already face costs of \$20-30,000 to relocate for university, may be unable to study Law, medicine or other essential disciplines due to the large fee-help deficit?</p> <p>3. The effects of the FEE-HELP also affect other disciplines such as medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.</p> <p>a. Is it acceptable to have a situation where students, or more likely their parents, have to take out large mortgages to ensure their children have an ability to obtain tertiary education?</p> <p>b. In 2011 a spokesperson for then Tertiary Minister, Senator the Hon. Chris Evans stated the government was ‘monitoring the situation<sup>[i]</sup>’, can you advise of any action taken by the Government to address this issue?</p> <p>c. The Melbourne University Law Student’s Society is calling on the Government to lift the FEE-HELP limit, is this option being considered, to address this inequity?</p> <p>4. What support does the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education provide to guide students on FEE-HELP places to graduation?</p> <p>5. Is the Department capable of determining and publicising the indexation rate of the limit for the next financial earlier so that students can budget more effectively for the current and following financial years?</p> <p>6. Do students receive any guidance or support from the Department on how to complete their degree before or at the time of hitting the loan limit?</p> <p>7. Is the Department aware that some students on FEE-HELP places are working intolerable hours whilst studying part-time in order to meet the deficit as a result of not being able to access study support through the Department of Human Services?</p> <p><sup>[i]</sup> <a href="http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/doctor-dream-at-a-nightmare-230000-20110416-1ditb.html">http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/doctor-dream-at-a-nightmare-230000-20110416-1ditb.html</a></p>	
BI-58	Bernardi	Higher Education	HECS-HELP	Are Australian prisoners that study while in prison subject to the same tertiary study debt (i.e. HECS-HELP) requirements that all other Australians are subject to? (i.e. do they accumulate a HECS-HELP debt which they must repay when their repayment income goes above the minimum repayment threshold?)	Written question Thursday 13 June 2013
BI-59	Boyce	AusIndustry	Comet grant	1. Ausindustry gave a Comet grant of \$100,000 to Mr Peter Gaynor Andresen and Ms Kim Shere. Subsequently a fraud investigation allegedly of some 14 months in length was conducted by the Department’s Fraud Investigation Unit into that transaction. Did the Department try and stop the release of documents in regard to that investigation under FOI and also argue that before an Administrative Appeals tribunal hearing?	Written question Friday 14 June 2013

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				<p>2. Why? Was there something about that investigation you didn't want made public?</p> <p>3. Is Ausindustry aware that Mr Andresen and Ms Sheree were convicted and gaoled for fraud involving \$138,000 bogus third party expenses invoices and a Qld government grant program? Are you also aware that the same company entities involved in the state fraud are at the heart of the allegations involving the Commonwealth Comet program grant?</p> <p>4. Your 14 month investigation didn't go further because of insufficient evidence, what didn't you have?</p> <p>5. Does the termination of that investigation mean there was no fraud involving the Comet grant paid to Mr Peter Gaynor Andresen and Ms Kim Shere?</p> <p>6. Did the investigation examine bank statements that would have revealed no payments were made in regard to what therefore were bogus expense invoices? If not, why not?</p> <p>7. Did the investigators obtain and compare expense invoices that purported to be from Ernst &amp; Young, Wireless Data Systems Pty Ltd and Sahim Spencer Contract Services that in fact were counterfeit and fraudulent? If not, why not?</p> <p>8. Did the investigation examine expense invoices lodged by a company called BUISCOMM that included claims for GST, that weren't lawful as BUISCOMM had no ABN or business registration? If not why not?</p> <p>9. Exactly how did your own internal audit processes not detect the fraudulent invoices relating to third party expenses claims?</p> <p>10. Have any of your internal procedures been changed as a result of this case? If so which ones and how were they changed?</p>	
BI-60	Bushby	CSIRO	Staff Welfare Incident Management Team	The answer to AI-6 (2012-13) shows that the Staff Welfare Incident Management Team is comprised predominantly of managers in the CSIRO Legal, HR and Communications areas. Why doesn't the team include any workplace health & safety or staff representatives? What role will this team play in reviewing and acting upon the current investigation into workplace bullying?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-61	Bushby	CSIRO	Harassment and bullying	Is it correct that CSIRO employees are encouraged – and/or even obliged under their Terms of Employment – to report instances of suspected bullying and other forms of unsafe workplace conduct? Is the organisation also obligated under the Work Health and Safety Act to investigate allegations of unsafe behaviour which may lead to the suffering of psycho-socially derived injuries in the workplace? And, if these things are true, why was policy not followed in these respects and why were investigations not made of a series of complaints of harassment and bullying of multiple staff by the senior officer at the Food Futures Flagship who was the subject of the questions in AI-4?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-62	Bushby	CSIRO	CSIRO Flagships -	Have there been any occasions on which the head of one of the CSIRO Flagships has	Written question

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			Hospitality	organised (or has had arranged, on their behalf) a dinner for other CSIRO staff that has cost at least \$A1,000 in total? If so: (a) please list each of the dates on which this has happened – and by which Flagship Head(s); (b) for each such occasion, please indicate whether the dinner was arranged specifically for work purposes – and, if so, precisely what purpose(s); (c) for each such occasion, whether any cost was incurred by the organisation (and, if so, how much in total) – or whether it was paid, in full, by the attendees; and (d) for each such occasion, where it was held, and who attended and why.	Monday 17 June 2013
BI-63	Bushby	CSIRO	CSIRO – Credit cards	Please list the total amounts spent, on their taxpayer-funded credit cards, by each member of the Board and each member of the senior executive respectively for each of the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-64	Bushby	CSIRO	CSIRO – Phone calls	1. Please list the total amounts spent, on taxpayer-funded phone calls, by each member of the Board and each member of the senior executive respectively for each of the years 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. 2. Since 1 January 2008, has any of the organisation’s senior executives ever incurred a bill of more than \$A25,000 in phone charges either on an international trip or as part of their normal usage in Australia? If so, please list each occasion on which this has happened, specifying: (i) which senior executive; (ii) the time period concerned; (iii) the precise cost; and (iv) the reason(s) that such a large cost was incurred.	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-65	Bushby	CSIRO	Head of Food Futures Flagship	A recent version of the organisational chart suggests that Bruce Lee has recently been replaced by John Curran as the Head of the Food Futures flagship. Is that change permanent – and why has it been made?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-66	Bushby	CSIRO	Performance bonuses	1. The most recent CSIRO Annual Report shows that Dr Clark received a performance bonus of \$149,523 for 2012, making her salary \$737,521 for the year. What were the specific criteria against which that bonus was paid? 2. There were at least four other senior executives who also received bonuses alone of over \$75,000. What were the specific criteria against which each of those bonuses was paid? 3. What is the process by which the performance bonuses for senior staff at CSIRO are typically negotiated?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-67	Bushby	CSIRO	Research Precincts and Centres	On what date was it first decided that CSIRO would pursue the creation of the five global research precincts and six national research centres? What will be the total financial cost of establishing these precincts and centres, and what is the latest update of how much has	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				been committed to them financially so far?	
BI-68	Bushby	CSIRO	Industry and Innovation Statement	On how many occasions (and on what date(s) specifically) did the CSIRO formally discuss the Government's so-called Industry and Innovation Statement with the Department of Industry in the lead-up to the public release of the Statement on 17 February 2013? How much input did CSIRO specifically have into the Statement, and how extensive and specific were the discussions between CSIRO and the Industry Department in relation to the establishment of the Government's Innovation Precincts?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-69	Bushby	CSIRO	Restructure of Finance and HR functions	Has there been a recent restructuring of the Finance and HR functions within the organisation? And, if so, what has been the nature of the consultation with staff in relation to that restructuring? Is it possible that, in any way, the CSIRO senior executive has breached the organisation's Enterprise Agreement in relation to genuinely and openly consulting with staff in relation to these changes?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-70	Bushby	CSIRO	Appointment process of executive roles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have there been any cases, during Dr Clark's time as Chief Executive, where she has overridden the established appointment processes for executive roles?</li> <li>2. Has she, at any time, decided upon appointments to those positions contrary to a transparent selection process? If so, how many times and when?</li> <li>3. Have there been any cases, during Dr Clark's time as Chief Executive, where any member of the Board has overridden the established appointment processes for executive roles?</li> <li>4. Has a member of the Board, at any time, decided upon appointments to those positions contrary to a transparent selection process? If so, how many times and when?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-71	Bushby	CSIRO	Grievance matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has Dr Clark ever personally involved herself in complex grievance matters at the CSIRO and chosen to ignore the recommendations of senior managers on these issues in order to make different decisions to those they have already made? If so, how many times and when?</li> <li>2. During Dr Clark's time as Chief Executive, has any member of the Board ever personally involved themselves in complex grievance matters at the CSIRO and chosen to ignore the recommendations of senior managers on these issues in order to make different decisions to those they have already made? If so, how many times and when?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-72	Bushby	SKA Project	SKA Project	At the Estimates hearing of 3 June 2013, Deputy Secretary Patricia Kelly and officials from Science and Research Division indicated that the costs outlined for Australia's work on the SKA project in the PBS were for "the pre-construction period". To clarify, will the Government also be required to fund any construction and/or post-construction work? If so:	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				(i) what activities specifically; (ii) over how many years in total will the Government be required to commit to spending on the SKA not only for the construction phase but also for post-construction activity; and (iii) what is the full, current projected cost of all of that spending?	
BI-73	Bushby	Corporate	Science Education Programs	How many individual science education programs does the Department currently fund or part fund; what is the spending profile on each of them over the forward estimates; and in which financial year is government expenditure on each of them currently due to end?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-74	Bushby	Science and Research	Sponsorships 2011-12 and 2012-13	How many conferences, activities and events (if any) does the Science and Research Division generally sponsor each year? Please list any such events for each of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 years, and how much in total has been spent on them.	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-75	Bushby	Science and Research	Travel 2011-12 and 2012-13	What has been the Science and Research Division's total spend on travel for each of 2011-12 and 2012-13?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-76	Bushby	Science and Research	International conferences 2011-12 and 2012-13	Do officers in the Division attend international conferences – and, if so, how regularly did they do so in each of 2011-12 and 2012-13?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-77	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	Research and Development	What is the projected total of Australian Government expenditure on R&D for each of the years across the forward estimates period?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-78	Bushby	Science and Research	National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser	On what date did the National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser commence in their position? In answer AI-175, it says that “full details (are) still to be resolved” for “additional support in the form of items such as administration, research assistance and travel” for that position. By when will that finally be decided?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-79	Bushby	Science and Research	National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser and the Chief Scientist	How regularly do staff from the Science and Research Division currently meet and/or consult with (i) the National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser and (ii) the Chief Scientist in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-80	Bushby	Manufacturing	Local content rules	1. Were any local content rules and stipulations were put in place around any of the projects that received grants under the Green Building Fund – and, if so, what were they? 2. Regardless of whether the program was administered by another agency, is the Department of Industry aware of whether local content rules or stipulations of any kind were put in place for the Government's Building the Education Revolution	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>program? And, if so, what is the Department of Industry’s understanding of what those local content provisions were?</p> <p>3. Has the Department of Industry been informed, in any way, that any local manufacturing businesses collapsed because they did not receive access to any or much of the work under that program? If so, of how many such cases in total has it been informed?</p> <p>4. Under the Government’s disastrous Home Insulation Program, what percentage of the batts that were used were made in Australia and how many were manufactured overseas?</p>	
BI-81	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	Industry and Innovation Precincts	<p>1. From what dates respectively will the Advanced Manufacturing Precinct and the Food Precinct be fully operational?</p> <p>2. How will the money that has been allocated to the Food Precinct specifically be spent?</p> <p>3. How will the money that has been allocated to the Advanced Manufacturing Precinct specifically be spent?</p> <p>4. Across the food industry, how has information about how the precinct will function operationally been disseminated?</p> <p>5. On what date did discussions begin with Monash University about its potential involvement in the Advanced Manufacturing Precinct? When and how was Monash first formally told that it was the Government’s intention to make the university a lead player in this precinct? And on what date and how was anyone from Monash formally first advised of the specific details of how the precinct would actually work operationally?</p> <p>6. Was it at any stage indicated to the Department that the Government originally planned to name more than two specific, defined precincts as part of its Industry and Innovation Statement announcement? Can the Department dispel the widespread belief that other forms of precincts and/or locations had also been nominated, before they were then abandoned in the lead-up to the Statement’s public release?</p> <p>7. The Government has suggested that the precincts will be based on an industry-led model. So what is the specific model on which their operation will be based – and what arrangements have specifically been put in place to ensure that industry will actually be able to take the lead, rather than government?</p> <p>8. In the answer to Question on Notice AI-154 (2013), it says that the CSIRO is “considering its involvement” in the precincts announced back in February as part of the Government’s Industry Statement but that “it cannot commit to such involvement before the details of how the program that will support the creation of these precincts</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>is released”. For what reason was the CSIRO not consulted in detail either in the lead-up to, or immediately following, the release of the Industry Statement?</p> <p>9. How many small and medium enterprises were specifically consulted by the Department ahead of the announcement of the Industry Statement for their views on how relevant or applicable the Statement would be to them? What form(s) did this consultation specifically take, and when did it occur?</p> <p>10. Has anyone associated with the administration and potential delivery of the precincts communicated, in any way, to possible stakeholders (especially to research bodies and industry) information about whether the Coalition is or is not providing support to the precincts? If so, by whom and when?</p> <p>11. Page 44 of the PBS includes a table specifying targets for the number of times Industry Innovation Precinct services and activities will be accessed by organisations over each of the next four years. How specifically have those numbers been calculated?</p> <p>12. How long did it take in Round 1 of the Industrial Transformation Research Program between the closing date for applications and the announcement of the successful projects?</p> <p>13. What work has specifically been undertaken to ensure that the precincts are being established in areas where the country has identified strategic research priorities? And by whom and when?</p> <p>14. Will there be peer review or academic excellence tests of the precinct applications, as there is for other areas of the budget such as the ARC, NHMRC, and CRCs, and so forth?</p>	
BI-82	Bushby	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Programs	<p>1. In the Budget papers, it suggests that there will – overall – be an increase in spending on the various Clean Tech programs of \$102 million in the 2012-13 to 2014-15 period. When and how was the Department first informed that it was the Government’s intention to bring forward this spending?</p> <p>2. Was the spending for 2012-13 for each of these programs fully committed, or was there still uncommitted funding? And, if there was uncommitted funding, how much was there for each program – and was all of this money returned to consolidated revenue or reallocated to future program years?</p> <p>3. For each of the following,  (i) Clean Technology Investment Program;  (ii) Clean Technology Innovation Program; and  (iii) Clean Technology Food and Foundries Program,  how many applications in total have now been received, how many of those have</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				been successful, and how many unassessed applications are there currently have on hand?	
BI-83	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	R&D Tax Incentive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it the intention – as is implied in the Exposure Draft for the quarterly credits aspect of the R&amp;D Tax Incentive program – for Innovation Australia to be given significant new powers to make advance findings at any time?</li> <li>2. There is also a statement in the Explanatory Memorandum (in paragraph 1.8) that the new R&amp;D Tax Incentive has cut red tape. What is the specific evidence for that statement?</li> <li>3. Further to what appears in paragraphs 1.67 to 1.75 of the Explanatory Memorandum, please list all of the circumstances in which the Commissioner will be able to disallow applications to vary amounts because of unacceptable risks to the Commonwealth.</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-84	Bushby	Corporate	Addition of Climate Change to IISRTE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In late 2011, there was a Machinery of Government change to the Department, with the incorporation of the ‘Tertiary Education’ function. As a consequence of that change in 2011, please list each of the different forms of Departmental infrastructure that needed to be altered and the total final costs of each of these changes.</li> <li>2. Will each of those same things need to be changed again as a result of the incorporation, in early 2013, of the ‘Climate Change’ function into the Department? Will the total costs be broadly similar – or, if not, why not? Please indicate the projected total final costs of each of these changes, and by what date(s) it is expected that these changes will be completed.</li> <li>3. Following the change of the Department’s name in late 2011, how long did it take before all of the necessary alterations were finally made to its IT systems to reflect the change?</li> <li>4. Following the change of the Department’s name in late 2011, how long did it take before all of the necessary alterations were finally made to its accommodation arrangements to reflect the change? Or have they, in fact, still been occurring even this year?</li> <li>5. Following the change of the Department’s name in late 2011, was all of the department’s signage amended accordingly? And what was the total cost incurred in changing the signage? Is it expected that the total cost of the changes to the signage because of the incorporation of the ‘Climate Change’ function will be the same as they were for this earlier exercise?</li> <li>6. Following the change of the Department’s name in late 2011, was all of the department’s stationery amended accordingly? And what was the total cost incurred in changing the stationery?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-85	Bushby	AusIndustry	SAIIF Grant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 2009, the Department awarded a grant under the South Australian Innovation and</li> </ol>	Written question

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				<p>Investment Fund to Modra Hayes. On what date was that approved? Was the grant paid in full – or was any of it recovered and, if so, how much was recovered?</p> <p>2. Have any of the Government’s checking, auditing and evaluation processes ever identified anything problematic about that grant? If so, provide details.</p> <p>3. Was the Department provided with, or did it seek, any information about any of Modra Hayes’ business partners and/or who was helping to fund its operations? If so, how did this occur?</p>	Monday 17 June 2013
BI-86	Bushby	Manufacturing	Gas Reservation	<p>1. What has been the extent and nature of the Department's work on the issue of domestic gas reservation – and what has been the nature (and regularity) of its interaction with the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism on this issue?</p> <p>2. How many written briefs has the Department provided to Minister Combet and/or Senator Lundy on this issue – and what was the date of the most recent one of these that was provided to Mr Combet?</p> <p>3. On the basis of its analysis of this issue, does the Department accept or reject the claim made by Manufacturing Australia that “almost 200,000 Australian jobs could be lost and up to \$28 billion in economic value wiped out if Australian Governments fail to intervene to ensure competitively priced gas remains available for Australian manufacturers”?</p> <p>4. Are there any speeches, transcripts and/or articles on the Ministers' website specifically about the issue of domestic gas reservation? And what are the dates of those in each case?</p> <p>5. Given that there have been multiple warnings from a range of different individuals and groups that a crisis on gas supply is looming in Australia in around 2015 or 2016, has Minister Combet directly sought advice from the Department on the accuracy of these claims – and, if so, on what dates in each case?</p> <p>6. What specific forms of analysis has the Department undertaken, and/or commissioned on what impact no intervention in gas reservation will exert on Australian manufacturing? In your answer, please include any information that the Department possesses of the percentage of manufacturing value-add and manufacturing jobs that might be lost without any intervention.</p> <p>7. Is the Department aware of whether the Minister has held any formal discussions or engaged directly in any correspondence with any ethane users in Australia about the impact on those businesses of gas shortages? And, if so, on what dates have these discussions been held?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-87	Bushby	Manufacturing	New Car Plan for a Greener Future	<p>For <u>each</u> of the programs under the ‘New Car Plan for a Greener Future’, please indicate:</p> <p>(i) how much has been spent in total for each and every past year of the program;</p>	Written question Monday 17 June

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				(ii) how much has been spent for the current financial year of the program – and what remains allocated to the program for the remainder of the current financial year; (iii) what remains to be spent over each future year of the program until its termination. In respect of the ATS, please provide the itemised breakdowns of these figures for both the capped and uncapped amounts streams separately.	2013
BI-88	Bushby	Corporate	Personal leave	Did the project that the Human Resources Branch undertook a few years ago around personal leave within the Department reveal a spike in absenteeism on the Fridays and Mondays before and after long weekends? If so, what were the precise figures for absenteeism on these days and how does that compare with absenteeism rates for other days?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-89	Bushby	Corporate	Organisational Capability Review	Has work started on an ‘organisational capability review’ of the Department? If so, who is conducting it – and please list all of the third parties that have been selected to participate, and indicate why were they chosen.	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-90	Bushby	Corporate	International travel	1. How does the international travel of Departmental staff formally receive approval, and how is the budget for international travel determined each year? 2. What has been the total cost of all of the Department's international travel for 2012-13?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-91	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	Centre for Excellence in Public Sector Design	1. In answer SI-110 from October 2012, it was indicated that the current remuneration for the CEO of the Centre for Excellence in Public Sector Design is \$468,000 for 18 months work. For how much longer is that person currently contracted – and/or has their contract been extended beyond the original 18 months? 2. What is the breakdown, by ASL, on how many other staff are currently part of that Centre for Excellence? 3. What are the Centre for Excellence’s signature practical achievements so far?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-92	Bushby	Manufacturing	Solar Hot Water Rebate	Since the Government’s closure in February 2012 of its solar hot water rebate scheme, how many times has the Industry Minister met directly with representatives of that industry, and what updates does he now possess about how many manufacturing jobs and how many jobs in total have been lost in that industry as a result of the Government’s decision?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-93	Bushby	Manufacturing	Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry	In relation to the Government’s recent amendments to the Fair Work Act applying to the TCF industry, how many formal briefings did the Industry Minister seek and/or receive (and from whom) on the impact of the legislation on the state of the TCF industry in Australia? Has the Minister ever received any form of advice or warnings that this legislation will prompt business closures and major job losses in the TCF sector – and, if so, how has he practically responded to those warnings?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-94	Bushby	Industry and	Coordination	Since its formation, on what dates has the Coordination Committee on Innovation met?	Written question

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BI-95	Bushby	Science and Research	The Conversation website	This year's Budget papers reveal another \$2 million grant to 'The Conversation' website. What is the purpose of that grant, and on what is that money specifically going to be spent? And how much in total have the Rudd and Gillard Governments now granted the people behind that website, and for what specific purposes has that money been used? And on what basis and distinction does the Government give money for these purposes – but not to a host of similar blogs and websites?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-96	Bushby	Corporate	Assistance to Industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since the start of 2008, has the Government asked any companies which have subsequently decided to significantly downsize and/or close their operations in Australia to pay back money they have received – and, if so, which ones? And has any of this money been paid back to the Government – and, if so, how much in each case?</li> <li>2. The Government announced in June 2012 that it had decided to pay a special grant of \$42 million to Alcoa. Is there any clause in the contract that would allow the Government to recover some or all of that grant in the event that Alcoa closed down some or all of its manufacturing in Australia?</li> <li>3. On how many occasions since Labor came to power has a grant been given to a business through the Industry Department which has then, within the next three years, announced multiple job losses and/or the shutdown of some or all of its operations in Australia?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-97	Bushby	AusIndustry	Commercialisation Australia	How much has been spent on the Commercialisation Australia program for each of 2011-12 and 2012-13? How many grants have been made in each of those years? And what has been the level of staffing for the program (both ASL and Case Managers) for these two years?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-98	Birmingham	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Programs	<p>Please detail the budgeted funding profile, by each forward estimates 2013-14 to 2016-17 year as well as the revised budget for 2012-13, of each of the three programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean Technology Investment Program (previously identified as an \$800m program)</li> <li>• Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program (previously identified as a \$200m)</li> <li>• Clean Technology Innovation Program (previously identified as a \$200m)</li> </ul> <p>Please provide a breakdown, by forward estimates year, of funds already committed under each of the three programs.</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-99	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Swinburne Online	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Swinburne Online has offices in St Kilda Road, Melbourne, where staff are located. Students are enrolled by that company and taught online by advisors employed by that company, and staff work from the St Kilda Road complex. The Commonwealth</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>Funding Agreement lists the CSP campuses at which Swinburne is entitled to enrol CSP students. Are Swinburne Online students considered by the department to be students of any of these listed Swinburne University campuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawthorn</li> <li>• Wantirna</li> <li>• Croydon</li> <li>• Prahran</li> <li>• Lilydale</li> <li>• Melbourne CBD (which is a listed Swinburne campus at Flinders St, not SOL.)</li> </ul> <p>2. If Swinburne Online students are not students of these campuses, and since Swinburne is funded for CSP places <i>at these</i> campuses, why is the Commonwealth funding Commonwealth Supported Places at Swinburne Online?</p> <p>3. Is this a potential breach of the Funding Agreement?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If not, why not?</li> <li>b. If yes, will the department investigate this issue; and if not, why not?</li> </ol> <p>4. I understand the Commonwealth has not raised an objection to the proposal by Swinburne to close its Lilydale and Prahran campuses. Please advise whether written approval has been given by the Commonwealth to Swinburne to close or otherwise dispose of its Lilydale and Prahran campuses. If written approval has been given, please advise on what date it was given.</p> <p>5. Is Swinburne Online obliged to provide the full range of student services to their online students?</p>	
BI-100	Rhiannon	VET Reform	VET	<p>1. Considering that 19 private VET colleges in Victoria that have received a combined \$13.6 million in public subsidies have since been closed down by regulators for “critical non-compliance” or have voluntarily relinquished their licenses, what similar patterns are emerging in other states that are moving to greater contestability in the provision of VET courses?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What are the government’s concerns regarding this issue?</li> <li>b. Has any Commonwealth funding been lost in similar circumstances in any state?</li> <li>c. What conditions are attached to Commonwealth VET funding to ensure avoiding the Victorian scenario?</li> </ol> <p>2. What types of oversubscribed VET courses have had caps imposed? What are the courses and what are the caps that have been imposed?</p> <p>3. Is the Department finding any emerging correlations between quality of VET courses and costs borne by providers?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>4. The Australian Workforce &amp; Productivity Agency’s (AWPA) Future Focus report says that recurrent funding for VET has fallen 25% which “raises questions about ongoing quality” and that it especially criticises the cutting of TAFE budgets stating “TAFE institutes remain the bedrock of the national VET system”. It also calls for a federally commissioned VET funding review similar to the Base Funding Review for higher education, and the Gonski review for schools?</p> <p>a. What are the government’s concerns around the questions of falling TAFE budgets and the effects on the VET system as a whole given TAFE’s cornerstone role in the system?</p> <p>b. Has there been any discussion or consideration given to the need for a federally commissioned VET funding review?</p>	
BI-101	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Sydney University & Raytheon	<p>1. Has any Commonwealth funding been provided to Sydney University’s US Studies Centre? Has any of this funding been ear marked for the Alliance21 research project into the efficacy of US-Australian military alliance?</p> <p>a. If so, does this funding come out of any higher education or research funding budget; and much has been allocated for this project?</p> <p>2. When is the research project due to be finalized and will the findings of the project be publically available?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p> <p>3. In deciding to fund this project did the Government consider the implications of being linked with Raytheon, which is a major backer of the Sydney University project, and which is a company that has been connected with corruption and espionage scandals and other breaches of international law?</p> <p>4. What consideration was given to this funding arrangement which effectively sets up a partnership between the government, Sydney University and Raytheon? Are there any ethical implications for this partnership that the Government has considered?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-102	Rhiannon	TEQSA	TEQSA & two-tiered university system	<p>1. What are the implications for TEQSA’s authority and future given the Minister’s May 2013 statement that there could be a two-tiered system with some universities possibly exempt from some government regulations?</p> <p>2. Has the government given sufficient time to the current and relatively new regulatory arrangements before reviewing them?</p> <p>3. Will changes at this stage rob the higher education sector, in Australia and internationally, of an opportunity to trial a universal approach of rigorous regulation?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-103	Rhiannon	Higher Education	FEE-HELP deficit	<p>1. What is the FEE-HELP deficit where the FEE-HELP loan limit does not cover the full cost of the degree, for medical, dentistry and veterinary science students at</p>	Written question Monday 17 June

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				<p>different universities?</p> <p>a. What are the government’s concerns at the deficit precluding specialisation at post-graduate level for these courses?</p> <p>b. What other courses are suffering a FEE-HELP deficit?</p> <p>2. What is the government’s response to those graduate law students who are unable to afford the cost of Practical Legal Training, which is necessary for admission as a solicitor, because their HELP loan limit is exhausted because of the rising FEE-HELP deficit?</p> <p>3. Do the additionally funded postgraduate CSP places in this year’s budget benefit current students suffering a FEE-HELP deficit? If not, what help can these students access in order to afford their studies?</p> <p>4. What must be done by government to answer the issues raised by the Melbourne University Law Students’ Society (MULSS) regarding the FEE-HELP deficit?</p> <p>5. Is there any consideration to rectify the anomaly of a FEE-HELP maximum that falls below the payable amount for a functional degree?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p>	2013
BI-104	Rhiannon	ARC	ARC & ERA inappropriate discipline coding	<p>1. In an article by Julie Hare in The Australian on 12 December 2012, Leanne Harvey stated that the ARC did an analysis of "inappropriate discipline coding" for the ERA 2012.</p> <p>a. Can the ARC provide greater detail about this analysis?</p> <p>b. If a specific report on inappropriate discipline coding was generated, can the Council provide greater detail of its analysis of inappropriate discipline coding?</p> <p>2. Considering the 2012 ERA Submission guidelines state, “If it appears that any institution or person has knowingly provided false or misleading information, or knowingly omitted any matter or thing without which the information is misleading, or it appears that any other criminal offence may have been committed, the ARC may investigate the matter with a view to prosecution under Commonwealth criminal law”:</p> <p>a. Could the Council outline what strategic approaches are permissible, and what strategic approaches are not with regard to gaming or inappropriate discipline coding?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-105	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Batchelor Institute	<p>Regarding the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health) at the Batchelor Institute in 2011. There were 14 students affected by the closure of the course, with a number of these students taking temporary leave from the course for work or family commitments.</p> <p>1. Were all these students provided with appropriate alternative courses that met their</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>requirements? What was the outcome for each of the students?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. What consideration was given to the Indigenous students' movement in and out of study over a number of years – mainly for family and work reasons?</li> <li>3. What information was sought and consideration given to each of these students' study needs with regard to local access to classes, or the barriers with full online learning, given their aboriginality and associated learning requirements?</li> <li>4. Given a large number of these students were working as Indigenous Environmental Health Officers, requiring a specific degree to allow them power to use legislation for public health protection; how many students were successfully placed in an equivalent bachelor degree that allowed graduates career progression in their work as EHOs?</li> <li>5. Why was the offer by two lecturers for the discontinued course to 'teach out' the existing students not taken up? Did the department consider this option, given the importance of qualifying Indigenous EHOs in the rural and remote areas?       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, why did this not happen?</li> <li>b. If not, why not, given it was the advised solution given to the Batchelor Institute by the two lecturers, at the request of the Institute for a solution.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. The then Minister also advised that the Department would continue to monitor the situation.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What monitoring has the Department carried out?</li> <li>b. What has been the outcome for each student who was enrolled and either attending or on temporary leave from the course?</li> <li>c. How many of those students have successfully taken on alternative studies to complete their degrees?</li> <li>d. What sort of extra support and resources were provided to those students who were not able to transfer to an appropriate and accessible degree?</li> <li>e. How many of those students were saddled with extra HECS debt because their subjects were not credited in alternative courses?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
BI-106	Rhiannon	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Bridging courses into university	I have been contacted by a mature aged student who as a full-fee paying student completed Certificates III and IV in fitness, and a Diploma in Business 5 years ago. This student must enrol in a Cert IV bridging course before he study a Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy). However NMIT have advised that he does not qualify for the subsidised cost of \$1,350 for the Cert IV bridging course, and must pay the full cost of \$6,000, because he has previously complete a Cert IV equivalent course. What are the options available to this student, who cannot afford this upfront cost?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-107	Rhiannon	VET Reform	TAFE Queensland	1. TAFE Queensland does not have the ability to sign a prospective student into an	Written question

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				<p>apprenticeship like the Australian Apprenticeship Centres (AACs) or be entitled to any of the funding associated with this procedure. However private RTOs are able to undertake this as part of their business. TAFE QLD runs a number of pre-apprenticeship programmes through which students directly gain employment as an apprentice, but have to hand the sign up over to an AAC who then gain the funding. Does the federal government have any concerns that TAFE QLD is restricted from becoming an ACC?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Why is it that TAFE QLD is unable to engage in the running of a group training scheme like its private RTO competitors?</li> <li>3. Is the Government concerned about the removal of a pre-requisite of degree qualified teachers in the TAFE system; is there a concern about risks to the quality of delivery in the VET sector and this might pose?</li> <li>4. The Queensland Skills and Training Task Force was tasked to make decisions that affect TAFE and its potential business opportunities. It had members on the committee that are directors of two of TAFE Queensland's biggest private competitors.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Given the government's stated commitment to TAFE's long-term sustainability, is there a watching brief on the Taskforce and its recommendation?</li> <li>b. Are there any concerns about conflicts of Interest in TAFE competitors making recommendations on the future of TAFE in VET Qld?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Is the Federal Government aware that the Queensland State Government is transferring TAFE employees to a new statutory authority but seeking to exempt them from the Fair Work (federal) jurisdiction? Given the Queensland Government is currently offering lower pay and conditions for TAFE teachers, will the Federal Government refuse to allow this exemption?</li> <li>6. What steps is the Federal Government taking in relation to states such as Queensland that have drastically reduced funding for VET and are pursuing vigorous downsizing of their TAFE workforce?</li> <li>7. What is the state of play in relation to the proposed merger of CQIT and CQU? Will the Federal Government continue to insist that the Queensland Government meet its funding commitments for the TAFE section?</li> </ol>	Monday 17 June 2013
BI-108	Rhiannon	Higher Education	HECS-HELP cost clarity	Further to my questions in Committee hearings: a Nursing course is described in DIIRSTE's brochure <i>HECS-HELP Commonwealth supported places and HECS-HELP information for 2013</i> as a Band 1 course with a maximum student contribution of up to	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>\$5,868 that can be charged to a student for each “year of study in each band”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it acceptable that a first year student studying nursing at La Trobe University was charged at Band 2 HECS rates for seven of the 10 subjects studied?</li> <li>2. Could this be seen as overcharging for a first year Band 1 nursing course?</li> <li>3. Does the government deem acceptable that the university did not indicate to the student or her family that any of the first year subjects could be charged at Band 2 HECS rates, until their receipt of the invoice for HECS charges, post-enrolment?</li> <li>4. The family state that they requested actual costs from the university a number of times, but were not provided with any information and given only the brochure mentioned above. Is this acceptable? It is acknowledged that the family could be correct in thinking they have been overcharged given the information in the brochure?</li> <li>5. Nowhere in the brochure is it explained that first year nursing subjects could be charged at a band level higher than the indicated course (nursing). Does the government accept this may represent insufficient or misleading information to families new to the HES system and university enrolments?</li> <li>6. Further, the brochure does not clearly explain that HECS is charged per unit and not per course. Will the government clarify this information given the brochure is a major source of information for new students and their families?</li> <li>7. In response to my questions about a university’s responsibility to clearly inform of HECS costs to their students, Mr Warburton stated that <i>“the universities are expected to publish and inform”</i> and that a family <i>“who were not informed or were not able to find out or were surprised, that sounds as if either they have missed something or the university is not doing the right thing.”</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Does a university have a responsibility to be very clear about the band levels and costs of subjects for students prior to the students being landed with a bill?</li> <li>b. Could the lack of clear advice from the university about the cost of subjects be seen as a case of misleading representation?</li> <li>c. Is it the case universities are well aware of the HECS charge of each subject in a course of study?</li> <li>d. Is that information supposed to be provided to enrolling students, and especially when requested?</li> <li>e. What is the process available to enrolling students to ensure they are given this information in a timely manner, or when the university does not provide this information?</li> <li>f. What can the government do to ensure students do not end up with unexpected</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
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				<p>HECS charges, in one case a total of \$8,781 higher than expected, given the lack of clear indication of charges for individual subjects?</p> <p>g. Will the Minister or department undertake to answer the concerns raised by the families who have contacted me with their dismay at discovering the costs of their children's university study are much higher than they had been led to expect?</p>	
BI-109	Colbeck	Manufacturing	Food Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How will the Food and Beverage Supplier Advocate work?</li> <li>2. How will the Advocate be different to Austrade?</li> <li>3. What is the budget for the Food and Beverage Supplier Advocate? Offices? Staff?</li> <li>4. How is this funded? Appropriated or cost recovered?</li> <li>5. How is one person enough to do all this?</li> </ol>	Question transferred from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on Tuesday 18 June 2013
BI-110	Bushby	Corporate	Community Cabinet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings the Minister has attended this financial year to date? List dates and locations.</li> <li>2. How many departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the departmental officers attend? List dates and locations.</li> <li>3. What is the total cost to the department and the Minister's office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-111	Bushby	eBusiness	Internet	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? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-112	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing - recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-113	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing – left the department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>2. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				3. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?	
BI-114	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing - reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</li> <li>2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</li> <li>5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-115	Bushby	Corporate	Public Service efficiencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per the 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2, page 108). In addition, please provide the following detail: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 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?</li> <li>b) 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?</li> <li>c) Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</li> <li>d) Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</li> <li>e) Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</li> <li>f) Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If not, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes, why and by how much? Has the five per</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not be achieved, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	
BI-116	Bushby	Corporate	Printed documents	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-117	Bushby	Corporate	Graduate Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on 2014 graduate recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs.</li> <li>2. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 graduate recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-118	Bushby	Corporate	Graduate Staffing	How many graduates has the Department recruited through the Graduate program for 2013, and what will be the total financial cost of the program this year? How does that differ from the same numbers in each of 2011 and 2012?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-119	Bushby	Corporate	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</li> <li>2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising campaign, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</li> <li>3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>6. Provide details for any other communications programs, including details of each program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</li> <li>7. What advertising (campaign and non-campaign) and other communications programs is the department/agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-120	Bushby	Corporate	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail the total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>5. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>6. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail the total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>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?</p>	
BI-121	Bushby	Corporate	Program Launch Costs	<p>1. What is the department/agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail the total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3. What program launch spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-122	Bushby	Corporate	Freedom of Information	<p>1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>2. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>4. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?</p> <p>5. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	
BI-123	Bushby	Corporate	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many reviews are being undertaken?</li> <li>• What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</li> <li>• Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>• When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>• Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</li> <li>• What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</li> <li>• What reviews are planned?</li> <li>• When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-124	Bushby	Corporate	Consultancies	<p>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-125	Bushby	Corporate	Media Monitoring	<p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>• What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</li> <li>• What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>• What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</li> </ul>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul>	
BI-126	Bushby	Corporate	Social Media	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>3. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</li> <li>4. Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-127	Bushby	Corporate	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-128	Bushby	Corporate	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</li> <li>2. Why are coffee machines purchased?</li> <li>3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</li> <li>4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</li> <li>5. Who has access to the machines?</li> <li>6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</li> <li>7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</li> <li>8. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>9. Why are the coffee machines rented?</p> <p>10. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>11. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>12. Who has access to the machines?</p> <p>13. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>14. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	
BI-129	Bushby	Corporate	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> <li>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).</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost.</p>	
BI-130	Bushby	Corporate	Grants	<p>1. Could the department/agency provide a 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.</p> <p>2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-131	Bushby	Corporate	Commissioned Reports	<p>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 members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>• What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ul>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-132	Bushby	Corporate	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>1. 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)? 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.</p> <p>2. 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?</p> <p>3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-133	Bushby	Corporate	Stationery requirements	<p>1. 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?</p> <p>2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-134	Bushby	Corporate	Media Subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</li> </ul>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>• What is their cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>• What is their cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
BI-135	Bushby	Corporate	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</li> <li>2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> <li>3. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> <li>4. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> <li>5. 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?</li> <li>6. 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.</li> <li>7. 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.</li> <li>8. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-136	Bushby	Corporate	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	
BI-137	Bushby	Corporate	Education expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</li> <li>2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. 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.</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-138	Bushby	Corporate	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"> <li>1. Total spending on these services;</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</li> <li>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);</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</li> <li>5. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification;</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service;</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</li> </ol> </li> <li>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"> <li>a) The location used;</li> <li>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<p>for each employment classification);</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.</p>	
BI-139	Bushby	Corporate	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"> <li>1. Total spending on these services;</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</li> <li>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)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</li> <li>5. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service;</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</li> </ol> </li> <li>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"> <li>a) The location used;</li> <li>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion;</li> <li>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>d) Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-140	Bushby	Corporate	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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BI-141	Bushby	Corporate	Corporate Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many cars are owned by each department and agency?</li> <li>2. Where are the cars located?</li> <li>3. What are the cars used for?</li> <li>4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</li> <li>5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-142	Bushby	Corporate	Taxi Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-143	Bushby	Corporate	Hire Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-144	Bushby	Corporate	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</li> <li>2. Please update details of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-145	Bushby	Corporate	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 what are the costs?</li> <li>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?</li> <li>3. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) 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.</li> <li>4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-146	Bushby	Corporate	Electricity Purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</li> <li>2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June

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BI-147	Bushby	Corporate	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>• What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> <li>• Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</li> <li>• Have any briefing requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are briefings requests commissioned?</li> <li>• What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</li> <li>• Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</li> <li>• Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-148	Bushby	Corporate	Shredders	Has the department/agency 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 question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-149	Bushby	Corporate	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 question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-150	Bushby	Corporate	Office Locations	<p>Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <p>a) Department/Agency;</p>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Location;</li> <li>c) Leased or Owned;</li> <li>d) Size;</li> <li>e) Number of Staff at each location and classification;</li> <li>f) If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;</li> <li>g) If owned, the value of the building;</li> <li>h) Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</li> <li>i) Type of functions and work undertaken.</li> </ul>	
BI-151	Bushby	Corporate	Communications Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. By Department or Agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location;</li> <li>ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</li> <li>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location;</li> <li>iv. How many are graphic designers?</li> <li>v. How many are media managers?</li> <li>vi. How many organise events?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-152	Bushby	Corporate	Management Training Programs	Please outline the full range of government programs that are currently in place in the portfolio in respect of management training, and how much is being spent on each of them over the forward estimates.	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-153	Bushby	Corporate	Design and Design Education Programs	Please outline the full range of government programs that are currently in place in the portfolio in respect of design and design education, and how much is being spent on each of them over the forward estimates?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-154	Bushby	Corporate	Meeting costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the department/agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each minister and parliamentary secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail the date, location, purpose and cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What meeting spend is the department/agency planning on spending? Detail the date,</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 17 June 2013

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				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 the date, location, purpose and cost of each event, including any catering and drinks costs.	
BI-155	Bushby	Corporate	Board appointments	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 question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-156	Bushby	Corporate	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	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 designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-157	Bushby	Corporate	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 question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-158	Bushby	Corporate	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 question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-159	Bushby	Corporate	Staff employed by political parties	1. How many of the current staff in the Department have also been employed by the Labor Party and/or by Labor MPs at any time in the past three years? 2. How many of the current staff in the Department have also been employed by the Greens Party and/or by Greens MPs at any time in the past three years? 3. How many Departmental staff have moved from the organisation into employment by the Labor Party and/or by Labor MPs since the start of 2010? 4. How many Departmental staff have moved from the organisation into employment by the Labor Party and/or by Labor MPs since the start of 2010?	Written question Monday 17 June 2013
BI-160	Nash	ASQA	Contract Auditors	<b>Senator NASH:</b> How many audits would you expect the contract auditors to undertake in, say, a 12-month period?	Page 53, Monday 3 June 2013

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				<p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> I do not know if I have the figures for contract audits. I have the figures for the total number of audits that we have done as an agency. We have completed 1,633 audits since we commenced operation on 1 July 2011. We have 433 audits that have commenced but are not yet completed. Another 600 training organisations have been earmarked for an audit.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Do you break those audits down by office?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> I do not have those figures here. I have what they related to—whether they were compliance audits or—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> But you cannot tell us whether they were out of the head offices or the Toowoomba office?</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We could, but I have not got those figures with me. We would have to take those on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Why not? That would seem like a very straightforward question. I am a little surprised that you have not got something that straightforward with you. Given the focus on the auditing process at the moment, and that has been there for a while with the changeover, I would have thought that how many audits were being done out of each office would have been a fairly simple statistic to get.</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> We look at that information from time to time. But the crucial thing for is what type of audit they are and whether they are leading to non-compliance notices and the like.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> True. I understand that it might not be crucial for you, but it is crucial for those of us who are asking the questions. It just seems that to aggregate—</p> <p><b>Mr Robinson:</b> As I said, we can get you the information.</p>	
BI-161	Bushby	Corporate	2013-14 Budget Paper No.2	The 2013-14 Budget Paper No. 2 says that savings of \$14.6 million over four years will be achieved from the rationalisation of corporate functions resulting from the transfer of the functions of the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency to the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education and the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism. Please provide a year by year break down of savings over the forward estimates and details of the how the savings were achieved.	Written question Tuesday 21 June 2013
BI-162	Di Natale	Industry and Innovation	NETS Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the independent review, requested by the National Enabling Technologies Strategy (NETS) Stakeholder Advisory Council (SAC), of the National Enabling Technology Strategy's Public Awareness and Community Engagement materials for bias and inaccuracy been completed?</li> <li>2. If yes to 1) please table all documents associated with this review, including any subsequent recommendations developed by the NETS SAC, and any responses from</li> </ol>	Written question Monday 24 June 2013

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				<p>the NETS office.</p> <p>3. If no to 2) why not?</p> <p>4. Please table the results of the Department's own 2012 review of the activities and the performance of the NETS office.</p> <p>5. Please table the Minister's response to this review, including any correspondence to SAC.</p>	
BI-163	Colbeck	Industry and Innovation	R&D Tax Concession	<p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> How many firms with a turnover of at least \$20 billion registered and qualified for financial benefits through the program?</p> <p><b>Mr Lewis:</b> I do not have that figure. I am aware that Treasury has done some modelling and I might pass the question to our policy colleagues.</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> If your question was: how many of those companies that have registered have a turnover above \$20 billion, I cannot answer that question because I do not have the registration data information before me, but the modelling that Treasury did in relation to putting a \$20 billion threshold on the R&amp;D tax incentive scheme suggested that there would be relatively few companies, fewer than 20 groups of companies, that would be affected by that. So I think the number would be small, but I do not have it in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> That would be part of the analysis we talked about a moment ago?</p> <p><b>Mr Lewis:</b> Certainly, and I think there are some major groups of companies that have non-standard accounting years and therefore will not have registered yet.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> They could still be in that R&amp;D concession cycle?</p> <p><b>Mr Lewis:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Obviously you will not know how much they have put in for claims. Do you know how many pharmaceutical businesses registered for the program?</p> <p><b>Mr Lewis:</b> No, I do not have a break down to that level of detail at the moment, I am afraid. I could take that on notice, if you wish.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK:</b> Okay....</p>	Page 30, Tuesday 4 June 2013