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10	B. Brown	12/02/2008	Conservation—Giant Tasmanian wedge-tailed eagle—Study by Forestry Tasmania and the University of Melbourne	12/02/2008	13/02/2008	317	0
30	Minchin	12/02/2008	Administration—Media-related staff	15/10/2008	16/10/2008	6295	246
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92	Allison	12/02/2008	Renewable energy—Renewable Remote Power Generation Programme	18/09/2008	18/09/2008	5179	
101	Allison	12/02/2008	<i>Measures for a Better Environment</i> package—Sustainable Cities program—National Travel Behaviour Change Project and air and petrol standards	20/03/2008	20/03/2008	1435	37
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105	Allison	12/02/2008	Port Phillip Bay channel deepening project— <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> —Environment Management Plan	12/02/2008	13/02/2008	323	0
106	Allison	12/02/2008	Port Phillip Bay channel deepening project— <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> —Research considered	25/02/2008	11/03/2008	606	13
134	Minchin	12/02/2008	Administration—Provision of information to estimates committees, including appointments to government agencies, authorities and advisory boards	30/05/2008	16/06/2008	2408	108
242	Cormann	12/02/2008	Administration—Funding cuts—Programs and services for Western Australia	25/03/2008	13/05/2008	1655	42
274	B. Brown	13/02/2008	Gunns Limited’s pulp mill—Method of electricity production	17/03/2008	17/03/2008	1057	33

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277	B. Brown	13/02/2008	Gunns Limited's pulp mill—Involvement of the Chief Scientist	17/03/2008	17/03/2008	1059	33
284	Webber	13/02/2008	Heritage—Albany Gaol/Amity Heritage Precinct	28/03/2008	13/05/2008	1666	44
290	B. Brown	20/02/2008	Indigenous Australians—Indigenous languages—Preservation	25/03/2008	13/05/2008	1676	34
299	B. Brown	21/02/2008	Gunns Limited pulp mill project—Permission to operate—Hydrodynamic modelling	24/04/2008	14/05/2008	1856	63
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372	Allison	17/03/2008	Desalination project, Wonthaggi, Victoria—Environment Effects Statement—Consideration of greenhouse emissions and other factors	24/04/2008	14/05/2008	1937	38
378	B. Brown	19/03/2008	Gunns Limited's pulp mill—Method of electricity production	23/04/2008	14/05/2008	1941	35
379	B. Brown	19/03/2008	Gunns Limited's pulp mill—Greenhouse gases—Production and potential offsets	24/04/2008	14/05/2008	1942	36
380	B. Brown	19/03/2008	Gunns Limited's pulp mill—Involvement of the Chief Scientist	24/04/2008	14/05/2008	1942	36
395	Siewert	07/04/2008	Heritage—Dampier Archipelago—Liquefied natural gas hub in the Browse Basin	13/05/2008	15/05/2008	2110	36
396	Siewert	07/04/2008	Conservation—Gas projects in the Kimberly region—Assessment under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	13/05/2008	15/05/2008	2111	36
398	Siewert	07/04/2008	Heritage—Dampier Archipelago—Approval of mining applications	21/05/2008	16/06/2008	2416	44
399	Siewert	07/04/2008	Heritage—Burrup Peninsula—Correspondence from a Western Australian resident	13/05/2008	15/05/2008	2112	36
417	Milne	16/04/2008	Building leases—Government signings including details of Australian Building Greenhouse Rating	30/05/2008	17/06/2008	2623	44
420	Milne	16/04/2008	Energy efficiency—Water and energy usage in new homes	09/07/2008	26/08/2008	3767	84
422	Siewert	22/04/2008	Conservation—Alleged breaches of environmental conditions by Great Southern Limited—Investigation and legal advice	19/05/2008	17/06/2008	2624	27

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457	Minchin	30/05/2008	Departmental engagements—Mr Christian and Ms Tara Taubenschlag—Details	14/08/2008	26/08/2008	3787	76
478	B. Brown	03/06/2008	Weld River coupe WR15F—Adjacent World Heritage Area—Protection and impact	08/07/2008	26/08/2008	3791	35
481	B. Brown	16/06/2008	Tasmania's Understorey Network—Funding	14/08/2008	26/08/2008	3797	59
488	Milne	17/06/2008	Pest and weed management—Programs	01/09/2008	01/09/2008	4256	76
509	Siewert	24/06/2008	Dingo fence at Happy Valley—Application to halt construction	31/07/2008	26/08/2008	3814	37
516	Milne	10/07/2008	Conservation covenants—Funding details and requirements	14/08/2008	26/08/2008	3817	35
518	Milne	10/07/2008	Recycling—Printer cartridges—Standards and education for disposal	25/09/2008	25/09/2008	5728	77
536	Milne	14/07/2008	Recycling—Printer cartridges—Policy and practice	04/09/2008	04/09/2008	4632	52
557	Milne	18/07/2008	Gunns Limited's pulp mill—Effluent outfall—Impact on the bottlenose dolphin and other species	01/09/2008	01/09/2008	4258	45
558	Milne	18/07/2008	Conservation—Tamar estuary—Impact of infrastructure projects on the green and gold frog	22/08/2008	27/08/2008	3975	35
596	Minchin	25/08/2008	Carbon offsets—Departmental air travel—Guidelines	14/11/2008	24/11/2008	7134	81
632	Minchin	25/08/2008	Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries office—Departmental staff—Secondment	16/10/2008	10/11/2008	6481	52
668	Minchin	25/08/2008	Overseas travel—Beijing Olympic Games—Expenses	20/02/2009	10/03/2009	1171	179
704	Minchin	25/08/2008	Overseas travel—Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries, family and departmental staff—Between July and August 2008	14/04/2009	12/05/2009	2503	232
731	Siewert	03/09/2008	Sugarloaf Pipeline proposal—Recent report findings—Reconsideration of environmental impact	15/10/2008	16/10/2008	6302	42
743	B. Brown	24/09/2008	Survival of the koala—Impact from logging—Government action	21/01/2009	03/02/2009	155	119
756	B. Brown	17/10/2008	Bargo State Conservation Area—Rezoning for the Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex—Impact on yellow-bellied glider	20/11/2008	24/11/2008	7137	34
757	B. Brown	17/10/2008	Recovery plan—Australian lungfish—Reason for non-completion	01/12/2008	02/12/2008	7939	45
767	Milne	07/11/2008	Gunns Limited pulp mill, Long Reach, Tasmania—Hydrodynamic modelling reports	06/03/2009	11/03/2009	1375	119
768	Milne	07/11/2008	Gunns Limited pulp mill—Environmental Impact Management Plan—Condition 26 and modules B and C	12/03/2009	12/03/2009	1507	125
774	Milne	07/11/2008	Gunns Limited pipeline—Impact on the green and gold frog	12/03/2009	12/03/2009	1509	125
781	B. Brown	11/11/2008	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—National Pollutant Inventory section—Funding	08/12/2008	03/02/2009	169	27
828	Milne	14/11/2008	Australian National Academy of Music—Decision to defund—Reason	05/01/2009	03/02/2009	184	52

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836	Ludlam	20/11/2008	Portfolio responsibilities—Indigenous media and broadcasting—Reason for inclusion	22/12/2008	03/02/2009	197	32
891	Ronaldson	24/11/2008	Administration—Program overspends and underspends—Top 5	28/01/2009	04/02/2009	374	65
912	Ronaldson	24/11/2008	Administration—Media monitoring—Amount spent during the 2008 calendar year	16/07/2009	11/08/2009	4589	234
935	Ronaldson	24/11/2008	Administration—Tender contracts—Details	04/06/2009	17/06/2009	3633	192
958	Ronaldson	24/11/2008	Administration—Reviews, inquiries and committees—Staffing and costs	07/08/2009	17/08/2009	5099	256
985	Ronaldson	25/11/2008	Commonwealth credit cards—Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and ministerial, departmental and agency staff	22/01/2009	03/02/2009	206	58
1019	Ronaldson	25/11/2008	Overseas travel since 25 November 2007—Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and staff—Details	30/04/2009	12/05/2009	2551	156
1044	Milne	28/11/2008	Proposed Gunns Limited pulp mill—Discharge of chlorinated dioxins and furans—Approved level	06/03/2009	11/03/2009	1377	98
1046	Siewert	02/12/2008	Solar salt mine, Western Australia—Controlled action under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999</i> —Decision	16/01/2009	03/02/2009	209	45
1047	Siewert	02/12/2008	Marine protected areas—State waters—Status	19/02/2009	10/03/2009	1210	79
1069	Abetz	03/12/2008	Portfolio programs—Overspends and underspends—Details	15/04/2009	13/05/2009	2735	133
1105	Abetz	03/12/2008	Departments and agencies—Funding	03/02/2009	05/02/2009	538	62
1173	B. Brown	16/12/2008	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area—Indigenous component—Funding	06/03/2009	11/03/2009	1378	80
1174	B. Brown	16/12/2008	Victorian desalination project, Wonthaggi—Environment Effects Statement—Effects on endangered marine animals	20/02/2009	10/03/2009	1217	66
1226	Abetz	16/01/2009	Gunns Limited pulp mill approval—Minister's announcement on 5 January 2009—Contact prior to announcement	25/02/2009	10/03/2009	1227	40
1274	Milne	05/02/2009	Gunns Limited pulp mill—Assessment process—Impact on the bottlenose dolphin and other species	14/04/2009	13/05/2009	2763	68
1278	Mason	05/02/2009	Moncrieff electorate—Funding of organisations and projects—Between 3 December 2007 and 20 January 2009	10/07/2009	11/08/2009	4589	155
1288	Ludlam	06/02/2009	Aluminium Corporation of China Limited (CHALCO)—Planned aluminium smelter in Bowen, Queensland—Consideration of greenhouse gas effects	13/03/2009	16/03/2009	1683	35
1389	Milne	11/03/2009	Richmond Bridge, Tasmania—Conservation management plan—Government action	22/04/2009	14/05/2009	2982	42
1390	Ludlam	11/03/2009	Chiang Mai Night Safari zoo—Deaths of animals—Australian native wildlife	14/04/2009	14/05/2009	2983	34
1408	Ronaldson	12/03/2009	External speechwriting services—Details of tender—2008 calendar year	14/04/2009	14/05/2009	2987	33

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1469	Cormann	31/03/2009	Gas processing plant—Western Australia’s Kimberley region—Comments made by Midnight Oil drummer Rob Hirst	30/04/2009	16/06/2009	3456	30
1478	Milne	02/04/2009	Tasmania—Forest Practices Regulations 2007 (Tas.)—Dam assessment processes	11/05/2009	16/06/2009	3466	39
1484	Ludlam	08/04/2009	Shoalwater Bay—Military exercises—Environmental damage	30/04/2009	16/06/2009	3470	22
1486	Abetz	15/04/2009	Gunns Limited pulp mill approval—Minister’s announcement on 5 January 2009—Contact prior to announcement	14/05/2009	16/06/2009	3471	29
1489	Bishop	20/04/2009	Avon Catchment Council—Salt affected areas—Funding	14/05/2009	16/06/2009	3473	24
1497	Abetz	06/05/2009	Portfolio programs—Programs which delivered an underspend in 2007-08—A Sustainable Future Tasmania - Mole Creek program	10/07/2009	11/08/2009	4603	65
1526	Minchin	18/05/2009	Legislation—Statutory reviews—Timelines	16/11/2009	18/11/2009	8291	182
1545	Cormann	19/05/2009	Caring for our Country program—Expenditure and priority funding	22/06/2009	23/06/2009	4088	34
1600	Milne	26/05/2009	Solar rebate funding—Body corporates—Eligibility	17/07/2009	11/08/2009	4632	52
1602	Milne	26/05/2009	Richmond Bridge, Tasmania—Conservation management plan—Government action	10/07/2009	11/08/2009	4633	45
1627	Abetz	29/05/2009	Administration—Infrastructure and capital works projects	21/08/2009	07/09/2009	5836	84
1665	Minchin	03/06/2009	Government websites—Advertising on search engines	10/08/2009	18/08/2009	5289	68
1705	Minchin	10/06/2009	Legislation—Redundant and potentially redundant legislation—‘Clean-up’ coordinated by the Department of Finance and Deregulation	07/08/2009	19/08/2009	5488	58
1743	Ronaldson	10/06/2009	Administration—Contracts awarded to the Boston Consulting Group and the Allen Consulting Group	17/08/2009	20/08/2009	5661	68
1821	Milne	16/06/2009	Renewable and clean energy—Minister’s speech at the Auswind 2007 conference and exhibition ‘Future Vision 2020’—Parliament House and electorate offices	18/11/2009	19/11/2009	8495	155
1824	Milne	22/06/2009	Invasive pest species—Hog Deer—Obligations under the international Ramsar agreement	03/09/2009	08/09/2009	6031	73
1829	Ludlam	26/06/2009	National Indigenous television service—Digital terrestrial mode	16/07/2009	13/08/2009	4969	20
1830	Ludlam	26/06/2009	National Indigenous television service—Sydney broadcast—Continuation after trial	16/07/2009	13/08/2009	4970	20
1889	Barnett	02/07/2009	Consultancies—Details of completed and ongoing since November 2007—Planned or budgeted for 2009 and 2010	18/09/2009	27/10/2009	7334	78
1926	Barnett	02/07/2009	Administration—Staff, hospitality, plants, water coolers, television subscriptions and government credit cards	15/10/2009	27/10/2009	7349	105
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2010	Abetz	21/07/2009	Administration—Media training undertaken since 24 November 2007	30/10/2009	16/11/2009	7950	101
2047	Ludlam	03/08/2009	Beverley Four Mile Uranium Mine—Approval decision (EPBC 2008/4252), dated 13 July 2009	18/09/2009	28/10/2009	7521	46
2056	B. Brown	11/08/2009	Endangered species—Swift parrot—Expiration of management plan	22/10/2009	29/10/2009	7719	72
2061	B. Brown	11/08/2009	World Heritage nomination—Antarctica—Government's position	17/09/2009	28/10/2009	7532	37
2067	B. Brown	13/08/2009	World heritage forest areas—Environmental impact—Repco World Rally, New South Wales	17/09/2009	28/10/2009	7536	35
2107	Cormann	17/08/2009	Administration—'Caring for our Country' program—Budget and expenditure	18/09/2009	28/10/2009	7548	32
2109	B. Brown	19/08/2009	Victorian Desalination Project—Approval—Release of documents	02/10/2009	28/10/2009	7551	44
2111	Hanson-Young	26/08/2009	Administration—Film on slavery in Algeria, <i>Stolen</i>	18/09/2009	28/10/2009	7552	23
2118	Boswell	08/09/2009	Proposed East Marine Bioregional Plan—Management of the plan	15/10/2009	28/10/2009	7558	37
2119	Boswell	08/09/2009	Proposed East Marine Bioregional Plan—Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting	12/10/2009	28/10/2009	7560	34
2120	Boswell	08/09/2009	Proposed Coral Sea Heritage Park—Management of the plan	21/10/2009	29/10/2009	7726	43
2121	Boswell	08/09/2009	Proposed East Marine Bioregional Plan—Economic and social impact	12/10/2009	29/10/2009	7727	34
2122	Boswell	08/09/2009	Proposed East Marine Bioregional Plan and Coral Sea Heritage Park—Meetings	12/10/2009	29/10/2009	7728	34
2144	Ronaldson	10/09/2009	Administration—Ministerial letterhead and postage—Costs to the department	11/12/2009	02/02/2010	174	92
2181	Ronaldson	14/09/2009	Administration—2008-09 financial year—Resources provided by the home department	02/03/2010	09/03/2010	1432	169
2232	Abetz	16/09/2009	Administration—Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries—Websites	18/12/2009	02/02/2010	200	93
2361	B. Brown	25/09/2009	Koala habitat—Cathedral Drive section of the New England Highway, Queensland—Land clearing	28/10/2009	18/11/2009	8314	33
2369	B. Brown	06/10/2009	Queensland lungfish—Recovery plan	16/11/2009	18/11/2009	8315	41
2375	B. Brown	21/10/2009	Proposed high voltage power line—Dumaresq to Lismore	14/12/2009	03/02/2010	370	54
2384	Ludlam	27/10/2009	Cannes Film Festival, 2009—Attendance by Screen Australia—Cost	18/11/2009	19/11/2009	8506	22
2386	Ludlam	28/10/2009	Fiona Stanley hospital site, Murdoch, Western Australia—Variation to original approval	18/11/2009	19/11/2009	8507	21
2420	Siewert	19/11/2009	Browse Basin oil and gas industry—Plan for a major port at Derby by the Western Australian Government	12/01/2010	04/02/2010	608	54
2424	B. Brown	19/11/2009	Jobs Fund Scheme—Notification of announcements to an Australian Greens senator	11/01/2010	04/02/2010	611	53

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2591	Siewert	02/02/2010	Browse Basin oil and gas exploration—Involvement of PTTEP Australasia Limited	02/03/2010	09/03/2010	1453	28