QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Broad Topic	Senator	Question	Hansard/ Ref
1	3	MRI Licence for Port Macquarie	Williams	a) At the time of the annoucement of an MRI licence for Port Imaging Pty Ltd, was the company operating a facility? b) On what grounds was the licence accredited to Port Imaging Pty Ltd, and were all criteria met? c) What were the criteria for the licence?d) Were there any discrepancies in the application details that warranted further investigation? e) Is the Department aware of any move to sell the licence? f) How does the Department justify the granting of a second MRI licence to Port Macquarie when a larger nearby centre, Taree, has none? g) When will the next round of MRI licences be announced?	Written QoN
2	4	EACH Package	Williams	A person reassessed by ACAT is now eligible for an EACH D package which is \$8.90 a day (17 hours care per week). However, the service provider now claims travel from this package and the visits have been cut to one day a week, where previously on the short term care package they were receiving two service daily plus housekeeping. a) Can the Department clarify why a person in this situation is now worse off? b) Why are travel expenses taken from a package that is designed to help the client?	Written QoN
3	0	Annual Reports	Smith	Can the Department please provide the date that the Departments, and all associated agencies, Annual Report was tabled in Parliament for the last four years.	Written QoN
4	4	Aged Care Funding Instrument	Smith	Can the Department provide a copy of the full minutes of all meetings of the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) Monitoring Group?	Written QoN
5	4	Aged Care Funding	Smith	Can the Department please provide a list of aged care facilities in Western Australia that have been paid the viability supplement?	Written QoN
6	4	Aged Care ACAR	Smith	The 2011-12 DoHA Annual Report notes that the 2011 ACAR was the fourth in a row in which aged care places have been under allocated. a) Can the Department please provide a breakdown for Western Australia of the number of places available, and the number of places allocated over the past four years? Can the Department please provide this information by Aged Care Planning Region. b) What action is the Department undertaking to ensure access to residential aged care services in regional and remote areas, especially in Western Australia?	Written QoN
7	1	Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	You released draft dietary guidelines for consultation between December 2011 and February 2012, and I want to to touch on some of those. How much funding has been allocated to revise the Australian dietary guidelines?	CA 41 - 17/10/2012
8	1	Hepatitis C	Di Natale	I am particularly interested in the National Hepatitis C Strategy - in particular, the issues around increasing access to clinical care for people with chronic Hepatitis C, on page 10 of the document. It includes one specific indicator around the proportion of people with chronic Hepatitis C who are dispensed drugs for their infection through the section 100 program. Do we have numbers on how many people have been treated in the past 12 months and whether there has been an increase?	CA 33 - 17/10/2012
9	1	Hepatitis C	Di Natale	Are any specific measures being undertaken at the moment to ensure that patients with Hepatitis C get better access to antiviral treatments?	CA 34 - 17/10/2012
10	1	Communicable Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund	Fierravanti-Wells	Please take on notice the terms of those funding agreements - the length and range of amounts provided. Do you have any indication for the timing of future funding rounds?	CA 35 - 17/10/2012

11	14	Health Protection Fund	Fierravanti-Wells	There has been some movement of those programs but can I take it that the subprogram remain as set out on page 335 under the Health Protection Fund. Please also provide information on the 10 subprograms under Health Protection Fund.	CA 60 - 17/10/2012
12	14	Antimicrobial Resistance	Di Natale	Question relates to the 2003 strategy on antibiotic resistance. Has any evaluation been done of the strategy that was produced by the department?	CA 60 - 17/10/2012
13	14	Antimicrobial Resistance	Di Natale	The strategy said in particular that progress reports would be done regularly, with updates given to the expert committee, EGAR. Can you fill me in on when the last report was and whether those reports are publicly available?	CA 60 - 17/10/2012
14	14	Antimicrobial Resistance	Di Natale	Is the strategy still active, or is it defunct? What status does it have? If it is inactive, what are the reasons for that?	CA 60 - 17/10/2012
15	1	Cancellation of Dextropropoxyphen on the ARTG (Aspen Pharmaceuticals)	Di Natale	a) How much work is involved for the TGA in terms of prosecuting this case? b) Can you put a dollar value on the resources it has consumed, including the costs of counsel?	CA 23 - 17/10/2012
16	1	Antimicrobial resistance	Di Natale	What has the TGA done to implement recommendation No. 9 in the JETACAR report - specifically: a) The inclusion of microbial resistance safety data, including the propensity for promoting resistance and cross-resistance as a basic requirement of the assessment of all new antibiotics by the TGA; b) The implementation of a definition by a recognised authority of the threshold rates of resistance to human antibiotics and the circumstances in which usage should be investigated and mitigation procedures implemented; and c) The inclusion of national human antibiotic resistance prevalence data in the product information, with a regular update every five years. Provide, in detail, a response to each of these individual points outlined in recommendation No. 9.	CA 24 - 17/10/2012
17	1	TGA Finances	Fierravanti-Wells	For 2011-12, was there an operating surplus amount? Was there an amount last year?	CA 29 - 17/10/2012
18	1	Licensing and surveillance audits	Fierravanti-Wells	Could you explain the process for licensing and for surveillance audits, including: a) The types of products that are involved; b) The actual number of products audited in a given year; c) The time frames, including the variety of those time frames (if there are audits and delays that can affect product sponsors and consumer safety, how do you deal with that?); and d) How long it is now taking?	CA 29 - 17/10/2012
19	1	Intragam	Fierravanti-Wells	In regard to a product called Intragam: a) Have you had any issues pertaining to contamination in relation to that product? b) If you have had issues in relation to any contamination, provide the details in relation to the batch numbers?	CA 30 - 17/10/2012

20	2	PBS	Heffernan	At Budget Estimates on 15 February 2012, the Secretary of DOHA responded that the government is "vigorously" pursuing monies owed to the Commonwealth for the costs sustained by the PBS in relation to the delayed PBS listing of clopidogrel. The government's intention was further confirmed in the Federal Budget announcement on 8 May 2012 under the Budget line item labelled "PBS - funding for legal action seeking compensation" - no \$ amount was specified. a) Can you confirm that this item refers to monies the Commonwealth expects to receive from recovery of monies owed to it due to an undertaking provided to the courts by the pharmaceutical company supplying Plavix that was granted an interlocutory injunction and delayed the PBS listing of generic clopidogrel? b) Is the government actively pursuing these monies? d) What is the process to recover these monies? e) What amount of monies does the government expect to recover? f) When does the government expect to recover these monies? g) Can you confirm that the government is also pursuing the recovery of monies owed to it due to an undertaking providing the recovery of monies owed to it due to an undertaking provided to the courts by the pharmaceutical an interlocutory injunction and delayed the PBS listing of generic clopidogrel? b) Is the government actively pursuing these monies? d) What is the process to recover these monies? e) What amount of monies does the government expect to recover? f) When does the government expect to recover these monies? g) Can you confirm that the government is also pursuing the recovery of monies owed to it due to an undertaking provided to the courts by the pharmaceutical company supplying Efexor that was granted an interlocutory injunction and delayed the PBS listing of generic venlafaxine?	Written QoN
21	1	ANPHA Programs	Fierravanti-Wells	Could you please take on notice to provide a list of all your current programs and initiatives and those which are going over to the forward estimates?	CA 49 - 17/10/2012
22	1	Community Sponsorship Fund	Fierravanti-Wells	Could you take on notice to provide details of when funds were committed and which of those funds have already been spent?	CA 50 - 17/10/2012
23	1	Community Sponsorship Fund	Fierravanti-Wells	In relation to the information you were talking about for the agreements - why don't you just provide it to me with a list of sporting organisations separate. Then provide me with a list of the various agreements and then the broad range of activities within those agreements, so you do not identify the agreement with the organisation.	CA 53 - 17/10/2012
24	1	TGA	Xenophon	The ABC's 7.30 program aired a story on health concerns relating to the use of vaginal mesh. The FDA raised significant concerns about the use of this product in 2008, and issued a warning about it in 2011. At the time, the TGA stated in media reports that it was 'urgently raising it with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists'. a) During the hearing, officers of the TGA indicated that the response had been published recently. Was it always the intent to publish the report at this date, or was the publication the result of the media coverage? b) The TGA has received much criticism about the time periods involved in dealing with information and informing the public - this was the subject of specific recommendations in both committee inquiries. Does the TGA acknowledge these problems and what is being done to address these issues? c) Are any measures currently in place? When the Australian reported on the increase in PIP ruptures, the article stated "The TGA did not respond to a request for comment yesterday". Is this consistent with the TGA's attitude to communication with the public?	Written QoN
25	1	TGA	Xenophon	a) In relation to the previous Senate inquiries, what progress has the TGA made in addressing the recommendations specific to the TGA? b) Does the TGA see this as a priority? If so, what resources are being dedicated to doing so? c) Can the TGA provide a general timeline for implementation?	Written QoN

26	1	TGA	Xenophon	During the hearing, officers of the TGA also stated that Australia had received recognition for its early action in relation to the ASR hip device. As covered in the Senate inquiry into medical devices, the ASR manufacturer implemented a training program for surgeons to reduce the complications occurring with the device. This training program was attributed by Dr Rohan Hammett to a reduction in use of the device; however NJRR data showed that the most significant decline in use was in 2007, before the training program was introduced. The committee report also notes minutes from the OEWG, which state that the manufacturer later approached the TGA when 'the revision rate [was] no longer acceptable'. The manufacturer then withdrew the device. a) Does the TGA acknowledge the above information, as described and referenced in the committee report, is correct? Dr Kelly stated: "The actions that we took I think set a standard around the world for the use of the registries as a way of performing post-market decision-making for regulators." (Emphasis added) b) Given that attempts to mitigate problems with the ASR, and its eventual withdrawal, can be attributed to the manufacturer, can the TGA acknowledge that, in this instance, it is inappropriate for the TGA to claim that they were the ones to 'set a standard' when they did not in fact take any significant action? d) If so, will the TGA acknowledge and correct their statement in the hearings?	Written QoN
27	1	TGA	Xenophon	Dr Gill said: "If you put information out there for anything where there was a potential issue, you would scare a lot of people where it is not appropriate." This attitude was addressed during the Senate inquiry into PIP breast implants, and the committee was quite critical of the TGA's decision not to provide information on the data it was seeking and discussions it was having with other regulators and related parties. This lack of information led many consumers to believe the TGA was lagging behind other regulators, or that it was 'hiding something'. a) Given this, why does the TGA still have this attitude towards communication with the public? b) Is this patriarchal attitude appropriate in the age of modern communication?	Written QoN
28	1	TGA	Xenophon	In the TGA's response on the mesh story on the ABC 7.30 program, it stated: The relevant Clinical Advisory Group (UPCAG) are aware of the concerns around these products and any new sponsors seeking to list mesh products on the PL are being asked to provide published and peer reviewed clinical evidence with at least 12 months of follow up data to support their application. During the hearing, it was established that there is not a one-to-one relationship between reimbursement and data collection, but it was not established whether the requirement for published and peer reviewed clinical evidence over 12 months applied to the mesh that is now in question. Was there a 12-month published process before it was approved for use or reimbursement?	Written QoN
29	1	TGA	Xenophon	The statement from Johnson & Johnson in relation to urogynaecologic mesh stated that the decision to discontinue these products was based on their commercial viability in light of changing market dynamics and is not related to safety or efficacy. Does the TGA agree that the device is safe and effective?	Written QoN

30	1	Senate Inquiry into Medical Devices	Xenophon	The Government's response to recommendation 15 also indicates that the Government will be working with the TGA on a review of the processes in place regarding communication with relevant groups, including the general community. a) Can the department provide more information on this review? b) When is it likely to be completed and any findings implemented? c) Will the recent reports of increases in PIP implant ruptures and problems with the use of vaginal mesh - neither of which have resulted in additional comment from the TGA - change the timeline for this review? d) In response to recommendation 17, the Government states that Australia is participating in a worldwide study of patients who have received the ASR hips. Can the department provide more information on this study? e) In relation to the Government's response to recommendation 18, can the department explain why voluntary codes of conduct for practitioners are considered robust? f) Can the department provide any information on when the government may issue a response to the committee inquiry into PIP breast implants?	Written QoN
31	1	Senate Inquiry into Medical Devices	Xenophon	The department recently released a Regulation Impact Statement into the establishment of clinical registers for medical devices. a) Can the department indicate what the next steps in this process will be? b) What timeline is in place? c) Will there be direct consultation with industry?	Written QoN
32	1	Plain Packaging	Xenophon	In relation to the plain packaging legislation, can the department provide any information on whether contingencies have been included for small retailers? There are concerns that some retailers may not have a high enough stock turnover to have only plain packaging by the required date, and that they may lose out as tobacco companies will not accept returns of inappropriately packaged stock.	Written QoN
33	3	MRI Scans	Xenophon	The current Medicare Benefit Schedule item relating to breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging scans is only applicable for women who are under 50 years old, who are asymptomatic for breast cancer but who are at high risk of developing breast cancer due to family history or genetic mutation. Therefore women who are over 50 and who have a history of breast cancer do not qualify for a Medicare rebate for breast MRI scans. a) Can the Department advise the rationale behind excluding this high-risk category of women from being eligible for Medicare rebates for breast MRI scans? b) What is the status of the Medical Services Advisory Commission's review of the MBS funded items relating to breast MRI scans? c) I understand mammograms are not as effective at detecting tumours in women with dense breast tissue or heavy scarring due to multiple surgeries. Can the Department advise whether doctors are required to inform women with the abovementioned characteristics of the potential inadequacy of mammograms in detecting tumours?	Written QoN
34	1	NHMRC	Back	Acknowledging that the NHMRC has not yet received any funding applications, as per these recommendations, has the NHMRC allocated [put aside] funding for this research?	Written QoN
35	1	Wind Turbines	Back	Has the NHMRC announced the effects of wind turbines on human health as a priority research area? If not, why not?	Written QoN
36	1	Wind Farms	Back	a) The NHMRC has appointed an expert panel, the Wind Farms and Human Health Reference Group. Were members of this review panel required by the NHMRC to sign confidentiality agreements? b) In the interests of public transparency, why is this required? c) Will the NHMRC please provide the Committee with a copy of the confidentiality agreements?	Written QoN

37	1	Wind Turbines	Back	a) Is the NHMRC aware that NASA reported that modern upwind bladed wind turbines emitted infrasound and low frequency noise in 1989? b) Is the NHMRC aware that subsequent acoustic surveys showed the same presence of infrasound eg Van den Berg in 2004? c) Is the NHMRC aware that infrasound and low frequency noise have now been measured inside the homes of people with symptoms of adverse health effects by independent acousticians in NSW, SA and Victoria?	Written QoN
38	1	Infrasound	Back	Is the NHMRC aware of the United States National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Literature review of the effects of Infrasound in 2001 which lists numerous consequences of infrasound exposure, especially chronic exposure, and which makes it clear there is a need for further research?	Written QoN
39	1	Wind Farms	Back	Is the NHMRC aware of the report done for the British Department of the Environment Food and Rural Affairs by Professor Leventhall, which was a well regarded authoritative reference concerning the adverse impacts of low frequency noise on human health?	Written QoN
40	1	Rapid Review	Back	Can the NHMRC explain why the Rapid Review did not contain any of the above references which were available prior to July 2010?	Written QoN
41	1	Rapid Review	Back	What steps did the NHMRC take to determine the independence of the two peer reviewers it chose for the Rapid Review, being Professor Geoffrey Leventhall and Professor Simon Chapman? Is the NHMRC aware that Professor Leventhall has worked extensively with the wind industry in the UK, the US and Canada, and given expert evidence for wind developers?	Written QoN
42	1	Wind Turbine Syndrome	Back	Is the NHMRC aware that Professor Leventhall has admitted that he has known of the symptoms of "wind turbine	Written QoN
43	1	Wind Turbines	Back	Is the NHMRC aware of Dr Daniel Shepherd's paper published a year ago in the peer reviewed journal Noise and Health which confirmed that sleep deprivation and adverse health quality of life were present in the neighbours of wind turbines compared to other rural residents?	Written QoN
44	1	Wind Turbines	Back	The NHMRC Public Statement and the Rapid Review are still being used to deny the health effects of wind turbines, not just across Australia but in the USA, Canada, Europe and New Zealand. This statement and the Rapid Review are still live on the NHMRC website. Public Statement: There is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link wind turbines with adverse health effects. http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/_files_nhmrc/publications/attachments/new0048_public_statement_wind_turbines_a nd_health.pdf This web page is dangerous in its current form, in that people around the world are given critical information regarding human health that is out of date and in fact is now proving to be wrong. Rapid Review: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/_files_nhmrc/publications/attachments/new0048_evidence_review_wind_turbines_a nd_health.pdf In light of the recent peer reviewed published scientific literature, is the NHMRC concerned that the Public Statement and Rapid Review are still being used by wind developers, and state health, planning and noise regulatory authorities to deny health effects of wind turbines? If the NHMRC is not concerned, why is that so, given its brief is to improve human health and, if not to improve it, then at least to protect it?	Written QoN

45	1	Wind Turbines	Back	a) John Maynard Keynes is famous, among other things, for saying "When my information changes, I alter my conclusions. What do you do, sir?" The information about the causal link between adverse health effects and excessive low frequency turbine noise has now changed, what does the NHMRC propose doing with the current Public Statement between now and when the revised Public Statement will be published on the website in April 2013? b) Has the NHMRC sought legal counsel in relation to liability for the Public Statement and Rapid Review still being live on the NHMRC website?	Written QoN
46	1	Wind Turbines	Back	a) Referring to the comment by Professor Anderson in relation to Professor Chapman, "He is an employee of the University of Sydney and not of the NHMRC." Did the NHMRC pay Professor Chapman to edit, audit or peer-review the Rapid Review? b) Does the NHMRC endorse the public statements made by Professor Chapman asserting, without proof and contrary to the evidence and current research, that the adverse health effects reported consistently around the country, including sleep deprivation, are the product of "scaremongering" and the "nocebo effect", as he calls it. c) These statements are repeated in the recent New Scientist article authored by him. Specifically with reference to Professor Chapman as a peer-reviewer of the Rapid Review, is the NHMRC prepared to issue a public statement challenging and correcting Professor Chapman's assertions? d) If the NHMRC is not prepared to challenge the unproven assertions made by Professor Chapman is the NHMRC prepared to explain why it is not prepared to do so? e) Would the NHMRC also please explain what qualifies Professor Chapman to peer-review or speak on the topic at all, given that he has no qualifications in medicine or acoustics and has not bothered to speak to victims of excessive turbine noise?	Written QoN
47	5	GP Assist Tasmania & Tas Medicare Local	Bushby	Would the Minister confirm that Medicare Locals are able to make their own decisions on after-hours care service	Written QoN
48	5	GP Assist Tasmania & Tas Medicare Local	Bushby	Is there any impediment to Tasmania maintaining a fully integrated after-hours health care model as is currently provided following the transition to the Tasmanian Medicare Local taking over responsibility for after-hours health care after June 30 2013?	Written QoN
49	5	GP Assist Tasmania & Tas Medicare Local	Bushby	Can Tasmania be released from the requirement to utilise the healthdirect nurse triage service? Would the Minister approve excluding Tasmania from the provisions of the Commonwealth/State Funding Agreement relating to the use of healthdirect, if requested to do so by the Tasmanian Government?	Written QoN
50	5	GP Assist Tasmania & Tas Medicare Local	Bushby	Can the Minister confirm that the current GP Assist Tasmania combined nurse and GP triage service is widely acknowledged as the most cost effective and best model of after-hours health care available?	Written QoN
51	5	GP Assist Tasmania & Tas Medicare Local	Bushby	Further, is the Minister aware that an independent analysis conducted by national accounting firm BDO concluded	Written QoN
52	5	GP Assist Tasmania & Tas Medicare Local	Bushby	Is the Minister aware of the potential impact on recruiting and retaining GPs in rural and remote areas in Tasmania if the current combined model is abandoned and GPs are required to provide increased after-hours service?	Written QoN

53	5	GP Super Clinics - Primary Health Care Infrastructure Grants for Sorell and Brighton	Bushby	With regard to the Primary Health Care Infrastructure Grants for Sorell and Brighton and the surrounding region of Tasmania: a) Who are the recipients of that particular grant? b) How much have they each been awarded? c) Have they taken receipt of the grant funds? d) What kinds of conditions are tied to the grant? e) What are/will the medical centres be called? f) Has the community of Sorell directly received any financial assistance? g) Has Sorell Integrated Health repaid the \$2.5 million originally set aside for the Sorell GP Super Clinic?	Written QoN
54	5	GP Super Clinics - Tasmania's three GP Super Clinics	Bushby	Could you please detail for each of Tasmania's GP Super Clinics (Clarence, Burnie and Devonport): a) The number of services provided at each clinic and a breakdown of how many were GP services and allied services b) How many presentations at each clinic? c) How many Full Time GPs are practising at each clinic? d) How many female GP's does each clinic have? e) How many male GP's does each clinic have? f) What are the operating hours of each clinic? g) Can you please detail the out of hours services provided by each clinic? h) What teaching opportunities exist for nursing, allied health and medical students at each clinic? i) How many placements has each clinic had? j) What proportion of patients are bulk billed? k) Do the clinics offer home visits? If so, which ones and are records available to outline how many visits have taken place? I) Has any of the three Tasmanian clinics received additional funding over and above that which was originally allocated?	Written QoN
55	5	GP Super Clinics - Consan Report	Bushby	With regard to the report conducted by Consan Consultants examining the first tranche of GP Super Clinics: a) Were any of the Clarence, Burnie or Devonport GP Super Clinics included in the six GP Super Clinics that 'were outside the criteria for value for money'? b) If yes, what were the reasons given?	Written QoN
56	1	Australian National Radiation Dose Registe	Ludlam	What proportion of the total number of workers in the NT who you would expect to end up on the register is 500? - Half? More than half?	CA 40 - 17/10/2012
57	Whole of Portfolio	Corporate	Siewert	a) How many funding agreements were issued by your department in the FY 2011/12? b) What was the total value of the grants provided? c) How many of those funding agreements were provided to the same entity on more than occasion in that period?d) Of the total number of funding agreements with NFP entities - how many required the grants to be acquitted with an audited financial statement? e) What factor or factors are used to determine whether a particular grant requires a financial acquittal with an audited financial statement? f) In relation to these grants how much money is spent on audited financial statements? g) Does a grant that has been acquitted with an audited financial statement improve the quality of the outcomes sought from the grant? If so, how? h) Are grant recipients expected to bear the cost of compliance and reporting obligations or are these provided for in the grant? i) There are a range of compliance and reporting obligations stipulated in funding agreements used to monitor the delivery of outcomes from a grant. Has your department costed those obligations and if so what inputs are included in the calculation? j) Is there an Act or regulation that the Department could cite that states the requirement to acquit a government grant using an audited financial statement? k) The EM to the ACNC Bill (p4) states that the Bill establishes a new regulatory framework for the sector. It also states that the sector's new regulatory system will establishe a 'report-once, use-often' reporting framework. What work has been done in the Department to enable sharing of corporate/governance information between it and the ACNC? I) Given the Department's relationship to the sector via its grants process, what actions has the Department taken to introduce a 'report-once, use-often' framework for information collected from NFP entities in relation to the application for, reporting on and acquittal of grants?	Written QoN

58	1	FSANZ - GMO	Siewert	Can you confirm that, in May 2013, FSANZ anticipates approval of food derived from herbicide-tolerant Soybean DAS-44406-6? (If approved, 2,4-D tolerant GM soy could be present, unlabelled, in infant formula and other processed food). Will FSANZ halt the approval process for herbicide-tolerant Soybean DAS-44406-6 while independent safety studies are undertaken ?	Written QoN
59	1	FSANZ - GMO	Siewert	In August 2011 FSANZ approved 2,4-D tolerant GM corn line DAS-40278-9. Is it true that this corn escapes labelling and may be included in high fructose corn syrup and starches?	Written QoN
60	1	Women's Health Works Village Program	Siewert	With regards to the Women's Health Works 'Village Program', is it correct that the project could not be funded to operate in the Northern Suburbs of Perth using program funds provided to Women Health and Family Services? If yes, please state why this is the case.	Written QoN
61	2	Approval for Aboriginal Health Service (AHS) to supply PBS	Siewert	When will we receive a response to the Recommendations of the Community Affairs Reference Committee Inquiry into PBS arrangements for Aboriginal Health Services?	Written QoN
62	2	Approval for Aboriginal Health Service (AHS) to supply PBS	Siewert	What actions would need to be taken for an AHS being able to obtain an Approval to Supply PBS medicines to its clients using a Section 94 Approval - normally restricted to hospitals?	Written QoN
63	11	Better Access	Wright	In past Estimates, your Department has indicated that a number of programs are being progressed to fill the likely need for services that will be caused by Better Access changes coming into effect on 1 January 2013. These programs include: -Partners in Recovery; -Support for Day to Day Living; -The Personal Helpers and Mentors Program; -The Mental Health Nurses Incentive Program; and -The Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Care program. a) Can you please provide an update on how these programs are being progressed to fill the need for services as of 1 January 2013? b) Are all of these programs focussed on providing assistance to people experiencing severe and persistent mental illness? c) In addition to those programs, what other strategies are being put in place to respond to the likely need for services as a result of the Better Access changes coming into effect on 1 January 2013?	Written QoN
64	11	Better Access	Wright	 a) Is there any strategy or program in place for ensuring a transition between the Better Access program and other programs that provide treatment and assistance to people experiencing a severe and persistent mental illness? b) For example, what happens once the ten treatment sessions under Better Access are used up and the client is still suffering a severe mental illness? c) How is that client connected or referred to alternative services? d) Is there an evaluation that occurs after the ten sessions are completed to ascertain whether further support and assistance is required to treat the client and assist with their recovery? e) If not, then what happens and where do they go? 	Written QoN
65	11	National Suicide Prevention Strategy	Wright	Please detail the progress of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. For example, what are its main objectives; is there an overall framework or strategy document that is publicly available; what are the main programs that fall under the strategy and has its overall effectiveness been evaluated?	Written QoN
66	11	National Suicide Prevention Strategy	Wright	Please provide details of the cost of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy over the past three years (2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and over forward estimates).	Written QoN
67	11	National Suicide Prevention Strategy	Wright	Over the past three years, what component of the total cost of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy has been directed towards specific rural or remote based suicide prevention initiatives (please provide both numerical and percentage values)?	Written QoN
68	11	National Recovery-Oriented Mental Health Practice Framework	Wright	a) Can you please describe the purpose of the National Recovery-Oriented Mental Health Practice Framework? b) Can you please describe the progress of the implementation of this Framework? c) What is the total cost of implementing this Framework over forward estimates? d) How much funding was allocated to the Framework in the last budget (2012/2013)?	Written QoN

69	11	Coordination between homelessness and mental health services	Wright	a) What programs are provided and/or funded by the Commonwealth government that are targeted at ensuring coordination between homelessness and mental health services? b) What was the total cost of these programs over the past three years (2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012)?	Written QoN
70	11	National Disability Insurance Scheme and Mental Health	Wright	Will the NDIS cover mental health? If so, please explain how it will do this?	Written QoN
71	11	National Disability Insurance Scheme and Mental Health	Wright	Please explain when the NDIS will be implemented and what this implementation will look like (i.e. please explain how any pilot projects will work, how the scheme will be funded, its cost over forward estimates and how it will be phased in throughout Australia), particularly regarding its coverage of mental health.	Written QoN
72	11	National Disability Insurance Scheme and Mental Health	Wright	How much money under the NDIS will be directed towards providing mental health care and services?	Written QoN
73	11	Interpreters	Wright	a) Does the Commonwealth government fund interpreters for mental health consumers for whom English is a second language? b) If so, what is the annual cost to the Commonwealth of funding interpreters for mental health consumers for whom English is a second language? c) Please list the programs and initiatives that receive this funding.	Written QoN
74	11	Mindhealthconnect	Wright	Could the Department give a general update on the operation of mindhealthconnect since launch. In this update, please provide site analytics including total visitor numbers (including trends over time), the demographics of users, average time spent on the website per user, most popular features of the website, and how these statistics are collected and calculated.	Written QoN
75	11	Mindhealthconnect	Wright	Does the Department consider that the mindhealthconnect website has met expectations, underperformed, or exceeded expectations? Please give reasons for response.	Written QoN
76	11	Mindhealthconnect	Wright	a) What is the total amount that has been spent on the mindhealthconnect website since launch. Please break down figures into cost of design and building the website, and ongoing costs for maintenance. Please also give details of ongoing costs of maintaining the mindhealthconnect website over forward estimates. b) Considering the uptake of the mindhealthconnect website since launch, the trends in use and the ongoing costs of maintaining the website, would the Department consider this website as delivering value for money?	Written QoN
77	11	Telephone Counselling, Self-Help and Web-Based Support Programme Funding	Wright	a) The call for proposals for the Telephone Counselling, Self-Help and Web-Based Support Programme (Open Round) closed some months ago. How many proposals did the Department receive? b) How many of these proposals have received funding? c) How much, in both dollar terms and percentage, of the program funding has been committed? d) Please outline which programs have been allocated funding and how much each has received. e) Please provide a timetable and plan for how the Department intends to distribute uncommitted funds.	Written QoN

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78	11	Complex Trauma and Health	Wright	We believe that the Practice Guidelines for Treatment of Complex Trauma and Trauma Informed Care and Service Delivery have been released and that Minister Butler will be launching them at Parliament House on October 29th It is our understanding that these guidelines set the standards for clinical as well as organisational responsiveness to complex trauma. a) As complex trauma clients make up the vast majority of those presenting to mental health services will the government be providing ongoing funding to ASCA (Adults Surviving Child Abuse), the organisation which developed the guidelines to put the research from the guidelines into practice? b) What specifically is being done in terms of GP training for screening, identification and appropriately addressing complex trauma presentations? c) I understand that currently few GPs or primary care physicians screen for childhood trauma and yet the many causes of childhood trauma have marked impacts on both physical and mental health. d) What measures is the government taking to embed a trauma informed approach to care concurrently with a recovery oriented approach? e) I understand that there is currently no telephone or web service for adults who have experienced complex trauma. Does the Department plan to fill this gap so those who have experienced complex trauma. Does the Department plan to fill this gap so those who have experienced complex trauma and economically in terms of lost productivity and crisis intervention does the Department consider this area a policy and funding priority? g) What strategies have the Department implemented, or is considering implementing, in terms of improving the outcomes of complex trauma survivors, with training for health professionals in this area and for organisations and workers?	Written QoN
79	11	Mental Health: Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package	Wright	In the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package, \$60 million was committed to 'Boosting non-clinical support services'. Please outline which services and programs were funded, how much each service received per financial year, and what the additional funding equates to in terms of additional capacity of services for each program listed.	Written QoN
80	11	Mental Health: Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package	Wright	\$6.1 million of funding was allocated to provide training to frontline community workers in 40 regions in Australia. Please list all regions which have received funding for training, how much funding was allocated to each region, a description of the training that was provided for each region, and how many people received training in each region.	Written QoN
81	11	Mental Health: Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package	Wright	a) Could the Department give a progress report on beyondblue's men's mental health and suicide awareness campaigns, which received \$9 million funding to benefit high-risk groups, including single men, fathers, older men, the unemployed, rural and Indigenous men. b) Can the Department outline what the key performance measurements were for these campaigns, account for how these funds were spent and how these funds benefited the specific high-risk groups outlined?	Written QoN
82	11	Mental Health: Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package	Wright	What proportion of the 1700 primary schools which received additional funding under the \$19.6 million allocated to expanding the KidsMatter program are located in (i) a regional community, (ii) a rural community, (iii) a remote community.	Written QoN

83	11	Mental Health: Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package	Wright	\$22.3 million was allocated to expanding online mental health and counselling services. It was approximated that this investment would see 40,000 people benefit from online treatment. Since the allocation of these funds, and the expansion of these services, how many people have benefited from the expansion of online mental health services? How are these figures collected and calculated? If there is a disparity, how can the Department account for this disparity, and how does the Department intend on addressing this?	Written QoN
84	11	Mental Health Services in Rural Areas	Wright	In answers to estimates questions on notice from the Budget Estimates 2012-2013, the answer to question E12- 196 from the Department states "the 2011-12 Budget Delivering National Mental Health Reform package comprises a number of national initiatives. Many of these initiatives will provide services to rural areas, but it is not possible to accurately determine the amount of funding dedicated to rural mental health services under this package." Why is this the case? How, then, does the Department measure or assess whether mental health services are reaching rural and remote areas of Australia?	Written QoN
85	11	Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas Program	Wright	Please provide breakdown of how the \$32million for MHSRRA was distributed amongst services (ie how much went to each service/state/territory)? Is this the only mental health program in rural areas that is funded by the commonwealth government? If not, can you please list the other specific rural mental health programs and initiatives funded by the commonwealth government and the total cost of these programs and initiatives over the past three years and for forward estimates.	Written QoN
86	Whole of Portfolio	Staffing	Воусе	a) How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? c) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written QoN
87	Whole of Portfolio	Staffing	Воусе	a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? c) How many contract staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?	Written QoN
88	Whole of Portfolio	Staffing	Воусе	a) How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? b) How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? c) How many contract staff left were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? What is the average length of their employment period?	Written QoN
89	Whole of Portfolio	Staffing	Воусе	a) Are there any plans for staff reduction? 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. b) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written QoN

90	Whole of Portfolio	Making the Public Service More Efficient	Воусе	a) Please detail how the department/agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html). In addition, please provide the following detail: b) How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? c) What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? d) How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced? How will this impact on the Department/agency? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? e) How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? f) How will printing costs be reduced? Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not? How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written QoN
91	Whole of Portfolio	Recruitment Costs	Boyce	a) How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-12? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? b) Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. c) How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising?	Written QoN
92	Whole of Portfolio	Printing Costs	Воусе	a) How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? b) How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online? c) Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost? d) How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? e) How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written QoN
93	Whole of Portfolio	Graduate Recruitment	Воусе	a) How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. b) Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written QoN
94	Whole of Portfolio	Staffing	Воусе	How much is estimated to be spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training is to be provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written QoN

95	Whole of Portfolio	Government Advertising	Воусе	a) What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? b) Is the advertising campaign or non- campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. e) 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. f) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. g) What advertising - Campaign and Non- Campaign - and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written QoN
96	Whole of Portfolio	Government Advertising	Воусе	a) What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12? b) Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising item. e) 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. f) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services that was undertaken in 2011-12.	Written QoN
97	Whole of Portfolio	Hospitality and Entertainment	Воусе	a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. for each event. for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?	Written QoN

98	Whole of Portfolio	Hospitality and Entertainment	Воусе	a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written QoN
99	1	Board Appointments	Воусе	a) List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? c) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written QoN
100	1	Board Appointments	Воусе	a) List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011-12. b) What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011-12?	Written QoN
101	Whole of Portfolio	Freedom of Information	Воусе	a) Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b) What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? c) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?	Written QoN
102	Whole of Portfolio	Community Cabinet Meetings	Воусе	a) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. b) 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 date and location. c) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written QoN
103	Whole of Portfolio	Community Cabinet Meetings	Воусе	a) How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location. b) How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 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 date and location. c) What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12?	Written QoN
104	Whole of Portfolio	Reviews	Воусе	For this financial year to date: a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? g) What reviews are planned? h) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written QoN

105	Whole of Portfolio	Reviews	Воусе	For 2011-12: a) How many Reviews were undertaken? b) Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? e) What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? f) For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written QoN
106	Whole of Portfolio	Consultancies	Воусе	a) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? b) Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. c) 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.	Written QoN
107	Whole of Portfolio	Consultancies	Воусе	How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written QoN
108	Whole of Portfolio	Media Monitoring	Воусе	a) 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? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? c) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? e) 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? f) Which agency or agencies provided these services? g) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? h) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written QoN
109	Whole of Portfolio	Media Monitoring	Воусе	a) What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2011-12? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? c) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12? d) What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2011-12? e) Which agency or agencies provided these services? f) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?	Written QoN
110	Whole of Portfolio	Social Media	Boyce	a) Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. b) Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? -If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks) -If no, will the department/agency monitor useage in the future? c) Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)	Written QoN
111	Whole of Portfolio	Internet	Воусе	a) 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? b) Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written QoN

112	Whole of Portfolio	Staff Amenities	Воусе	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written QoN
113	Whole of Portfolio	Coffee Machines	Воусе	a) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. b) Why were coffee machines purchased? c) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? d) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken Where does the funding for maintenance come from?	Written QoN
114	Whole of Portfolio	Contractors	Воусе	For this financial year to date: a) 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). b) 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). c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). d) 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). e) 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). f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). g) 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). h) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing Pies, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). h) 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). h) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. j) What c	Written QoN

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116	Whole of Portfolio	Grants	Воусе	a) 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. b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.	Written QoN
117	Whole of Portfolio	Grants	Воусе	a) Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. b) Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.	Written QoN
118	Whole of Portfolio	Commissioned Reports	Воусе	a) How many Reports were commissioned by the Government in your department/agency in 2011-12? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written QoN
119	Whole of Portfolio	Commissioned Reports	Воусе	a) 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. b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written QoN

120	Whole of Portfolio	Government Payments of Accounts	Воусе	a) 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)? b) 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) c) 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? d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written QoN
121	Whole of Portfolio	Government Payments of Accounts	Воусе	a) For 2011-12, did the department/agency pay its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? b) 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) c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is/was 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? d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? e) Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not?	Written QoN
122	Whole of Portfolio	Stationery Requirements	Воусе	a) 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? b) What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Written QoN
123	Whole of Portfolio	Stationery Requirements	Воусе	a) 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) in 2011-12? b) What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?	Written QoN
124	Whole of Portfolio	Media Subscriptions	Воусе	a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. c) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written QoN
125	Whole of Portfolio	Media Subscriptions	Воусе	a) Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. c) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written QoN
126	Whole of Portfolio	Media Subscriptions	Boyce	a) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) b) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. c) What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written QoN
127	Whole of Portfolio	Media Subscriptions	Воусе	What was the 2011-12 cost for: a) TV subscriptions b) Newspaper subscriptions c) Magazine subscriptions	Written QoN
128	Whole of Portfolio	Media Subscriptions	Воусе	Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12.	Written QoN

129	Whole of Portfolio	Travel Costs	Воусе	a) 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 include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).	Written QoN
130	Whole of Portfolio	Travel Costs	Воусе	Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.	Written QoN
131	Whole of Portfolio	Travel Costs	Воусе	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.	Written QoN
132	Whole of Portfolio	Travel Costs	Воусе	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.	Written QoN
133	Whole of Portfolio	Travel Costs	Воусе	a) For 2011-12, 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 include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). b) For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). b)	Written QoN
134	Whole of Portfolio	Legal Costs	Воусе	a) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs. b) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011- 12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. c) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs. d) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN
135	Whole of Portfolio	Legal Costs	Воусе	a) 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. b) 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. c) 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. d) 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. d) 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. d) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written QoN

136	Whole of Portfolio	Education expenses	Воусе	a) Has there been a change to the department/agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details. b) 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.	Written QoN
137	Whole of Portfolio	Education expenses	Воусе	For 2011-12, 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.	Written QoN
138	Whole of Portfolio	Executive Coaching and Leadership Trainin	Boyce	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: 1.Total spending on these services 2.The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3.The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4.The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a)The name and nature of the service purchased b)Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c)The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 5.The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d)The total amount spent on the service e)A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i.The location used 6.The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) ii.Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written QoN

139	Whole of Portfolio	Executive Coaching and Leadership Trainin	Воусе	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12: 1.Total spending on these services 2.The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3.The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4.The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: f) The name and nature of the service purchased g) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based h) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) i) The total amount spent on the service j) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: iii.The location used 6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 7. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written QoN
140	Whole of Portfolio	Media Training	Воусе	In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total amount spent on the service d) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part on each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written QoN

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142	Whole of Portfolio	Paid Parental Leave	Воусе	a) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b) 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.	Written QoN
143	Whole of Portfolio	Paid Parental Leave	Воусе	For 2011-12 to date 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.	Written QoN
144	Whole of Portfolio	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	Воусе	a) 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. b) 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. c) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or 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 QoN
145	Whole of Portfolio	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	Воусе	a) For 2011-12, 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. b) For 2011-12, 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. c) For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training was for. training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which minister each training, cost and for which minister and/or 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 QoN

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146	Whole of Portfolio	Corporate Cars	Воусе	Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012): a) How cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written QoN
147	Whole of Portfolio	Corporate Cars	Воусе	For 2011-12: a) How cars are owned by each department/agency? b) Where is the car/s located? c) What is the car/s used for? d) What was the cost of each car? e) How far did each car travel?	Written QoN
148	Whole of Portfolio	Taxi Costs	Воусе	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written QoN
149	Whole of Portfolio	Taxi Costs	Воусе	a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written QoN
150	Whole of Portfolio	Credit Cards	Воусе	a) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. b) Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012): i) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misued? ii) How is corporate credit card use monitored? iii) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? iv) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. v) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written QoN
151	Whole of Portfolio	Credit Cards	Воусе	For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.	Written QoN
152	Whole of Portfolio	Provision of Equipment	Воусе	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.	Written QoN
153	Whole of Portfolio	Provision of Equipment	Воусе	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? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written QoN
154	Whole of Portfolio	Provision of Equipment	Воусе	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written QoN
155	Whole of Portfolio	Provision of Equipment	Воусе	Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012): 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 who it is provided.	Written QoN
156	Whole of Portfolio	Provision of Equipment	Воусе	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.	Written QoN
157	Whole of Portfolio	Provision of Equipment	Воусе	For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.	Written QoN

158	Whole of Portfolio	Provision of Equipment	Воусе	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011 12, provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written QoN
159	Whole of Portfolio	Electricity Purchasing	Воусе	a) Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012). b) What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12? c) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written QoN
160	Whole of Portfolio	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	Boyce	a) Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: i) How are briefings requests commissioned? ii) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. iii) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. iv) How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. b) Have any briefings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: i) How are briefings requests commissioned? ii) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. iii) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. iv) How long is spent undertaken preifings for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. c) Were any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include: i) How are briefings were and why it could not proceed. iv) How long is spent undertaken? Provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. iv) How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. c) Were any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. iv) How long is spent undertaken? Provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. iv) How long is spent undertaken for each employment classification. d) Were any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include: i) How are briefings requests commissioned? ii) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. iii) Have any briefin	Written QoN
161	Whole of Portfolio	Shredders	Воусе	a) Did the department/agencies purchased any shredders in 2011-12? 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. b) Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? ? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder is to be used.	Written QoN
162	Whole of Portfolio	Protective Security Policy Framework	Воусе	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 QoN

163	Whole of Portfolio	Office Locations	Воусе	Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a) Department/Agency; b) Location; c) Leased or Owned; d) Size; e) Number of Staff at each location and classification; f) If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g) If owned, the value of the building; h) Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i) Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written QoN
164	Whole of Portfolio	Staff	Воусе	For all departments and agencies, please provide - in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff - the following: a) By Department or agency: i) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. ii) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location iii) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location iii) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they location	Written QoN
165	Whole of Portfolio	Grants Pause	Воусе	a) Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government wide grants pause. b) Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused? c) Please list each grant program that has currently been "paused" as part of the Government wide grants pause. d) Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused? e) On what date did your department receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs? i) How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received? f) Please list the dates the Minister for Finance met with senior department officials to discuss the grants pause and the Minister overseeing your department met with senior department officials g) From what date was your department told to implement the grants pause? i) When did it do so? h) Has your department been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end? i) If so, what was the date? ii) Was your department advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants? i) Please provide the advice your department gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause. j) Did your department receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders? k) What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause? Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pauses in the future? If so i) When did you receive notification of future grants pauses? ii) What is the date of future grants to be paused iii) Which grants programs will be paused? iv) What is total value of pauses in future grants programs? v) When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public? m) How many staff are employed to ad	Written QoN

166	10	Port Augusta Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre	Воусе	The Port Augusta Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre was announced in 2007, received support from the SA Government in July 2008 and it was anticipated it would start operations in this year, however construction is yet to start. \$2.5m of Commonwealth money was budgeted for expenditure on the project in 2011/2012. On the 29th of May this year in response to inquiries by the Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey, Minister Butler said the preferred service provider had been selected, negotiations were under way and that they would be finalised by June 30. a) It is now more than four years since this project had funding approved by both State and Federal Governments, when will this much needed centre will be established? b) How far behind schedule is the centre? c) Four years is very long time to achieve nothing, where do you think the fault for this under-performance lies? d) Has the construction budget been preserved and if so has it been protected against rising costs? e) What was the anticipated cost of the centre when it was announced in 2007? f) What is the anticipated cost of the centre as at November 2012? g) Where is the extra money for construction coming from?	Written QoN
167	5	Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) Funding	Воусе	With regard to the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) Funding as announced in the May, 2011 Federal Budget: a) Of the 63 projects detailed under the regional priority round, by State, how many projects have received their funding? b) By State, how many projects are still to receive funding? c) In Queensland, what are the project names and locations of projects still to receive HHF Funding under the regional priority round? d) Of the projects in Queensland listed to receive HHF funding under the regional priority round, why has funding been delayed? e) In Victoria, what are the project names and locations of projects in Victoria listed to receive HHF funding under the regional priority round, why has funding been delayed? e) In Victoria, what are the projects in Victoria listed to receive HHF funding under the regional priority round? f) Of the projects in Victoria listed to receive HHF funding under the regional priority round? f) Of the projects in Victoria listed to receive HHF funding under the regional priority round? f) In the case of Timboon and District Healthcare Service's Integrated Primary Health Care project, when will it receive the \$1 million allocated under the HHF regional priority round? h) What is the reason for Timboon and District Healthcare Service not receiving to date its promised funding of \$1 million for its Integrated Primary Health Care project? i) Will the allocation contain CPI increases g for projects that are delayed given given that funding which was announced over 18 months ago?	Written QoN
168	4	Aged Care Funding Instrument	Воусе	a) In relation to ACFI, is the department aware that there is concern in the sector that it was not informed about the extent of the reduction in ACFI growth rates that were being contemplated by the government? b) Was the sector and the Australian people misled by the information provided in the Living Longer Living Better documentation which indicated that the budget allocation for care subsidies in 2012-13 was only being reduced by \$50m (compared with the forward estimate)? c) Only when providers did their own modeling of the effects of the ACFI changes that the government acknowledged that the changes were designed to pull back growth by about \$500m in 2012-13. Do you agree that the information provided in the LLLB documentation was deceptive? d) Why did the LLLB gloss over the real extent of the pull back in growth ie the reference to \$50m and \$500m above? e) Would you please reconcile the \$50m in the LLLB documentation with the \$500m pull back. f) Why is the government cutting back on care subsidies when the sector is already struggling? g) Was the consultative committee established by the Minister to review the ACFI advised of the pull back in growth? If not why not when the purpose of establishing the committee was to review the ACFI? h) Would you please document the nature and content of the consultations with the sector in the lead up to the May budget?	Written QoN

169	12	Health Workforce Capacity	Воусе	Please advise what retraining programs/initiatives are available to doctors and nurses who want to re-enter the medical profession after taking time off to start a family?	Written QoN
170	12	Health Workforce Capacity	Воусе	What is the projected shortfall of doctors and nurses in 5 years time; in 10 years time?	Written QoN
171	12	Health Workforce Capacity	Воусе	Given the increasing shortfall of medical professionals, is it a priority of the governments to ensure women medical professionals who have left the workforce for period of time, are provided with the necessary support to assist them re-enter the workforce as seamlessly as possible? Please outline what support is provided.	Written QoN
172	12	Health Workforce	Воусе	a) Please advise what further training a general practitioner needs to undertake after being out of the workforce for 5 years? b) Please advise what further training a registered nurse needs to undertake after being out of the workforce for 5 years?	Written QoN
173	12	Health Workforce	Воусе	a) There are large numbers of medical students who are unable to get internships due to a shortage of clinical training places. What steps is the government taking to resolve the impasse with state and territory governments about who will pay for the increased training? b) Would you please advise on a state by state basis, the number of medical students who have been unable to find clinical training places?	Written QoN
174	8	Aboriginal Disability Justice Campaign	Boyce	The Aboriginal Disability Justice Campaign (ADJC) has recently completed a report titled, "No End in Sight: The Imprisonment and Indefinite Detention of Indigenous Australians with a Cognitive Impairment." The ADJC estimates that there are between 100 - 150 people detained under mental impairment legislation around the country in prisons and psychiatric units; one third of that group are Indigenous Australians. The ADJC further estimates that of the 150 people detained on order at least one third are being detained indefinitely and again Indigenous Australians are disproportionately affected. a) What is the view of the Department of Health and Ageing and FACSHIA regarding the states and territories use of indefinite detention for people detained under mental impairment legislation? b) What legislative, policy and funding measures is the Department of Health and Ageing and FACSHIA taking to reduce people detained in prisons and psychiatric units? c) What documentation is the Department of Health and FACSHIA collecting regarding the fact that people are being detained, often indefinitely, as a result of mental impairment legislation and the fact that it is disproportionately affecting indigenous Australians with a cognitive impairment.	Written QoN
175	8	Issues at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre	Воусе	What is the response by the Department of Health and Ageing and FACSHIA that the Alice Springs Correctional Centre in the Northern Territory is currently detaining a young Indigenous man with significant cognitive impairments and behaviours of concern including head banging which can render him with a serious injury and that the intervention by the ASCC to stop the head banging is to belt this young man in a restraint chair and then inject him with a tranquiliser to render him unconscious? This practice has now occurred four times the most recently on October the 6th 2012.	Written QoN
176	2	Chemotherapy Drugs	Воусе	a) Given the significant cuts to chemotherapy drugs due on Dec 01, (for e.g.: 76.2% price reduction on docetaxel etc,) how does the government propose to maintain the viability of the chemotherapy supply chain to ensure cancer patients continue to receive their chemotherapy? b) Is the government aware that cancer patients will have pay the bill themselves for these life saving medications? c) As private pharmacies who provide cancer services will not be able to cover the cost of cancer drugs come December 1, how does the government propose to handle the additional resources this will bring on already stretched public hospital cancer services?	Written QoN

177	2	Price Disclosure	Воусе	a) Since the start of PBS Price Disclosure, what savings have been estimated to be achieved from the application of Price Disclosure to chemotherapy drugs each financial year? b) What savings have actually been achieved from Price Disclosure on chemotherapy drugs each financial year and what savings are now estimated to be achieved over the current forward estimates?	Written QoN
178	2	Chemotherapy Drugs	Воусе	Has the government analysed the impact on patients, community pharmacies, private hospitals and public hospitals of the 76.2% price reduction on docetaxel, scheduled for 1 December, and of other reductions that have significantly reduced prices of chemotherapy drugs over the last three years? What have been the findings from this analysis?	Written QoN
179	2	Chemotherapy Drugs	Воусе	The Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy measure, in combination with Price Disclosure, has significantly reduced the funding for the chemotherapy drugs sector. Has the Department analysed the future viability of the sector and the subsequent impact that demise will have on cancer patients?	Written QoN
180	2	Chemotherapy Drugs	Воусе	Has an analysis been undertaken of the impact on cancer patients if the level of funding to the sector reduces to a level that leaves the model unviable for suppliers of chemotherapy drugs? What have been the findings from these analyses?	Written QoN
181	2	Chemotherapy Drugs	Воусе	What guarantees does the Government give to the tens of thousands of cancer patients who receive chemotherapy infusions every day that they will be able to obtain their chemotherapy treatments when they want it and where they want it?	Written QoN
182	2	Chemotherapy Drugs	Воусе	Are you aware that unlike other medicines, patients have to travel significant distances for chemotherapy treatment? What guarantee does the Government give that those patients in regional and remote areas can have timely and affordable access to these drugs post December 01?	Written QoN
183	2	Chemotherapy Drugs	Воусе	Will the government commit to a moratorium on any price cut (from 1 December onwards) to docetaxel and any other chemotherapy drugs currently in other price disclosure cycle until all of the issues can resolved with the Minister and DoHA?	Written QoN
184	1	National Bowel Cancer Screening Program	Edwards	a) How many tests have been sent out under this program? b) How many tests have been returned under this program? c) What is the cost of sending out a test under this program? d) What is the cost of processing a test under this program? e) What is the total amount allocated under this program? f) How much has been expended to date? g) How many tests does the Department expect to send out/have returned over the life of the program?	Written QoN
185	1	Irradiation	Colbeck	a) Has there been any research undertaken into the effects of irradiation on agricultural chemical residues in the specific fruit and vegetables for which irradiation is being considered as a control method for fruit fly? b) What does this research show with regard to the effect of irradiation on these agricultural chemicals? c) If no research has been undertaken, has the risk of irradiation affecting agricultural chemical residues in specific fruit and vegetables been considered? d) What risk does irradiation pose to human health from its potential effect on agricultural chemical residues? e) Could a by product of irradiation be other potentially toxic chemical residues?	Written QoN

186	8	Indigenous Expenditure	Scullion	Please indicate whether the programs and measures listed below are still operating in 2012-13. If they are still operating, please provide by program/ measure the current allocation and expenditure year to date (please indicate in respect of any of these programs/measures s if information has already been provided): -New directions, Mothers & Babies -Australian Nurse Partnership Program -New Directions Rheumatic Fever Strategy - Child and Maternal Health Program -Combating Petrol Sniffing -Petrol Sniffing Diversion - Youth Wellbeing - Healthy for Life -Improving Eye and Ear Health Services -Indigenous Chronic Disease Package -Compactly Building in Indigenous Communities -Tough on Drugs -Substance Use COAG -Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative -Link up - COAG Mental Health -Indigenous Health Training Post -Aboriginal Health Training -National Indigenous Workforce Training -NHMRC Indigenous Research Grants -National ATSI Age Care Program -TSRA Healthy Communities - Indigenous Sports and Recreation Programs -NHMRC Indigenous Research Grants -NHMRC Indigenous Research Grants -Net State -	Written QoN
187	8	Shalom College	Scullion	I understand Shalom College has been placed into administration. It has been suggested that the financial issues faced by Shalom College can be remedied once a backlog of Abstudy claims is resolved. Given that the situation at Shalom College appears to be resolvable, will the Department instruct the administrator not to take drastic action until there has been an opportunity to resolve the ABSTUDY issue? Could DoHA ask the Administrator to facilitate resolution of the AbStudy issue?	Written QoN
188	11	Headspace Centres	McKenzie	Swan Hill's newspaper The Guardian reported Minister Butler said a "sophisitcated manner" was used to determine which towns were deemed eligible for Headspace centres. a) Why did Swan Hill, with a population of 10,000 people again miss out on this much needed service? b) What is this sophisticated manner? c) In the latest rollout Victoria received no funding for a regional Headspace Centre (Werribee, Kew and Craigieburn received funds). d) Albury-Wodonga and Mildura also missed out on their bids for a Headspace centre - surely regional Victoria is a priority for the Department?	Written QoN
189	Whole of Portfolio	Electricity	McKenzie	a) For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the cost? b) What does this cost work out to per employee? c) What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax? d) in reference to QoN E12-097, the Department will manage increases in electricity costs from within existing Departmental appropriations. What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs? e) What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?	Written QoN
190	6	Rural GP Locations	McKenzie	a) Why is the target for the number of rural locations visited by female GPs set to remain the same into 2015-2016 (ref p161 PBS)? b) What are the latest statistics on the number of rural locations visited by female GPs? Please provide further detail for regional Victoria	Written QoN
191	6	Rural Health Outreach Fund	McKenzie	a) What impact has the government grant freeze had on the Rural Health Outreach Fund? b) Is it on track to hold a funding round prior to June 30 2013? c) Have the guidelines and criteria been established?	Written QoN
192	6	National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	McKenzie	The Department is aiming for 40 new projects through the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program - what is the impact of the government grant freeze having on this?	Written QoN
193	6	Rural and Regional Health Australia	McKenzie	What are the criteria used to assess Rural and Regional Health Australia's aim to provide accurate, quality place- based information?	Written QoN

194	1	Third National Hepatitis C Strategy 2010-13	Di Natale	a) What progress has been made in regards to the Third National Hepatitis C Strategy 2010-13? b) Page 10 of the Third National Hepatitis C Strategy 2010-13 document lists a goal as reducing the morbidity and mortality caused by HepatitisC, including "Increase access to clinical care for people with chronic hepatitis C." This is includes an indicator of "proportion of people with chronic Hepatitis C dispensed drugs for their infection through the Highly Specialised Drugs (s100) Program in the previous 12 months". How many patients have been treated in the last 12 months? What is the Department doing to increase this?	Written QoN
195	1	Third National Hepatitis C Strategy 2010-13	Di Natale	a) Has the Department had the opportunity to review the 5 targets highlighted in the Auckland Statement to be achieved by 2016? b) If so, what action does the Department intend to take? If none, why not?	Written QoN
196	1	Third National Hepatitis C Strategy 2010-1	Di Natale	One of the targets in the Third National Hepatitis C Strategy 2010-13 is to guarantee that 5% of people living with Hepatitis C receive antiviral treatment each year. Does the Department support this target?	Written QoN
197	1	Hepatitis C	Di Natale	What is the Department doing to ensure C patients get greater access to antiviral treatments?	Written QoN
198	1	Hepatitis C	Di Natale	a) Does the Department agree that access to new and innovative medications has a major role to play in ensuring that Hepatitis C sufferers get antiviral treatments? b) Does the Department believe that these are the type of new antiviral treatments that would help increase the treatment rate for Hepatitis C patients?	Written QoN
199	1	Hepatitis C	Di Natale	a) At the July 2012 Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Council Meeting, two new treatments for Hepatitis C were recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Council for listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Does the Department believe that these type of new medications can help ensure Hepatitis C sufferers get greater access to new treatments as envisaged by the National Hepatitis C strategy? b) Does the Department agree that it makes sense to have new medications like these made available to patients sooner rather than later? When will they be available?	Written QoN
200	1	Antibiotic Prescribing Use	Di Natale	JETACAR progress report March 2003 in response to Recommendation 3 says in human medicine activities are under way to improve national data on antibiotic prescribing use. A pharmacy survey will be used to estimate non subsidised prescriptions through community pharmaciesthis data should be available from March 2002once estimates of antibiotic dispensing through community pharmacies have been established the PBS will be in a position to produce annual data on trends on antibiotic use in the community. This data will then be forwarded to EAGAR and CIJIG" Has this happened? If it has not why not? As EAGAR and CIJIG no longer exist, where is this data sent if it is collected and what is done with it? Is it publicly available?	Written QoN
201	2	Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement	Di Natale	a) Please provide a progress update on the evaluation of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement b) When will the outcomes of evaluations undertaken under the Evaluation Framework be made publicly available? c) What stakeholders have been included in evaluations of Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement programs? d) What mechanisms are in place to audit Pharmacy Agreement expenditure to ensure funds are being used to deliver outcomes?	Written QoN
202	2	Community Pharmacy Agreement	Di Natale	Can you provide a breakdown, by financial year, on how the approximately \$3.08 billion per annum in Community Pharmacy Agreement money is spent, including dispensary fees, payments to the Pharmacy Guild, payments directly to pharmacy owners, and payments to wholesalers?	Written QoN

203	2	Community Pharmacy	Di Natale	a) Can you put a dollar figure on how much taxpayer money is going directly to pharmacy owners per annum? b) What quantitative and qualitative assessment frameworks are in place to ensure the Government is getting value for money and value for service?	Written QoN
204	2	Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement	Di Natale	What reporting obligations are in place for money allocated to the Pharmacy Guild under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement, and is this information publicly available?	Written QoN
205	Whole of Portfolio	The Productivity Commission's review of bilateral and regional trade agreements	Di Natale	The Productivity Commission's review of bilateral and regional trade agreements (http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/study/trade-agreements) recommended that the Australian Government should: - 'only pursue bilateral and regional trade agreements where they are likely to afford significant net economic benefits' (Recommendation 1, p. XXXVII); -only include IP provisions 'in cases where a rigorous economic analysis shows that the provisions would likely generate overall net benefits for the agreement partners' (Recommendation 4b, p. XXXVIII); -'Commission and publish an independent and transparent assessment of the final text of the agreement, at the conclusion of the negotiations, but before an agreement is signed' (Recommendation 5c, p. XXXVII). Will an independent and transparent assessment of the final text be undertaken before the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement is signed by Cabinet?	Written QoN
206	Whole of Portfolio	Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement	Di Natale	Question E12-290 from Budget Estimates 2012 asked whether estimates of the burden of disease in developing countries arising from the US proposals in relation to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement have been (or will be) undertaken. The response only states that the Government won't accept provisions that would adversely affect Australian healthcare policy. a) Has the Department performed any modelling on the potential impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement aware of any such modelling having been performed?	Written QoN
207	Whole of Portfolio	Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement	Di Natale	Question E12-291 from Budget Estimates 2012 asked whether the Department had examined the full implications of all chapters of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement for public health policy in Australia. The response simply restated the response to QE12-290. a) Has the Department reviewed all of the negotiating texts of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement to determine the implications for health policy and for existing domestic health programs? b) To what extent have officials from the Department been engaged in the negotiating process, and what interactions have they had with health officials of other TPP partner countries? c) How can the Department be confident that health policies and programs will not be subordinated to trade and investment objectives in negotiations? e) If not, please detail at which stages of the negotiations the Department is represented in this manner, and which stages and Chapters/negotiating areas it is not represented and the reasoning behind this lack of representation. f) What steps has the Department taken during the course of negotiations to assure itself that a proper balance is struck where health policy objectives conflict with trade and investment objectives?	Written QoN

208	2	Cost of Pharmaceuticals	Di Natale	Given the substantial savings on the cost of pharmaceuticals that have been realised through price disclosure measures, and the potential for major discounting in the first month after a generic medicine has been introduced to the market because the first month of sales is not included in price disclosure figures, has consideration been given to changing the price disclosure mechanism to remove the exclusion on the first month of sales and provide a true picture of the discounts that are provided?	Written QoN
209	9	Natural Therapies	Di Natale	What progress has there been to date on the Budget announcement to review the evidence base for natural therapies covered by private health insurance?	Written QoN
210	1	Complementary Medicines	Di Natale	a) How many audits of complementary medicines have been undertaken by TGA officials in the last financial year, and what results were found regarding quality, labelling and content? b) Based on these results, is the regime regulating complementary medicine in Australia sufficient to protect consumers? c) How many new applications for listing of complementary medicines were received in the last financial year, and how many were accepted or rejected for listing? d) Does the TGA monitor, respond and address complaints regarding the efficacy of complementary medicines, and if so, can you please advise how many complaints have been received, what products or families of products were involved, as well as the action the TGA undertook during the last financial year?	Written QoN
211	1	Adverse Event Notifications Database	Di Natale	a) What kind of response has there been to the Database of Adverse Event Notifications? b) What kind of feedback has been received? c) Has the availability of the database prompted an increase in the number of adverse event reports?	Written QoN
212	1	TGA	Di Natale	a) Has the Aspen Pharmaceuticals incident, which saw Aspen appealing to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to prevent the TGA from removing medicines containing dextropropoxyphene (DPP) from the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, exposed a critical loophole in TGA regulation, and does the TGA anticipate that other companies now exploit this loophole to bypass TGA regulation? b) Is it possible to put a dollar value on the work undertaken by the TGA in defending its decision to remove DPP from the Therapeutic Goods Register? c) To what degree has ensuring consumer safety through the pursuit of a ban on DPP diverted TGA resources from other consumer safety activities?	Written QoN
213	14	Microbial Resistance Safety	Di Natale	What happens when the World Health Organisation reviews the status of a drug and reclassifies the drug as of higher importance to human medicine than had previously been the case (as has happened with polypeptides) and that drug is being routinely used on animals? Does the reclassification by WHO mean that there is automatically a risk analysis of microbial resistance safety and a review of its use in animals?	Written QoN

214	14	Antibiotic Resistance	Di Natale	According to the 2003 Joint Expert Technical Advisory Committee on Antibiotic Resistance Progress report by the Commonwealth Interdepartmental JETACAR Implementation Group (CIJIG) the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority began a review of selected macrolide antibiotics December 2001 because of concerns over the potential risk to human health. The review was to provide the Authority with information to enable it to determine whether the existing uses of these macrolide antibiotics should continue in Australia. a) Was the Department of Health provided with a copy of the results of this review (for example a final, interim and/or progress Reports)? Please provide a full copy of any such reports. b) Is the Department aware of the findings of the review? Is the Department aware whether those findings were published or otherwise made publicly available? Is the Department aware of whether the review was completed or aborted before completion?	Written QoN
215	1	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare	Di Natale	At page 56 of Hansard, Supplementary Senate Estimates Community Affairs Committee, Wednesday, 17 October 2012, Professor Baggoley says "I would also say that the work on developing the strategy that I mentioned earlier has been accompanied by \$100,000 to develop the report for the antimicrobial resistance plan" Please account for this \$100,000 via a budget-line breakdown of how this funding will be spent	Written QoN
216	1	Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee	Di Natale	Will the Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee have a formal advisory role in: a) regulatory processes? b) assessing new applications and changes of use? c) labelling restrictions? d) reviews of use and testing regimes? e) auditing programs? f) both human and animal use of antimicrobials? g) Will members of the Committee be made available to testify as expert witnesses in court proceedings?	Written QoN
217	1	Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee	Di Natale	Please summarise the work of the Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee to date including: -How often the Committee has met and for what duration; -Progress in each of the following areas specifically: -a comprehensive national AMR and usage surveillance system -education and stewardship programs -infection prevention and control guidelines -research into AMR and its prevention -a review of the current regulatory system applying to antimicrobials, and -community and consumer campaigns.	Written QoN
218	1	Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee	Di Natale	Is the key role of the Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee to advise the Federal Government on the cross- sector public service response to the increasing prevalence of antimicrobial resistance? Or is the key role of the Committee to actually coordinate a comprehensive national AMR and usage surveillance system?	Written QoN
219	1	Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee	Di Natale	Does the Committee have any role (other than advisory) in actually implementing and coordinating a comprehensive national antimicrobial usage and resistance surveillance system? If the Committee has no such role, which Government Department or agency is tasked with coordinating a comprehensive national antimicrobial usage and resistance system? If the Committee does have a role in actually coordinating a comprehensive national antimicrobial usage and resistance surveillance system? If the Committee does have a role in actually coordinating a comprehensive national antimicrobial usage and resistance surveillance system, what are the resource implications of this role for the Committee?	Written QoN
220	1	Antimicrobial Resistance Standing Committee	Di Natale	Is the Department aware of any precedent for an Advisory Committee being tasked with coordinating the response of federal government Departments and Agencies to a major public health issue?	Written QoN

221	1	Antimicrobial Resistance	Di Natale	At page 24 of Hansard, Supplementary Senate Estimates Community Affairs Committee, Wednesday, 17 October 2012, Ms. Halton asserted that "people's lack of understanding about the current frameworks is something quickly we clearly have to do something about." a) Please describe in detail the "current frameworks" for dealing with antimicrobial resistance referred to, including the role of the Department of Health and Aging, its agencies, and the respective roles of all other Federal Government agencies. b) What steps is the Department taking to increase the public's understanding of these frameworks? Why does the Department see it as important that the public has an understanding of these frameworks?	Written QoN
222	1	Antimicrobial Resistant Bacteria on Food	Di Natale	a) What is Food Standards Australia and New Zealand's risk assessment for antimicrobial residue? Has the risk been assessed as low, medium or high? On what basis has this assessment been made? What is the surveillance and testing regime in place for antimicrobial residue? b) What is Food Standards Australia and New Zealand's risk assessment for antimicrobial resistant bacteria on food? Has the risk been assessed as low, medium or high? On what basis has this assessment for antimicrobial resistant bacteria on food? Has the risk been assessed as low, medium or high? On what basis has this assessment been made? What is the surveillance and testing regime in place for antimicrobial resistant bacteria on food? How often since the JETACAR Report have imported foods been tested for the presence of antimicrobial resistant bacteria? When has this testing occurred and how much food was tested? d) What is Food Standards Australia and New Zealand's assessment of the prevalence of antimicrobial resistant bacteria? On what is a communicated to Food Safety Australia and New Zealand via states and territories or through own testing)?	Written QoN
223	1	Organ Donation	Di Natale	Based on data published on the Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation (ANZOD) Registry website, between Oct 2010 and Sep 2011 there were 335 deceased donors and 1011 transplant recipients. From Oct 2011 to Sep 2012 there were 339 deceased donors and 996 transplant recipients. Over the last 12 months, compared to the previous twelve months there have been four more donors, but 15 fewer transplant recipients. In 2012 to date there has been an increase of only two deceased organ donors compared to the same period last year. During October senate estimates, Ms Halton stated "The bottom line is that the numbers are moving inexorably upwards." On what basis was this statement made?	Written QoN
224	1	Transplant Australia	Fierravanti-Wells	a) What are the current funding arrangements between the government and Transplant Australia? b) How much has the Commonwealth contributed to Transplant Australia in each financial year since 2008? c) How much has OTA contributed to Transplant Australia each year?	Written QoN

225	1	Australian Organ and Tissue Donation Authority	Di Natale	The Authority has advised that funding is ongoing, and on par with annual spend to since 2009. That is, approximately \$40 million each financial year. (reference: response to Question E12-339) a) Please provide details of the Authority's budget estimates for the years 2012 to 2016. b) What was the basis used to allocate the National Reform Agenda three-year budget allocation of \$151m? Was it based on the agreed "blueprint" based on priorities or simply allocated on existing ratios? c) Were KPIs issued to the states as a condition of the extra funding? If so, what were the KPIs? d) How many additional administrative staff were appointed by the Commonwealth against this budget allocation, what were the costs and what is the percentage of the three year allocation? e) What were the objectives of the program? Were these objectives quantified and what has been achieved? f) What quantified objectives have been set, on an annual basis, for the expenditure of the Authority's Annual Budgetary allocation of approximately \$40m pa from 2011 to 2016? g) What quantified objectives have been agreed with the states? h) Do these add up to or support the national objective? i) How is the money allocated on an annual basis? e.g. Authority administration, advertising, conferences, overseas and local travel, grants to supportive associations? j) What are the KPIs that have been set by the Authority as a condition of providing this funding?	Written QoN
226	1	Organ Donation for Transplantation	Di Natale	When the national reform agenda was launched, and its \$151 million funding allocation announced, it was described to the Australian public as a plan "to establish Australia as world-leader in organ donation for transplantation". A current member of the advisory council to the Organ and Tissue Authority was quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald three years ago, in 2009, indicating that a good outcome for 2009 would be a donor rate of 20 donors per million of population, or about 440 donors. reference: http://www.smh.com.au/national/putting-your-heart-into-it-20090403-9qhi.html Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said to a journalist in 2010, that he had advised cabinet in 2008: 'Well, we're going to do this because it means a lot for literally thousands of people.' And went on to say: 'So that's my hope, roll the clock on three years and we're out there as world leaders. If not, I've failed but I've tried." In 2011, the top 8 countries in the world achieve organ donor rates between 25 and 35 donors per million people. Last year, the dpmp was 15.1, recently revised from previous reports of 14.9, after new population data became available. In May during Senate Estimates, Ms Flynn responded, on behalf of the Authority, to Senator Di Natale's question regarding deceased donor targets for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015: "The target for this year is 16.3 donors per million population. From there we have been able to work out transplant recipients and organs transplanted as well. We do have the trajectory that takes it out to 2018, when we should achieve 23 to 25 donors per million population. But we will review annually our progress and adjust as we go. So we will issue an annual target and review it each year." Reference: http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display.w3p;query=Id%3A%22committees%2Festimate%2F9d4 9ebf7-596d-4c10-aebb-5482ec1a344f%2F0002%22 At what point was the decision taken to revise the publicly stated dpmp target of the national reform agenda?	Written QoN

227	1	Organ Donor Rates	Di Natale	The DonateLife 2011 performance report provides information comparing Australia's organ donor rates to other countries. Reference: http://www.donatelife.gov.au/the-authority/performance-reports The Donate Life report uses 2010 as the start date for Australian reform. The announcement was made in 2008, the authority established on 1st January 2009. According to those responsible with reform in their respective countries, the start date in Croatia was 2006 and Portugal 2009. The changes that Portugal implemented under Maria João Aguillar began in 2006. The "Allocation and coverage of the cost of donor preparation and transplant services, outside the hospital budget limit, is considered to be by far the most important economic incentive. Such a financial model was implemented in Croatia in 2006." Source: Organ donation and transplantation - the Croatia Model, Mirela Bu¿i?, MD.Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Croatia "More recently, Croatia and Portugal have adopted the model insofar as a national transplant agency, a network of procurement hospitals and the in-house figure of the medical TC is concerned. As a result, from 2006 to 2009 both countries have increased their deceased donation rates in 37% (from 12.9 to 17.7 deceased donors pmp) and 54% (from 20.1 to 31 deceased donors pmp), respectively."Source: Spanish experience as a leading country: what kind of measures were taken Transplant International ^a 2011 European Society for Organ Transplantation 24 (2011) 333-343 a) Why is the Authority using different criteria for start date than the countries themselves use? b) Why is the Authority using the year after funding began in Australia as the start year, yet several years prior to in-hospital funding for the comparison countries?	Written QoN
228	1	Organ Donation	Di Natale	According to Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation (ANZOD) Registry data, in recent years there has been a significant increase in donors after cardiac death. a) In Australia, in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 what is/was the number of donors who have donated after cardiac death? b) In Australia, in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2010, 2011 and 2012 what is/was the number of donors who have donated after cardiac death? b) In Australia, in 2008, 2009, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 what is/was the number of donors who have donated after brain death?	Written QoN
229	1	Organ Donor Targets	Di Natale	In relation to Budget Estimates Question on Notice number E12- 028: a) How can the Authority have an effective and achievable national target if it hasn't set and agreed state targets, given that the national result is the sum total of the state results? b) Will the 2013 target be reduced as it appears that there is little chance of the 2012 target of 16.3 donors per million population being achieved? c) The question "Are the Authority's targets based on the world's best practice" was answered by the assertion that they are "informed" by world's best practice: - Please describe in detail the relationship between the Authority's targets and world's best practice targetsPlease clarify the meaning of "informed", including a detailed description of how world's best practice targets are used to "inform" the Authority's targetsAre the Authority's targets based on world's best practice?	Written QoN
230	1	Organ Donor Rates	Fierravanti-Wells	Supplementary question to E12- 399: The 2008 deceased donor rate was achieved prior to commencement of the funding of the Reform Package and was achieved without any additional funding. Please explain why you do not use the organ donation rate achieved in the year ended 2008 as the base year, given the announcement of the reform agenda was made in mid 2008 and the Organ and tissue authority established on January 1st 2009 when additional funds began to be spent.	Written QoN
231	1	Organ Donation	Fierravanti-Wells	Please provide the data on how many requests the OTA funded Hospital Medical Directors for organ donation made compared to all the other intensivists in each hospital in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.	Written QoN

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232	1	Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	Fierravanti-Wells	Supplementary to Additonal Estimates Question on Notice E12- 400: Why is NSW implementing a Designator Requestor Model and all other States a Collaborative Model?	Written QoN
233	1	Organ Donation Rates	Di Natale	In relation to Additional Estimates Question on Notice number E12- 401, organ donation rates have continued to decline in 2012 in NSW: a) Has the Authority looked at the differences in the hospital practices between the higher performing States and NSW? b) Has the Authority identified any differences? c) Is the Authority suggesting that the multicultural population is NSW is that different to other better performing States?	Written QoN
234	1	Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	Fierravanti-Wells	Supplementary to Additional Estimates Question on Notice E12- 403 Please provide details of the budget you referred to in "with the budget allocation of 36 ASL". Please provide a copy of that budget.	Written QoN
235	1	DonateLife Specialist Hospital Staff	Fierravanti-Wells	Supplementary to Additional Estimates Question on Notice to E12- 406: Please provide details of exactly what training the DonateLife specialist hospital staff have received and when this occurred.	Written QoN
236	1	Specialist Staff	Di Natale	In Budget Estimates Hearing Wednesday, 30 May 2012 Ms. Flynn stated that specialist staff was recruited in 2009 and 2010, after which the professional needs of the recruited staff were identified and training commenced in 2012: a) Please provide copies of the job descriptions that were used in recruiting the staff b) Was the need for the high level of compassion and empathy required for these specialised positions identified as a professional need? c) Why weren't the professional needs of the staff identified prior to, or at the time of, appointment; d) How many contracts for the specialists so appointed have been renewed? Does the Authority think that this is a satisfactory outcome? e) What were the reasons for the non-renewal of contracts? f) Does the Authority view this process as having been a factor in delaying or derailing the achievement of the targets originally stated by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd?	Written QoN
237	1	Selecting Staff	Di Natale	In Budget Estimates Hearing Wednesday, 30 May 2012 in response to a question from Senator Fierravanti-Wells on the criteria used in selecting staff for training, Ms. Flynn replied that "The staff that I am talking about are intensivists, intensive care nurses and emergency department clinicians, so they come with these skills, of course." a) Why was recruitment restricted to intensivists? b) As the key objective of intensivists is to save lives, does the Authority agree that Aupatients families may perceive a conflict of interest between this function and seeking organ transplant donations? Did the Authority consider this perception when deciding on recruitment criteria? c) If the Authority did consider this perception and chose to ignore it, what were the Authority's reasons? d) As the key determinant for organ donation is brain death, was the recruitment of neurosurgeons considered?	Written QoN
238	1	Organ Transplantation	Fierravanti-Wells	In Budget Estimates Hearing Wednesday, 30 May 2012 in response to a question regarding the objectives of the National Reform Agenda, Ms. Flynn stated "The twin aims of the national reform agenda are to improve capability and capacity in the health system and to improve community awareness." a) As community awareness in Australia is already at international levels, based on the Donate Life data, why is this a "twin aim". How much money has been spent on this objective and what has been achieved in terms of increase organ transplant donation? b) With regard to the first aim, were key performance indicators established and have they been met? c) Were the implementation plan and objectives provided to the states and hospitals at the beginning of the program?	Written QoN

239	1	NHMRC Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	Why are the Draft NHMRC dietary guidelines being rushed through ahead of the release of data next year from the government's National Health Survey which will provide the best available evidence on Australia's current eating habits instead of relying on 17 year old data from the 1995 National Nutrition Survey?	Written QoN
240	1	NHMRC Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	Given the significant \$15 million investment by the Department of Health & Ageing in the Health Survey, would it not be more responsible to wait until the data is released in 2013 to ensure the Dietary Guidelines are providing relevant advice to meet the health challenges of today, not yesterday?	Written QoN
241	1	NHMRC Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	I understand that the NHMRC Dietary Guidelines Committee have reviewed each public submission received during the consultation period and recorded the rationale for the acceptance or rejection of each issue raised and that the complete summary of the Committee's review and recommendations will be publicly released by the NHMRC. When will this document be publicly released? Will the document be publicly released prior to the launch of the Dietary Guidelines to ensure all issues have been adequately addressed?	Written QoN
242	1	NHMRC Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	Will the Committee accept new independent evidence that clearly demonstrates Australia's refined sugar per capita consumption has continued to decrease over the past 10 years to ensure the draft guideline on sugar is based on the best available evidence? If not, why not?	Written QoN
243	1	NHMRC Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	I understand the NHMRC's Dietary Guidelines Committee has revised the guideline on added sugars based on 'strengthened new evidence' in relation to sugar consumption and obesity. Yet, the NHMRC commissioned SLR/scientific review, found the evidence was D grade which is defined by the NHMRC as being a weak body of evidence and any recommendation must be applied with caution. Will the NHMRC Working Committee provide a clear written rationale for why 'D grade' evidence has been used to significantly revise the sugars guideline? And, will the Working Committee provide the new high level evidence that led to the amendment of the draft guideline on added sugars since it has not been publicly released? If so, when will it be publicly released? If not, why not?	Written QoN
244	3	Extended Medicare Safety Net	Fierravanti-Wells	What are the current projections of expenditure on the Extended Medicare Safety Net for each year across the forward estimates and how does this compare historically?	Written QoN
245	3	Diagnostic Imaging Services	Fierravanti-Wells	When will the Medicare licence be granted to the MRI Machine at Campbelltown Hospital, and how much would this cost per year?	Written QoN
246	1	Risperidone	Fierravanti-Wells	The Food and Drug Administration of the United States has banned the use of Risperidone since 2005, what are the reasons for the continuing use of, and the prevalence of the administration of antipsychotic drugs such as Risperidone with respect to the aged, especially with patients in nursing care with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.	Written QoN
247	3	Medicare Services	Fierravanti-Wells	Medicare services indicate only a 1.3 per cent growth in 2012-13 compared to over 6 per cent in some of the other years over the forward estimates (BP1;6-24). In the context of understanding the whole of portfolio figures, can you explain why you are anticipating such limited growth in Medicare in 2012-13 (the Extended Medicare Safety Net savings are only anticipated to provide \$9.4 million in 2012-13 - not enough to account for this decline in growth (BP2; 176)).	Written QoN

248	1	Immunisation	Fierravanti-Wells	a)Which essential vaccines had a lower than expected uptake in 2011-12 and for each, what was the difference between the expected and actual number of vaccines? b)Which age groups were most effected by the lower than expected uptake? c)What contributed to this lower uptake of essential vaccines? d)Does such a large variance have the potential to affect levels of population immunity longer term?	Written QoN
249	1	Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	At the previous Senate Estimates hearings in May, I was advised that the Dietary Guidelines were expected to be finalised by August. a)What is the latest expectation in terms of timing? b)This is one of many delays to these Dietary Guidelines being released. What specifically has caused this delay?	Written QoN
250	1	Dietary Guidelines	Fierravanti-Wells	I understand from answers to a Question on Notice (E12-230) that the Dietary Guidelines were to be peer reviewed by reviewers nominated by the Dietary Guidelines Working Committee. a)Can you reveal who those reviewers were? b)Can you reveal what selection process the Dietary Guidelines Working Committee undertook to identify the peer reviewers?	Written QoN
251	1	Healthy Eating Guide	Fierravanti-Wells	The plate visual is Australian Guide to Healthy Eating of this process that has high impact in the broader community. a)How the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating developed? b)How does the NHMRC ensure the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating accurately and effectively depicts the content of the Dietary Guidelines? c)Is the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating tested with consumers?	Written QoN
252	13	Public Hospitals and Administration	Fierravanti-Wells	a)Other than just giving the Tasmanian Government more money, have there been any consequences at all imposed against Tasmania under the National Health Reform Agreement or Partnership Agreement for reduction in funding to frontline health and hospital services? b)Of the \$325 million, what was new funding and what was allocated from existing programs? c)How much funding from the bailout has been provided to Tasmania, to date, according to each proposed initiative?	Written QoN
253	13	Public Hospitals and Information - Tasmanian package	Fierravanti-Wells	How many additional elective surgery procedures have been performed with the money to date?	Written QoN
254	13	Public Hospitals and Information - Tasmanian Package	Fierravanti-Wells	If this was an 'emergency bailout' why is less than 10 per cent of funding available for elective surgery in-hospital services? How do the other measures provide emergency assistance to patients in the short term?	Written QoN
255	13	Public Hospitals and Information - Tasmanian package	Fierravanti-Wells	Can you provide a breakdown of how much funding will be provided each year and under what DoHA programs through the bailout?	Written QoN
256	13	Public Hospitals and Information	Fierravanti-Wells	a)What services are affected by this fall in funding from projected figures to actual (will be hospitals etc). b)Why was there a fall in the actual payment. Population is not falling and according to the AIHW and COAG reform council elective surgery waiting times have increased since 2007, so demand for hospital services is increasing not falling - what justifies the reduction in payments that were proposed? c)When were the final payments made?	Written QoN
257	13	Public Hospitals and Information	Fierravanti-Wells	a)When were the States notified that there was a negative variance between what was proposed and what would be paid? b)Is it possible the Government will pay less in future years for hospital services than what they are promising?	Written QoN
258	13	Activity Based Funding	Fierravanti-Wells	Is there a formal process in place to consider and consult on a possible transition to a normative pricing model beyond 2013-14 when activity based funding 'becomes live'?	Written QoN
259	13	Activity Based Funding	Fierravanti-Wells	Are there any examples of normative pricing models in other international jurisdictions that may guide the Authority's approach?	Written QoN

260	13	National Efficient Price for growth - IHPA	Fierravanti-Wells	From 2014-15, the Commonwealth is to pay 45 per cent of the National Efficient Price for 'growth' in the volume of services relative to the previous year. What will be the Commonwealth's contribution to the base volume (non-growth)? Is there any indication of approximately what the Commonwealth's contribution will be overall from 2014-15 to 2016-17?	Written QoN
261	13	Data submission and validation	Fierravanti-Wells	What is the current process for data submission and validation from the various jurisdictions? Can you detail any plans and reasoning for changes to the data submission and validation process?	Written QoN
262	13	National Efficient Price	Fierravanti-Wells	Is there hospital costing data more up to date than 2010-11, particularly in relation in developing the Pricing Framework for 2013-14 and is the period of data provided consistent between all jurisdictions?	Written QoN
263	13	National Efficient Price	Fierravanti-Wells	The consultation paper for the 2013-14 Pricing Framework states that the National Efficient Price will be established from year to year by indexing previous cost data - why isn't a more detailed analysis of actual cost data performed to ensure a more accurate Price?	Written QoN
264	13	Activity Based Funding	Fierravanti-Wells	Is ABF funding going to apply to sub-acute and mental health services from 2013 and what work have you done to confirm that you will have complete and timely data from all jurisdictions to facilitate this?	Written QoN
265	13	Activity Based Funding	Fierravanti-Wells	Has there been any advice provided or consideration to date of the feasibility of transition to activity based funding for Teaching, Training and Research and is it likely that it could be implemented prior to 2018?	Written QoN
266	13	Pricing Framework	Fierravanti-Wells	Can you provide detail of the process and timeframe for considering safety and quality in the Pricing Framework? Are there any particular international jurisdictions that may guide the Authority's approach?	Written QoN
267	5	Medicare Locals	Fierravanti-Wells	For each of the Medicare Locals, how much funding is being provided for administration and management for each year over the forward estimates.	Written QoN
268	12	Dental Relocation and Infrastructure Support Scheme	Fierravanti-Wells	When will this program's guidelines be finalised?	Written QoN
269	12	Dental Relocation and Infrastructure Support Scheme	Fierravanti-Wells	Can DoHA confirm that the incentive "scaling" will be based on the ASGC-RA classification system?	Written QoN
270	12	Dental Relocation and Infrastructure Support Scheme	Fierravanti-Wells	When does DOHA expect the first tranche of dentists to apply?	Written QoN
271	12	Dental Relocation and Infrastructure Support Scheme	Fierravanti-Wells	How many dentists have expressed interest in participating in this program?	Written QoN
272	12	Dental Relocation and Infrastructure Support Scheme	Fierravanti-Wells	How many dentists have expressed interest in working for free in rural and remote areas?	Written QoN
273	12	Rural Medical Generalists and Rural- Trained Physician Project	Fierravanti-Wells	Will this program be funded with new funding or is it funding that is being redirected from other areas or agencies?	Written QoN
274	12	Rural Medical Generalists and Rural Trained Physician Project	Fierravanti-Wells	a)What consideration was given to the proposal by the Rural Doctors Association of Australia for a National Advanced Rural Training Program? b)On what basis was each project awarded to relevant jurisdictions, and how was each project's cost determined? c)What consultations did the department undertake prior to this announcement?	Written QoN
275	12	Rural Medical Generalists and rural Trained Physician Project	Fierravanti-Wells	On what basis was the Royal Australian College of Physician's Was the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine involved in the [text missing - checking with ctee sect]	Written QoN

276	1	National assessment of chemicals associated with coal seam gas extraction	Waters	Could you on notice provide me with a breakdown of who is getting what to do what?	CA 54 17/10/2012
277	Whole of Portfolio	Female Human Anatomy poster & Get active-eat good tucker-live longer	Fierravanti-Wells	Who did the design work for the publication?	CA 32 - 19/10/2012
278	Whole of Portfolio	Female Human Anatomy poster & Get active-eat good tucker-live longer	Fierravanti-Wells	Can you identify for me the tender number?	CA 32 - 19/10/2012
279	Whole of Portfolio	Female Human Anatomy poster & Get active-eat good tucker-live longer	McKenzie	How many hits the web-site got?	Written QoN
280	10	Shared Health Summaries	Fierravanti-Wells	How many shared health summaries have been created and uploaded to the PCEHR?	CA 97 - 17/10/2012
281	1	Flexible funds	Fierravanti-Wells	My question is, in relation to each of them [Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund and Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Fund] how many have actually received funding agreements respectively in those two categories? What is the total that has been committed from each of those funds to date? And what are the terms of these funding agreements-length, range and amounts provided?	CA 36 - 17/10/2012
282	11	Better Access	Wright	In relation to Better Access - am interested in having details about the total annual cost over the past five years of the additional six sessions accessed by clients in exceptional circumstances under the Better Access program - it is the cost of any additional in that last amount of six sessions that are available under the program.	CA 72 - 17/10/2012
283	11	Better Access	Wright	For the past five years, what percentage of the overall Better Access funding has actually gone towards paying for the additional six treatment sessions that could be accessed under exceptional circumstances? So, for each of those years, the percentage of the total that was actually paying for the sessions in the last six that were available under exceptional circumstances.	CA 72 - 17/10/2012
284	11	Better Access	Wright	Do you have them [percentages] for the last year? Have they been ascertained at all? [The data normally gives the total sessional data per item, so we would have to specifically look at whether we could pull that out of the data, and that would take a while.]	CA 72 - 17/10/2012
285	11	Better Access	Moore	It would be useful if we could have that so we could interrogate it - the data on percentages for the last year.	CA 72 - 17/10/2012
286	11	Better Access	Wright	Do you have the figures for the total cost for this year, from 1 January to 30 September this year-the total cost, first of all, over that nine-month period, because that is the period up to 30 September since the change came in- and then the cost, particularly, for the six additional treatment sessions in exceptional circumstances for that period of time; do you have that available?	CA 72 - 17/10/2012
287	11	Better Access	Wright	I am also interested in the projected total cost for the Better Access program for this year from January to December. So it is not a financial year; it is a calendar year, but it accords with the period of time for which the change was in effect where there are 10 sessions and then six in exceptional circumstances. Presumably some projections were made about what the cost of that would be for the calendar year?	CA 72 - 17/10/2012

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288	11	Better Access	Wright	I am interested in knowing how many clients or individuals have access to the six exceptional circumstances treatment sessions that are available, over the past five years. So, in total, the number of people who have accessed those-have used those last six sessions that were available, either in part or in full.	CA 73 - 17/10/2012
289	11	Lifeline	Wright	What is the component cost of current government funding to Lifeline's crisis line to assist with meeting unmet demand?	CA 74 - 17/10/2012
290	11	Lifeline	Wright	Is the cost of paying overnight trained counsellors being met by Lifeline out of the original funding agreement, or is that an additional amount of money?	CA 74 - 17/10/2012
291	11	Lifeline	Wright	Is the Department aware of whether Lifeline has nominated a funding amount that they need overall to ensure that people in crisis or at risk of suicide are assured that their crisis calls will be answered?	CA 75 - 17/10/2012
292	11	Mental Health	Fierravanti-Wells	In relation to 2010 could you provide me with a reference to the annual report for the actual expense both administered and departmental?	CA 75 - 17/10/2012
293	11	Mental Health	Fierravanti-Wells	I am going to do this with other areas of the department where there is only one program. I really would like to see that breakdown of the subprograms, the initiatives, and how much money is being spent in relation to those and over the forward estimates. I will put that as part of the question on notice.	CA 76 - 17/10/2012
294	11	Taking Action to Tackle Suicide	Moore	Can we get a table that shows all that you have just said [where the elements of the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package are up to]. I think it would be useful to have that to refer back to.	CA 78 - 17/10/2012
295	11	Mental Health Plans	Fierravanti-Wells	And what about the report on the third mental health plan? What has happened to that? Is there a report out on the third mental health plan?	CA 78 - 17/10/2012
296	11	EPPIC	Fierravanti-Wells	Provide details on components that make up an EPPIC service, in relation to negotiations with states.	CA 39 - 19/10/2012
297	1	Non-aromatic Fuel	Scullion	Are you aware, of any impending decision or discussions around the possibility of providing funding for R&D into the creation of a non-aromatic premium fuel as happened with the unleaded fuel?	CA 42 - 19/10/2012
298	6	Establishment of Rural and Regional Health Australia	Fierravanti-Wells	Have the staffing levels within RRHA remained the same since the previous Estimates hearing? What is your current FTE	Written QoN
299	6	Establishment of Rural and Regional Health Australia	Fierravanti-Wells	How many website hits, phone calls and email enquiries has the agency received since it was established? What do the majority of enquiries relate to, and how are the majority of enquiries addressed (e.g. are they referred to other areas of DoHA such as Health Workforce Capacity or answered by RRHA)?	Written QoN
300	6	Establishment of Rural and Regional Health Australia	Fierravanti-Wells	How many programs does RRHA actually deliver - can you list all of them? Can you give me a breakdown of how much money is assigned to each program over the forward estimates?	Written QoN
301	6	Establishment of Rural and Regional Health Australia	Fierravanti-Wells	What role does RRHA have in relation to the design and implementation of the many rural health programs delivered under other outcomes?	Written QoN
302	6	Establishment of Rural and Regional Health Australia	Fierravanti-Wells	How many programs in total delivered by other sections of DoHA does RRHA have input on?	Written QoN
303	6	Establishment of Rural and Regional Health Australia	Fierravanti-Wells	On what basis does RHHA deliver some programs but not others?	Written QoN

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304	11	Taking Action to Tackle Suicide Package	Fierravanti-Wells	a)Has the proposed \$274m package been expended or fully allocated across the forward estimates? b)Is the Government on target to make the full amount of proposed expenditure? c)How has the \$60m of proposed increase in non-clinical support been expended/allocated and if so please provide a full breakdown?	Written QoN
305	11	Hot Spot Phones	Fierravanti-Wells	a)Have all of the grants for hot spot infrastructure been awarded, and will there be future rounds of funding? b)Why was the window for application so narrow? What was the notice period? c)There is significant evidence that hot spot phones will solicit calls from those at risk and most hot spot capital expenditure programs desire a Lifeline crisis phone at the location - is there a plan to provide Lifeline with additional funding to cover the cost of this?	Written QoN
306	11	10 year mental health roadmap	Fierravanti-Wells	Has the final version been drafted and if so is it publicly available?	Written QoN
307	11	10 year mental health roadmap	Fierravanti-Wells	Have all of the key NGO's in the mental health space had the opportunity to provide input/review of the plan? If so, please list them.	Written QoN
308	11	10 year mental health roadmap	Fierravanti-Wells	What impact will the roadmap have on the funding of NGO's?	Written QoN
309	11	ABS Suicide Statistics	Fierravanti-Wells	What is the government's view of the press release by the ABS (dated 24/07/2012) on the 10 year report on suicide fatalities that suggest that suicide is in decline?	Written QoN
310	1	Chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing for coal seam gas	Waters	Please supply details of the assessment program that will be undertaken on chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing for coal seam gas following the funding announcement of early 2012. Will there be any opportunity for public comment at any stage of the process?	Written QoN
311	1	Independent Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mines	Waters	Please describe the relationship between NICNAS and the Interim and Final Independent Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mines following the funding announcement.	Written QoN
312	1	Chemicals used in mining for coal seam ga	Waters	Please describe the process that would need to occur in order to conduct an assessment of the interaction of chemicals as part of the fracking fluid mixtures, the 'cocktail effect' and its impact on the environment and human health. Please outline what steps are being taken to identify suitable methodologies to allow such as assessment, and whether those steps are being funded.	Written QoN
313	Whole of Portfolio	Funding Arrangements	Fierravanti-Wells	For each program and sub-program listed in the 2011-12 Annual Report, please provide a break-down of the funding arrangements for the current financial year and over the Forward Estimates. Where possible, please include Departmental and Administered expenses. A sample table has been provided (emailed to Div separately) e.g. Some programs list a range of activities, for example, program 1.3 (drug strategy, pp. 57-67 of the 2011-12 Annual Report) lists the following activities: Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund, Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund, Reduce Prevalence of Smoking and Curb Excessive Alcohol Consumption. Please provide the disaggregated funding information for each of these programs and all subsequent programs in all agencies and outcomes.	Written QoN

314	Whole of Portfolio	Flexible funds	Fierravanti-Wells	Flexible Funds: The 2011-12 Budget consolidated 159 grant programs into 18 new or expanded flexible Funds. Most individuals and organisations receiving funding through these programs were funded until 30 June 2012 or until the current agreement(s) expires, whichever is later. For each Fund, please provide a list of organisations whose funding expired on 30 June 2012 and details of existing funding agreements, including date of expiry. Please provide a timetable (including timeframes such as anticipated dates for advertising, applications, evaluation, notification and negotiation) for each of the grants round to be conducted by each Flexible Fund. For example, p. 54 of the 2012-13 PBS notes that a grants round under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund will be conducted, with negotiations to be included by June 2013. Please detail the anticipated expenditure by each Fund over the Forward Estimates. [sample table emailed separately to Div]	Written QoN
315	7	Rehab Plus	Siewert	Are programs that facilitate the role of audiologists and staff in providing psychosocial advice and support to clients, which I understand is provided as part of the Hearing Loss Australia process, being considered as part of the review? Or is it completely separate?	CA 120 - 17/10/2012
316	12	Rural and Remote Health	Wright	Provide detail about the strategies to support and expand the nursing workforce in rural areas particularly in relation to mental health trained nurses, and also the allied health professionals and psychologists and the training of people from rural or in rural areas and the training of people from rural or in rural areas.	CA 112 - 17/10/2012
317	12	Workforce in Rural Areas	Wright	Specifically which departments are involved in the interdepartmental discussions taking place in regards to both fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out workforces across Australia and the range of impacts it has.	CA 113 - 17/10/2012
318	12	General Practice Rural Incentives Program	McKenzie	Provide detail around the promotion of the GP Rural Incentives program and the strategies implemented to reach the target.	CA 114 - 17/10/2012
319	12	General Practice Rural Incentives Program	McKenzie	What is the breakdown of the total allocation of \$116.4 million allocated to the relocation incentive grants specifically, within the overall General Practice Rural Incentives Program.	CA 114 - 17/10/2012
320	12	Medical Interns	Fierravanti-Wells	a)When was the department first notified that there would be a shortfall in medical internships? b) What is the current shortfall and projected shortfall for each year over the forward estimates?	CA 115 - 17/10/2012
321	12	Medical Interns	Fierravanti-Wells	Regarding the proposal to redirect \$10 million for 100 internships, what costs does this cover for each internship and what would be the impact on the number of training places available under the prevocational general practice training program of a redirection of \$10 million?	CA 115 - 17/10/2012
322	10	Canberra Hospital	Humphries	a) What program is the project being funding under? b) Is it the case that this commitment is made to the ACT on the proviso that it elects a Labor Government at the election on Saturday? c) Is the Department aware of any program of spending committed to a state or territory government, or for that matter a foreign government anywhere that the Commonwealth has put dollars in the past, where the commitment was based on one made for a jurisdiction or a hospital or a service or anything of that kind dependent on a particular election outcome before that election occurred? d) Has the Department provided any advice to the minister in relation to this announcement?	CA 90 - 17/10/2012

323	1	Testing Cosmetics on Animals	Rhiannon	In 2003 the European Parliament passed "The 7th Amendment to the Cosmetics Directive" banning the use of animals in cosmetic testing anywhere in Europe and the import of any cosmetics tested on animals, regardless of their country of origin. a)Is the Minister for Health considering following the lead of the European Union by introducing a standard under section 81(1) of the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989, stating that no cosmetic shall be imported into, or manufactured in, Australia if the final product or its ingredients have been tested on animals? b) If not, why not? c) Is there any support for investigating the introduction of this standard?	Written QoN
324	3	Radiology	Smith	Whether Mr Peter Watson, who is a member of the legislative assembly in the state parliament of Western Australia-the member for Albany-made any representations on behalf of Great Southern Radiology.	CA 102 - 17/10/2012
325	3	Pathology	Fierravanti-Wells	What were the final MBS outlays and growth rates for 2011-12?	CA 103 - 17/10/2012
326	3	Pathology	Fierravanti-Wells	Was that above or below the rate caps for 2011-12?	CA 103 - 17/10/2012
327	3	EMSN	Fierravanti-Wells	Under 3.1-Medicare services-given the capping of the additional items under the extended Medicare safety net in this year's budget paper No. 2, at 176, what are the current projections of expenditure on the safety net for each year across the forward estimates? And how does this compare historically?	CA 103 - 17/10/2012
328	3	MSAC	Fierravanti-Wells	a) How many MSAC assessments actually do go up to the Minister? b) How many [MSAC assessments] have been recommended versus not recommended? c) Provide some basic time frames for this (MSAC) process and some general information as to how it compares historically.	CA 105 - 17/10/2012
329	9	Private Health Insurance - Prepayments	Fierravanti-Wells	Are you expecting changes in policy behaviour, dropping or downgrading to be delayed by 12 or 18 months or the period of the prepayments?	CA 117 - 17/10/2012
330	2	High Cost Drug Listings	Di Natale	In 2011-12 which medicine over \$10 million had the longest delay to listing?	CA 107 - 17/10/2012
331	2	Premium-Free Dispensing Incentive	Fierravanti-Wells	What is the most recent projection of expenditure on the incentive over the forward estimates?	CA 108 - 17/10/2012
332	2	High Cost Drug Listings	Fierravanti-Wells	Based on past experience, how many medicines costing over \$10 million do you expect to be recommended by the PBAC over the forward estimates?	CA 109 - 17/10/2012
333	2	Deferrals Statistics	Fierravanti-Wells	How has the deferrals policy impacted on PBS listings going back four years?	CA 109 - 17/10/2012
334	8	Health Hardware implementation	Fierravanti-Wells	How does DoHA engage with local government?	CA 36 - 19/10/2012
335	8	Business Broadband to remote area health services	Scullion	What is the NACCHO Telehealth project, and what are the intended outcomes?	CA 43 - 19/10/2012
336	5	Subprogram breakdown	Fierravanti-Wells	Providing information on subprograms 5.1, 5.2 & 5.3 as part of a earlier and broader request.	CA 69 - 17/10/2012
337	5	Value of monies redirected from the after hours PIP to MLAH	Fierravanti-Wells	What is the projected value over the forward estimates of the after-hours practice incentive payment to be redirected to Medicare Locals?	CA 69 - 17/10/2012
338	5	Departmental Staffing - GP Super Clinics Branch	Fierravanti-Wells	a) What is the current full-time-equivalent staff working in the GP Super Clinics branch for each of the years over the forward estimates? b) What is the total combined salary of all staff within the GP Super Clinics branch for each year over the forward estimates?	CA 69 - 17/10/2012

339	5	Departmental staffing and salaries for Medicare Locals Branch	Fierravanti-Wells	What about the current full-time equivalent staff working in the (Medicare Locals) branch for each of the years over the forward estimates?	CA 69 - 17/10/2012
340	5	Medicare Local Fund	Fierravanti-Wells	For each year over the forward estimates, how much money has been allocated for the regionally tailored primary care initiatives through the Medicare Locals fund?	CA 69 - 17/10/2012
341	1	Breast Screening	Furner	How much has as the Commonwealth invested in digital mammography in Queensland? (and other States)	CA 18 - 17/10/2012
342	1	Anti-Microbial Resistance Committee	Di Natale	What sort of FTE hours are we talking about dedicated specifically to supporting the work of the Committee?	CA 56 - 17/10/2012
343	1	National Residential Medication Chart	Di Natale	a) How many facilities will initially be involved? b) And the framework for it to be fully implemented? c) Tell me, what is the cost of this project?'	CA 57 - 17/10/2012
344	1	Breast Screening	Furner	Is it true that you need a centralised management system to make sure that images can be sent quickly and efficiently for reading wherever radiologists are available?	CA 18 - 17/10/2012
345	1	Breast Screening	Fierravanti-Wells	Advise the actual expense, including a breakdown of administered and departmental, for the 2010-11 financial year.	CA 18 - 17/10/2012
346	1	Forward Estimates	Fierravanti-Wells	Could you take on notice the expenses for Outcome 1 Population Health including administered and departmental expenses over the forward estimates?	CA 19 - 17/10/2012
347	1	Funding: Program Expenses	Fierravanti-Wells	For those subprograms in 1.1, would you take on notice the specific funding in actual program expenses. The figures for 2010, 2011 and 2012 will have to be taken on notice, I take it?	CA 20 - 17/10/2012
348	1	Funding Agreements	Fierravanti-Wells	Could you take on notice the terms of these funding agreements - length, range and amounts provided.	CA 20 - 17/10/2012
349	1	Funding Rounds	Fierravanti-Wells	What is the timing for future funding rounds?	CA 21 - 17/10/2012
350	1	Grants Fund	Fierravanti-Wells	a) Provide the figure for spending and commitment. b) The portfolio budget statement indicated that there was \$65 million to be committed. Would you take on Notice the breakdown over the forward estimates of the \$251 million allocated for the fund. Is the \$250 million included in the total figure for program 1.1 in the portfolio budget statements? is that in addition or how exactly is it accounted for in the PBS?	CA 36 - 17/10/2012
351	1	Program Funding	Fierravanti-Wells	What accounts for the \$12 million reduction in funding for program 1.3 between 2012 of 247 and 2013 of 235? That is on page 61 of the PBS.	CA 37 - 17/10/2012
352	1	Alcohol - consumption indicators	Di Natale	a) What I am asking is: have you got any clear advice from alcohol researchers or academics that would indicate that this is not an appropriate indicator? b) Can I ask you: who in particular specifically has provided you advice that it is not an appropriate indicator to use? c) I am not aware of any international debate which is why I am keen for you to perhaps provide me with any information.	CA 51 - 17/10/2012
353	10	McGrath Cancer Nurses	Fierravanti-Wells	In relation to 2010, what were the actual program expenses? - NFA'ed as satisfied the question was answered at the hearing.	CA 94 - 17/10/2012
354	8	BreastScreen Australia Program	Fierravanti-Wells	What are the specific outcomes in terms of Indigenous Women since the inception of the Program (other than statistics)?	CA 35 - 19/10/2012
355	8	BreastScreen Australia Program	Fierravanti-Wells	Obviously there have been advocacy and awareness activities that have been undertaken under the banner of this program. Can you specify those (in relation to Indigenous communities)?	CA 35 - 19/10/2012
356	10	eHealth	Воусе	Do you acknowledge that there have been a series of outages in the E-Health architecture - PBS, HI, Accenture/PCEHR, and the vendor PCEHR test environment?	Written QoN

357	10	eHealth	Воусе	Can you confirm that the number and duration of these events are well outside acceptable times in any industry, let alone health? If you disagree can you supply the detailed service standards that support that view?	Written QoN
358	10	eHealth	Воусе	During the October estimates hearing Ms Huxtable: said that so far, 13,340 people had registered for a PCEHR while departmental predictions were 500,000 registrations in the first full year of operation . When asked about this huge discrepancy between projected and actual, Departmental Secretary Ms Jane Halton made this remark; "Literally, day on day-we get the numbers everyday of how many people have registered-I open it and think, 'Goodness me'. People really want this. It is amazing." a)How could such buoyant optimism possibly be justified by the miniscule registrations so far? DoHA b)How many distinct clinical discharge summaries, and shared heath summaries have been uploaded? DoHA c)How many documents have been downloaded? DoHA d)What has been the average number of patient PCEHR users per day over the last month? DoHA e)How many vendors have completed NOC and CCA for the PCEHR B2B interface? DoHA f)How many providers have completed registration for PCEHR including signing the provider agreement?	Written QoN
359	10	eHealth	Воусе	In the Department of Health and Ageing's Annual Report 2011-2012 under section 10.2 they said this about their National E-Health Leadership; "During the year, the Department (in conjunction with state and territory governments) continued to support the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) to develop and maintain the specifications, infrastructure, software and systems required to support electronic health systems nationally. NEHTA's responsibilities encompass the delivery of key E-Health components, including; a) The Healthcare Identifiers (HI) service, b) The National Authentication Service for Health (NASH). [NOT COMPLETED-see earlier questions] c) Standard clinical terminologies and secure messaging to support the safe and secure electronic exchange of patient information. d) The Department participated in stakeholder discussions, led by NEHTA and Standards Australia, to inform the development of these national E-Health standards and focused on the promotion and use of E-Health standards, particularly the foundation standards for clinical terminology and secure messaging, to ensure efficient, effective and consistent implementation of E-Health nationally. NEH'E: Health components implemented by the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) in accordance with funding agreement. (2011-12 Reference Point: Funding agreement with NEHTA sets out deliverables linked to the 2011-12 NEHTA work program, agreed to by the Australian Government and states and territories and approved by the NEHTA Board.) Result: Met. However this is what COAG says about the 'KPI's / Indicators /Outcomes / Accountability of NEHTA in Chapter 10 of a recent report by the COAG Reform Council under the heading "Reporting on National Partnerships" "National Partnership must focus on accountability for outcomes and outputs, measured through clearly specified performance indicators (Commonwealth Treasury 2010b). The National Partnership Agreement on E-Health does not articulate performance indicators or milestones that enable comp	Written QoN

360	10	eHealth	Воусе	In your most recent Annual Report you say the following; "2011-12 Reference Point: National E-Health standards for electronic transfer of prescriptions completed by June 2012. Result: Substantially met." "National E-Health standard specifications for electronic transfer of prescriptions required additional input from stakeholders which has delayed publication by Standards Australia. The six draft documents have now been reviewed by the Department and are in an advanced stage of development. The standards are expected to be completed and published early in 2013." a)How can you possibly say you have substantially met a deadline of June 2012 when you then say they won't be ready till some unspecified date in 2013? DoHA b)What have you been doing to fix this?	Written QoN
361	10	eHealth	Воусе	The National Partnership on E-Health expired in June this year, what will replace it and will it include remedies for the above? [as per E12-360]	Written QoN
362	Whole of Portfolio	Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children	Siewert	a) Has the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) had any formal or informal involvement with FaHCSIA's Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children, including provision of advice on the survey's design? b) Has the AIHW been asked to participate in FaHCSIA's Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children, including in provision of advice on the survey's design?	CA 15 - 17/10/2012
363	Whole of Portfolio	Child protection income management measures	Siewert	a) Has the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) had any involvement with FaHCSIA's survey work on income management measures, in particular, child protection income management measures? b) Has the AIHW had any involvement with FaHCSIA's survey work on income management measures with respect to survey work being undertaken in Western Australia at this time, including consultation on the design of the study, and particularly as the study relates to child protection income management measures?	CA 16 - 17/10/2012
364	Whole of Portfolio	Child protection and educational outcomes data collection	Siewert	When was the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) commissioned to undertake developmental work on an ongoing educational outcomes national data collection, that looks at ways in which children in the child protection system progress through education?	CA 16 - 17/10/2012
365	Whole of Portfolio	Specific financial details of the AIHW	Fierravanti-Wells	What are the answers to financial questions we were going to ask of all agencies that you got in an email and which you are not able to give me today? The emailed questions are: a) 2010-11 actual expense including a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses (note that the answer to this question was supplied at the estimates hearing.); b) 2011-12 actual expense including a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses (note that the answer to this question was partially supplied at the estimates hearing); c) 2012-13 budgeted expense and what is left for the remainder of the financial year including a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses (note that the answer to this question was partially supplied at the estimates hearing); d) any changes to the program since the 2012-13 budgets, can you please outline the operational changes for each; f) the expenses, including a breakdown of the administered and departmental expenses, over each year of the forward estimates hearing); g) the deliverables for each activity; h) the assumptions for each activity and sub-program.	CA 15 - 17/10/2012
366	4	Aged Care Funding Instrument	Fierravanti-Wells	The minister again makes comments about the funding claims and says: "I'll be asking for an explanation from the department". Can I ask: did he ask for that explanation and when was that explanation provided to him?	CA 88 - 17/10/2012

367	4	Aged Care Funding Instrument	Fierravanti-Wells	When do expect the formal investigation will report?	CA 88 - 17/10/2012
368	4	Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR)	Smith	What are the criteria for the assessment of applications as part of the Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR)?	CA 79 - 17/10/2012
369	4	SACS Supplementation Funding	Siewert	Is it still the case that an organisation will get only one letter from your agency if it gets more than one grant? And I am fairly confident that some of them will have more than one.	CA 10 - 17/10/2012
370	4	Aged Care Funding Instrument	Smith	On the ACFI monitoring group, are you able to provide to me who actually sits on what?	CA 80 - 17/10/2012
371	4	Aged Care Workforce Compact	Fierravanti-Wells	All right, so you do have statistics about the total number of workers in the aged-care sector? Is that yes? And you do have figures in relation to how many of those workers are covered by an enterprise bargaining agreement?	CA 90 - 17/10/2012
372	4	Forward Estimates	Fierravanti-Wells	I need a global number for the forward estimates. It is broken down by programs. It does not have the actual global amount for the department for outcome 4 as a whole.	CA 90 - 17/10/2012
373	1	Woman's right to terminate an unplanned pregnancy	Rhiannon	Does the federal government currently provide funding to any organisation that opposes a woman's right to terminate an unplanned pregnancy?	CA 58 - 17/10/2012
374	13	Dental	Fierravanti-Wells	Can you tell me how many patients would be eligible for services each year over the forward estimates?	CA 84 - 17/10/2012
375	13	Dental	Fierravanti-Wells	I was also wondering whether you have any data on current waiting times, on average and by jurisdiction, for public dental services in Australia.	CA 64 - 17/10/2012
376	9	Private Health Insurance	Fierravanti-Wells	Treasury has estimated the impact of the pre-payment to be \$549 million. My question is: do you agree with Treasury that that is the impact?	CA 117 - 17/10/2012
377	11	e-mental health	Wright	I am interested, in particular, in what strategies the department has developed or implemented to address particular barriers that I have come across in my consultations. There are three that I have identified. One is the unavailability of mental health services in regions. Another is a lack of internet services to access e-mental-health services. An example there is the fact that obviously, in a country with the distance issues that Australia, e-health holds a lot of promise but it does rely on the ability of people to access computers and the technology and also have the literacy to be able to operate them. For instance, are there any strategies to ensure that there is technology available in Indigenous communities? The last of the barriers would be privacy-the issue of privacy and taboo in small towns and the issues that that creates in terms of conflicts of interest, stigma and so on. Has the department addressed any of those barriers?	CA 112 - 17/10/2012
378	12	Mental Health Workforce Strategies	Wright	a) What is the total cost currently, and for the forward estimates, of rolling out of mental health workforce strategies? b) What will be the major mental health workforce capacity issues and challenges faced for dealing with the challenges faced by regional, rural and remote Australia over the next three to five years? c) Has consideration been given to mental health training for non-mental-health workers to expand the literacy and the capacity of people to respond to challenges where there are not professionals?	CA 112 - 17/10/2012

379	1	Eye Health	Fierravanti-Wells	In 2011 the Department of Health and Ageing contracted Vision2020 Australia to conduct an Eye Health Stocktake, the contract was not released for tender or discussed with any other organisations or other stakeholders in the eye health or rehabilitation sector. Following complaints that the process was not transparent or independent and concerns with regard to sharing individual organisation's intellectual property with Vision 2020 (seen by many as a competitor), it was then subcontracted to Allen Consulting. The draft report was presented to the Vision2020 Board and then presented to the Department in late 2011. To date, other than the Vision 2020 Board, no one outside of the Department has seen this report or its findings. a)Why was the tender for the Stocktake not opened for a Competitive tender process? b)Why has only one organisation in the Eye Sector and their Board members been provided an opportunity to amend and view this report? c)When is the report going to be released?	Written QoN
380	1	Eye Health	Fierravanti-Wells	The Federal Government has for the past 7 years funded Vision 2020 Australia under various programs as a peak organisation of the Eye Care sector, something a number of organisations dispute. Vision 2020 has spent significant resources on staff dedicated to lobbying, expensive information materials and functions such as the Parliamentary Friend's Dinner. a)For what is Vision 2020 funded, what objectives, KPI's and reporting is linked to this funding? b)What processes have been introduced to monitor the achievement of these requirements? c)Why has access to these funds not been available to other organisations that are better able to represent their member's interests? d)Has Commonwealth funding been used for activities, e.g. travel, dinners, lobbying, rather than in accordance with the funding agreement?	Written QoN
381	5	Portfolio Budget Statements	Fierravanti-Wells	In relation to 2012-13 on page 149, is that still on track? And there have been no changes since those figures?	CA 69 - 17/10/2012
382	14	Antimicrobial Issues	Di Natale	In one of the questions on notice from the last estimates there was an answer that the Communicable Diseases Network and the Public Health Laboratory Network were essentially responsible for providing advice on antimicrobial issues. Do you have any specific advice that has been provided by those agencies, and would you be able to table that?	CA 60 - 17/10/2012
383	11	Better Access	Wright	Considering the whole program, essentially, what percentage of treatment sessions are those that were accessed in the exceptional circumstances aspect of the program. So, as to those last six sessions, the percentage overall for the past five years.	CA 73 - 17/10/2012
384	2	Cost of drugs over the forward estimates	Di Natale	That is a pretty big range. If it is \$101 million or \$102 million, that is fine. But I just want to know if we are talking?	CA 106 - 17/10/2012
385	1	Staffing Levels	Fierravanti-Wells	I am looking at the annual report for the 2011-12 financial year, pages 88 to 89 so the actual 602 less 34,000. I am looking at page 51 of the portfolio budget statement, which talks about the average staffing level number for 2011-12 as being 461 and then 401. It then has 1,185 and 1,198. Could you explain that to me. Have I missed something there? There seems to be a big difference or they are different numbers? Do you understand what I mean?	CA 18 - 17/10/2012
386	Whole of Portfolio	Whole of Portfolio	Fierravanti-Wells	I will go through that, and you will take the whole of portfolio on notice?	CA 8 - 17/10/2012

387	1	Funding	Fierravanti-Wells	The portfolio budget statement indicated that there was \$65 million to be committed. Would you take on notice the breakdown over the forward estimates of the \$251 million allocated for the fund. Is the \$250 million included in the total figure for program 1.1 in the portfolio budget statements? Is that in addition or how exactly is it accounted for in the PBS?	CA 20 - 17/10/2012
388	1	Alcohol	Di Natale	They have been involved in some of the consultations. They are aware of our papers. We have made those public and put them up on our website and invited comment to them as well. I think we have had a discussion with the wine federation of Australia, but I would have to check on that. I think that may have occurred recently but, again, if I can just take that on notice and check.	CA 52 - 17/10/2012
389	12	Mental Health Strategies	Wright	Specifically regarding mental health what information is available in regards to projections, projected costs and consideration that the department is giving over the next three to five years about where challenges will be.	CA 112 - 17/10/2012
390	Whole of Portfolio	Expenses	Fierravanti-Wells	I am happy for it to be taken on notice. In relation to 2011-12, I note that it is in the annual report at page 244. So that is fine for that one. In relation to 2012-13, overall the budget for this outcome¿will you provide the information in relation to break down by the subprograms? What about in relation to staffing levels? You will take those on notice as well?	CA 93 - 17/10/2012
391	Whole of Portfolio	Capital Funding	Humphries	Can I correct what I have just said. It is a \$5.8 million announcement, \$879,000 coming from ACT Labor, not the ACT government, and up to \$5 million from the federal government. To quote the policy, 'The federal Labor government has agreed to provide a re-elected ACT Labor government with up to \$5 million in capital funding to construct a dedicated paediatric waiting and triage area.' NFA - Answer being provided in QoN E12-322	CA 93 - 17/10/2012
392	Whole of Portfolio	Growth Rates	Fierravanti-Wells	Okay. Now, there is a drop. Can you give me a broad outline in relation to that drop? There is a fall in the first year from 2011-12 to 2012-13 and then there are growth rates of about four or five per cent in the following years. As I understand it, last year's budget indicated growth of about three per cent between these years, which also I understand factored in the private health insurance changes and the closure of the dental scheme. Can you give me an explanation as to why there has been a significant revision in this year's budget? And will you be able to show me precisely those variations, and what was responsible for those variations?	CA 14 - 17/10/2012
393	1	Funding for Medication	Fierravanti-Wells	How much funding to you dedicate to medication safety each year over the forward estimates?	CA 57 - 17/10/2012
394	10	NBN Trials	Scullion	a) When are those trials being completed? b) What is the extent of the trials in Armidale? c) I was up there recently. I was not really informed about any trials in this area, but perhaps I did not ask the right questions. I would be interested to know what they actually are, because in my recent visit there was no mention made of them. Perhaps you might like to take that on notice. Thank you. d) Would you also provide the cost of each of those trials.	CA 42 - 19/10/2012