

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2011–2012 – 13 FEBRUARY 2012

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO

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1	Corp	MO	Abetz	PQON 1306 – Draft Response	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> They were each individual questions, and I want to know why these questions were not answered in the first place. It is a very high handed response—very dismissive to 11 specific questions. What I would like to know, Mr Comley, is: without knowing the detail, because I am not entitled to know the detail, is the answer that I have been provided in the same form as the department initially submitted it to the minister's office?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> I do not know, and I am not going comment at this point. I do make the comment that this is the answer by the minister for a Senate question; this is not a question on notice put in this forum. We could look back and take that on notice, but ultimately—</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Please do. Will you?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> Yes, I will take that on notice.</p>	ECA5	21/05/12	28/06/12
2	Corp	MO	Abetz	PQON 1306	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> In that case, why could we not be told when is the team expected to conclude its work? Why was it such a state secret that we could not be told about these things when I asked about it on 31 October? If the minister could have another go at all 11 questions, I would be much obliged. What this does is create extra work for the department, extra work for the Minister, extra work for this committee and extra work for the opposition. I think Senator Boswell makes a very good point: there are plenty of people in the department, and we would have expected better responses. Please take all those 11 questions on notice yet again and provide us with factual information rather than the political spin which goes nowhere near the factual information that was sought.</p>	ECA6	21/05/12	28/06/12
3	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Nishi – Additional Air-Conditioning	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> The Public Works Committee indicated that some of the works required within that \$20.5 million budget included supplementary air-conditioning for rooms with abnormal cooling and ventilation requirements. Are you able to enlighten me as to how it comes to pass that, in a brand new building with a brand new fit-out, there are rooms with abnormal cooling and ventilation requirements?</p> <p><b>Mr Gleeson:</b> I would have to take the particulars of that on notice.</p>	ECA7	30/03/12	10/05/12
4	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Nishi – Additional Solar PV Installation	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> If you could take all of that on notice that would be useful. Also, is the department paying itself to install PV panels as part of the fit-out?</p> <p><b>Mr Gleeson:</b> I would have to take that particular part of it on notice. Again, we will be the tenants of the building, and we are looking at the fit-out for our particular section of it.</p>	ECA7	07/05/12	10/05/12

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					<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Could you take that on notice and provide details if you are aware of the cost and size of PV installation. I understand that some PV installation is associated with the building design itself but I want to know whether the department is planning anything supplementary to that.			
5	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Staffing numbers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff are currently employed in the Department across all program areas?</li> <li>2. How many staff will be employed in the Department at the end of this year across all program areas?</li> <li>3. What is the number of permanent and contracted staff?</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
6	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Staffing – FYTD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
7	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Staffing – Turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>2. How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
8	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Staffing – Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.</li> <li>2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</li> </ol>	Written	18/05/12	28/06/12
9	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Staffing – SES	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
10	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Staffing – Graduates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many graduates have been engaged this year?</li> <li>2. Where have they been placed in the department/agency?</li> <li>3. Were these empty positions or are they new positions?</li> <li>4. List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
11	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?</li> <li>2. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</li> <li>3. 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</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					the name of the consultant if known.			
12	Corp	CSD	Humphries	Contractors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many contractors are currently employed in the Department?</li> <li>2. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years?</li> <li>3. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years?</li> <li>4. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years?</li> <li>5. Does the Department make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
13	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has the Department ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
14	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has the Department ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
15	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has the Department ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
16	Corp	ASCD	Fisher	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has the Department ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details	Written	05/04/12	10/05/12
17	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has the Department ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
18	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has the Department ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
19	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has the Department ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
20	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has the Department ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
21	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has the Department ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
22	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Efficiency Dividend	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department?</li> <li>2. What percentage of your budget must be cut?</li> <li>3. Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency divided? If yes, provide details of where the positions are locate, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not.</li> </ol>	Written	21/05/12	28/06/12

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					4. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			
23	Corp	CSD	Humphries	Efficiency Dividend	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the Department's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15?</li> <li>2. What percentage of the Department's budget is designated to staffing?</li> <li>3. What is the size of the Department's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants.</li> <li>4. What specific strategies will the Department adopt to ensure continued operation within budget?</li> <li>5. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?</li> </ol>	Written	21/05/12	28/06/12
24	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Government payments of accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the Department paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 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?</li> <li>b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
25	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Departmental budget	What is the allocated budget and what is the operative budget for the Department?	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
26	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Training	Please detail all staff training programs for which the Department has paid in financial year 2011-12 to date, including costs, numbers of participants, the title of each training program and the name of each training provider.	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
27	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Training - Executive Coaching and Leadership	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ol> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c. The number of employees who received the service and their</li> </ol>	Written	18/05/12	28/06/12

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					<p>employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the Department's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
28	Corp	ASCD	Fisher	Training – Media	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by the Department, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
29	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Training – Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	<p>1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for</p>	Written	07/05/12	10/05/12

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					designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.			
30	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Education expenses	For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for the Department. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
31	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Departmental Travel	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Can I refer to a question on notice? It is an estimates question on notice, number 192, which sought information about departmental travel and the opening line of that answer is: The Department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to these questions... It goes on to provide some information but not the type of disaggregated information that had been asked for. However—and I do not know whether you will have these with you—for additional estimates in February of last year, the same questions were asked for a different financial year and a far more detailed and comprehensive answer was given. I am just wondering how it is that less than a year ago these questions were able to be answered? I do note that at that time, the names of staff were deleted and perhaps the question, when re-asked and resubmitted in October last year, should not have requested the names of those, given it had been indicated that was inappropriate to provide. But a whole extensive table at that time, of what was question on notice No. 1, provided all of the information of different band levels, individual expenses, each individual trip itemised and the total costs related to those trips. Why is it that that was able to be provided early last year as a result of last February's estimates but to an identical question asked for a different financial year in the October estimates we could not manage to get the same detail of information?</p> <p><b>Mr Gleeson:</b> I would have to take that on notice and have a look at it.</p>	ECA4	02/04/12	10/05/12
32	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Overseas travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Department staff travelled overseas?</li> <li>2. Please detail the total number of trips for each departmental position and their total travel expenses.</li> <li>3. How many staff travelled first class?</li> <li>4. How many staff travelled business class?</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
33	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Overseas travel cost	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of overseas travel for the Department? Please include a list of all international travel itemised by trip, detailing the number of Departmental staff involved and the cost of each trip including the total amounts spent on accommodation and meals, cities or other destinations visited, the purpose of the travel and any specific outcomes achieved.</li> <li>2. What was the total amount spent by the Department on overseas</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12

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					accommodation and meals?			
34	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Future overseas travel	How many future overseas trips is the Department currently planning?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
35	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Interstate travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff travelled interstate?</li> <li>2. What was the total accommodation and meals bill for staff travelling interstate over the past year?</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
36	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Travel - Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of the Department. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</li> <li>2. Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why.</li> <li>3. 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 cost per employee.</li> <li>4. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
37	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Travel – Minister, Parliamentary Secretary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</li> <li>2. For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</li> <li>3. For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
38	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Government stationery requirements	How much was spent by the Department on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
39	Corp	ASCD	Birmingham	Advertising expenditure – 2011-12	Please detail all advertising expenditure in financial year 2011-12 to date by campaign, including the campaign's purpose, total cost (including campaign research and design) and media (i.e. print, radio, TV etc) involved. In each case, if the campaign was part of a broader strategy, what other	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12

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					communications activities were undertaken and at what cost? Please provide a similar breakdown on budgeted future spending.			
40	Corp	ASCD	Birmingham	Advertising – Involvement of other departments and agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many people from government departments and agencies has the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency approached to potentially be part of any Government advertising campaign in connection with climate change and/or the carbon tax?</li> <li>2. How were these people identified and/or selected, and by what method(s) were they contacted?</li> <li>3. How many of these people agreed to participate, and how many declined?</li> <li>4. How many were filmed?</li> <li>5. On what date did filming of the ads begin, and on what date did it finish?</li> <li>6. Please list each of the departments and agencies from which participants for the advertising campaign were sought.</li> <li>7. How many officers from the CSIRO were approached (and please indicate their names), and on what date(s) in each case?</li> </ol>	Written	12/04/12	10/05/12
41	Corp	ASCD	Fisher	Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?</li> <li>2. For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</li> <li>3. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</li> <li>4. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</li> <li>5. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</li> <li>6. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</li> </ol>	Written	21/05/12	28/06/12
42	Corp	RD	Birmingham	Corporate Branding/Graphic Design	For Contract Notice CN458232, amended by CN458232-A1 to increase the contract value from \$41,167.50 to \$200,000.00, was this tender re-opened prior to the contract value being increased? Please outline on what basis the contract value was increased. Has the Department received value for money?	Written	16/04/12	10/05/12
43	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment – Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</li> <li>2. What is the Department's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</li> <li>3. What hospitality spend is the Department planning on spending? Detail</li> </ol>	Written	26/04/12	10/05/12

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					date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4. What entertainment spend is the Department's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			
44	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment – MO/PSO	1. 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. 2. 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. 3. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
45	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Board Appointments	1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
46	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
47	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Discretionary Grants	1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
48	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Corporate Cars	1. How many cars are owned by the Department? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
49	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Taxi costs	1. How much did the Department spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in the Department. 2. How much did the Department spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in the Department.	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
50	Corp	LSB	Fisher	Freedom of Information	1. Has the Department received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What was the total cost to the Department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. What is the total cost to the Department to process FOI requests for this	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12

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					<p>financial year to date?</p> <p>4. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, 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?</p> <p>5. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and 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? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?</p> <p>6. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>			
51	Corp	LSB	Fisher	Legal Costs	<p>1. What sum did the Department spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2. What sum did the Department spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3. What sum did the Department spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did the Department spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
							<b>Revised answer provided 12/07/12</b>	
52	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Community Cabinet	<p>1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>3. 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, accommodate and any other expenses.</p> <p>4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
53	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. How many reviews are being undertaken?</p> <p>2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded</p> <p>3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p>	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12

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					5. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 6. What reviews are planned? 7. When will each of these reviews be concluded?			
54	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Commissioned Reports	1. How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? 2. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio 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. a. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	10/05/12	28/06/12
55	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Media Monitoring – Department	1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department this financial year to date? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
56	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Media Monitoring – MO	1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? 2. What was 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? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written	05/04/12	10/05/12
57	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Social Media	Have there been any changes to Department social media protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12

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58	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</li> <li>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</li> <li>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Does the Department subscribe to newspapers? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</li> <li>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</li> <li>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Does the Department subscribe to magazines? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</li> <li>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</li> <li>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
59	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list how many staff in the Department are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</li> <li>2. Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.</li> </ol>	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
60	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff in the Department have a corporate credit card? What is their classification?</li> <li>2. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>3. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>4. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>5. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>6. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> </ol>	Written	02/04/12	10/05/12
61	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department 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.</li> <li>2. What equipment is provided to departmental staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.</li> </ol>	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
62	1.1	CSMD	Boswell	Regulation Impact Statement	<p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> I have a couple of questions on the gas management act, the refrigerants. What consultation has the department undertaken with the industry regarding the imposition of a carbon tax on the current 911 licence holders that have a licence to import equipment containing synthetic greenhouse gases?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> That is a matter for SEWPaC; they administer that act. We consult with that department, which directly consults with their stakeholders. That question would be better directed to the department of environment.</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> I have a question about the impact statement. Should that go to them too?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> The RIS on the carbon price covered that off. Is that right, Dr Kennedy?</p>	ECA7-8	21/05/12	28/06/12

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					<p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> I believe so. I have to take meticulous notes.</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Was there a regulation impact statement?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong:</b> The regulation impact statement would have been done in the context of the carbon price package. I think that Dr Kennedy is saying that he will take on notice what specific information on that aspect we can provide.</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL:</b> Is that your question?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> The regulation impact statement for the introduction of the clean energy future package was provided by this department. We can take on notice any questions about material contained in that regulation impact statement.</p>			
63	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Energy Security Fund – Applications Received	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> I appreciate forward purchasing and so on means that people will be hedging against their own expectations of where the market might go. I will quickly try to move through some of the expenses side of the department's operations under the carbon pricing package. You mentioned before the energy security fund and the nice round \$1 billion that is there in 2011-12. Have decisions been made on how that funding is to be allocated?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> No, in consultation on the guidelines for that fund was done late last year. Applications were opened and recently closed to apply for moneys in that fund and the department is currently considering those applications.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Are you able to reveal how many applications were received?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> I do not think that, given we are in the midst of the process, it would be appropriate for me to go into the details, because we are just considering those applications. But I would be happy to take questions on notice around numbers in the process.</p>	ECA33	21/05/12	28/06/12
64	1.1	LD	Milne	Fugitive Emissions from Coal Seam Gas	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Needless to say, you may anticipate an FOI request on that. Just to come back to it, though: given that analysis, have you upgraded your estimation or increased your estimation of the fugitive emissions from coal seam gas as a result of that report?</p> <p><b>Ms Thompson:</b> We have had to go back and have a look at the actual figures as part of the national accounts across the time series, so I would like to take that particular element of the question on notice.</p>	ECA16	19/04/12	10/05/12
65	1.1	LD	Milne	Emissions Factor for Coal Seam Gas	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> Given the work that has been done, what is your assumption about the greenhouse benefit of coal seam gas relative to coal?</p> <p><b>Ms Thompson:</b> On the actual emissions factor for the gas as a whole: emissions associated with natural gas including coal seam methane are 38 per cent lower on average than black coal on a per unit of energy basis.</p> <p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> And that is based on the independent analysis you had done last year?</p> <p><b>Ms Thompson:</b> That is based on the total of the sources of analysis that we used to prepare the emissions factors, and emissions factors are also part of</p>	ECA17	19/04/12	10/05/12

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					the NGERs determination. <b>Senator MILNE:</b> If you were to separate out the methane from coal seam gas as opposed to other gas operations, what is that factor? <b>Ms Thompson:</b> I would need to take that on notice.			
66	1.1	LD	Milne	Coal Seam Gas Emissions Estimate	<b>Senator MILNE:</b> Is the coal seam gas accounted for separately in our inventory or is it all lumped together? Is it fugitive emissions from gas generally, or is coal seam gas separately accounted for? <b>Ms Thompson:</b> My understanding is that methane from coalmines is put together in the inventory, but I would like to check that on notice for you. <b>Senator MILNE:</b> It is the coal seam gas operations that I am referring to more particularly. I would like you to take on notice what your current estimate is for coal seam gas emissions in the greenhouse inventory.	ECA17	19/04/12	10/05/12
67	1.1	LD	Milne	George Wilkenfeld	<b>CHAIR:</b> Before we go on, could you give us a bit of an overview about George Wilkenfeld and his expertise in this area. <b>Ms Thompson:</b> Yes. George Wilkenfeld has been very active in the area of providing technical advice to Australia for the preparation of the inventory over many years. He has also done a lot of work in the renewable energy space. He is generally regarded as one of the extremely prominent and authoritative sources of expertise in this area. <b>Senator MILNE:</b> But did he do field studies? Is his analysis based on field studies? <b>Ms Thompson:</b> Are you asking if he personally went out and measured the methane in coalmines as part of the work that he did? <b>Senator MILNE:</b> It is the coal seam gas operations around Australia, and, yes, I am asking not if he necessarily did it personally but whether his team doing the analysis actually had field studies. <b>Ms Thompson:</b> We would need to take that as on notice as well.	ECA17	19/04/12	10/05/12
68	1.1	LD	Fisher	DCCEE Critique	<b>Senator FISHER:</b> Will you inform the Australian Farm Institute of the department's view of their research? <b>Mr Comley:</b> I can take this on notice, but to my knowledge we have had an ongoing dialogue with the Australian Farm Institute on a continual basis. <b>Senator FISHER:</b> That may be, but— <b>Mr Comley:</b> Certainly over the last four years we have had a number of discussions with the Australian Farm Institute about the nature of their views on carbon pricing and the particular work they have done. <b>Senator FISHER:</b> If you have not specifically addressed the issues—the three points—that you raised earlier, would you please do so? <b>Senator Wong:</b> What I will do is take on notice your request as to any further information regarding the report which you mentioned and see whether or not we can provide in answer to a question on notice a summary of some of the issues that Mr Comley has outlined as being problematic in terms of the department's view about that report.	ECA26-27	07/05/12	10/05/12

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69	1.1	ASCD	Macdonald	Power Shift 2011 Conference – Report	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> I have a couple of quick follow-ups from answers given in writing to questions taken on notice. On the Power Shift 2011 conference, you told me in written answer to a question I raised, as did Senator Birmingham, at last estimates: 'The department has not yet received the audited financial report for this activity.' Have you got it by now? This is question No. 87.</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> Dr Banerjee and Ms Sidhu will answer that question.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Really the question is: do you have the audited financial report? My other question was: could you let us have a copy of the application and a copy of the audit done afterwards? You said it had not been done yet. I am just wondering if it has been done by now. It is question No. 87.</p> <p><b>Ms Sidhu:</b> I do not believe we have that yet.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Could you tell me when you expect to have that done?</p> <p><b>Ms Sidhu:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Can you give me an estimate of when you will have the audited financial reports?</p> <p><b>Ms Sidhu:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>	ECA18	30/03/12	10/05/12
70	1.1	ASCD	Macdonald	Climate Change Grant Program	<p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Of the 357 applications that were received, how many were successful?</p> <p><b>Ms Sidhu:</b> There were 13 successful projects.</p> <p><b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Is it possible to get copies of those 13 applications that were successful?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> We would have to take that on notice, just to see if there is any commercial, confidential or other information we would not normally release.</p>	ECA18	19/04/12	10/05/12
71	1.1	ASCD	Birmingham	Open Mind – Focus Groups	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> What have the latest results of your 10 focus groups informed the government in terms of attitudes toward the clean energy future package?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> Senator, I do not think it would be appropriate to share the preliminary results of a report. If you want to ask for the provision of that report I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	ECA35	12/04/12	10/05/12
72	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Carbon Price Modelling and Electricity Pricing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the predicted annual increase in electricity prices out to 2050?</li> <li>2. What is the predicted increase in electricity prices out to 2050 without a carbon tax or ETS?</li> </ol>	Written	15/05/12	28/06/12
73	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Foreign Carbon Credits	What is the expected annual revenue out to 2020 from foreign carbon credits?	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
74	1.1	CSMD	Bushby	Carbon emissions	For what percentage of total carbon emissions in Australia is transport responsible – and how has that figure changed over the last five years?	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
75	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Effect of Australian Dollar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In light of the increase in the Australian dollar, has the Department calculated relative to other countries how expensive Australia's carbon</li> </ol>	Written	21/05/12	28/06/12

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				on Carbon Pricing	tax now is? 2. If not, are there are plans to undertake such calculations at any time in the future?			
76	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Carbon Tax – Coverage	For each of 2012-13, 2015-16, 2020-21 and 2050: 1. What is the current estimated number of businesses or entities – total and broken down by state – to be directly liable for the carbon tax? 2. What is the current estimated number of sites – total and broken down by state – to be directly liable for the carbon tax?	Written	18/05/12	28/06/12
77	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Carbon Tax – Free Permits	For each of 2012-13, 2015-16, 2020-21 and 2050: 1. What is the current estimated number of businesses or entities – total and broken down by state – likely to receive some free permits? What percentage of their permits will be free? 2. What is the current estimated number of sites – total and broken down by state – likely to receive some free permits? What percentage of their permits will be free?	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
78	1.1	CSMD	McKenzie	Impact of Carbon Tax	1. How is the government assisting the La Trobe Valley adapt to the carbon tax? 2. People in the La Trobe Valley are seeking support in the form of Carbon Assist Officers and have approached the government about securing this form of support. 3. What is the department's view on this? Would they be willing to provide support of the type sought by the people of the La Trobe Valley? 4. What support is the Government providing specifically for the Murray Goulburn region of Victoria, where the carbon tax – as well as the Murray Darling Basin Plan – is likely to wreak economic havoc?	Written	07/05/12	10/05/12
79	1.1	ASCD	Birmingham	Clean Energy Future Package – Communication Expenditure	Please detail all expenditure planned or undertaken in 2011/12 and 2012/13 as part of the communication of the clean energy future package including recipients of grants, research undertaken, advertising, sponsorships, websites, call centres, etc.	Written	16/04/12	10/05/12
80	1.1	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate Change Foundation Campaign	1. How many grants, to whom and what amounts, have been paid under the Climate Change Foundation grant program? 2. How does this compare to the number of applications received under this program? 3. For each grant, what milestones and/or deliverables have been agreed or set ? 4. How many of the projects for which grants were approved have been completed? 5. For how many of the grants, and in relation to which projects, have final reports been provided to the Department? 6. For all approved grants/funded projects, please provide copies of all applications for funding, materials developed as a result of funding, and any reports or acquittals provided to the Department.	Written	16/04/12	10/05/12

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81	1.1	ASCD	Birmingham	Clean Energy Future Market Research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many contracts, with whom and at what expense for each contract, has the Department entered into for market research related to climate change and/or Clean Energy Future advertising campaigns?</li> <li>For each contract, what is the nature of the research being undertaken and the frequency of reports being provided to the Department? Please list, by contract, all reports provided to the Department. Please provide copies of all reports and/or findings.</li> <li>Please account for evidence provided on 13 February 2012 suggesting \$1,027,976.80 had been provided to Hall and Partners/Open Mind Pty Ltd to date, whereas Contract Notice CN396498 (amended by CN396498-A1 for vendor change of name) indicates a contract value of \$929,770.</li> <li>Please identify any smaller contracts, for example not subject to AusTender listing, with Hall and Partners/Open Mind Pty Ltd, including dates and values.</li> </ol>	Written	12/04/12	10/05/12
82	1.1	RD	Birmingham	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What changes, if any, are being made in response to the Auditor-General's Audit Report on Administration of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme? Please outline any deadlines for such changes to be implemented.</li> <li>What changes, if any, are being made to the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme in preparation for the 1 July 2012 carbon tax start? Please outline any deadlines for such changes to be implemented.</li> </ol>	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12
83	1.1	CSMD	Fisher	Renewable Energy Atlas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please provide copies of correspondence between the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and either the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities or the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts regarding the Renewable Energy atlas.</li> <li>How many complaints has the department received about the removal of the Atlas?</li> </ol>	Written	18/05/12	28/06/12
84	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Low Income Energy Efficiency Program	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> My recollection, from participating in the joint select committee that looked at the package of Clean Energy Future legislation, is that organisations like Anglicare, UnitingCare, Wesley and those organisations that run nursing homes were anticipating that there would be some assistance beyond them either seeing indexation of their aged-care payments or having to separately lobby government for assistance during that process. But you are telling us there is nothing particular for those organisations that they can apply for, aside from their normal funding arrangements.</p> <p><b>Mr Cahill:</b> There is the Low Income Energy Efficiency Program, which is focussed on low-income households, where we are expecting organisations such as Anglicare and UnitingCare to be able to, again, in a consortia, apply for grants to be able to work out means and ways of being able to support low-</p>	ECA44	12/04/12	10/05/12

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					<p>income households with energy efficiency measures. That is one area we know they are very interested in and is also a program that opened today.</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> Dr Kennedy, do you want to add anything?</p> <p><b>Dr Kennedy:</b> I do not profess to be an expert on this part. FaHCSIA would be much better placed to refer to this assistance. Some of the household assistance paid to residents of aged-care facilities will be distributed to their aged-care facilities, which pay for most of their residents' costs of living. Household assistance, in the case of aged-care residents, would be shared between aged-care providers and their residents in an approximate 55 to 45 split by increasing the percentage of the basic pension payable to the provider. Grandfathering arrangements will be established for around two percent of existing residents not in receipt of a pension or other income support and not holding a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, so their fees do not increase as a result of the change in the fee structure. Aged-care facilities will be provided with additional funding to address the costs they incur in respect of their grandfathered residents. This is a program administered by FaHCSIA. I apologise for not having more detail with me at the moment but I would be happy to take it on notice and consult with that department to provide you with more information.</p>			
85	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Industry Assistance Grant Payments	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> In terms of the industry assistance grants, how is it that 57 instances of wrongful industry assistance grant payments have been made? These are the grants, in my recollection, that were being made after the Home Insulation Program was brought to its abrupt closure and industry cried out for help. The package was put forward to assist, given the dramatic change in circumstances for the industry. This is what we might loosely describe as dodgy installers, that others have claimed grants they were not eligible for under the initial Home Insulation Program. What has transpired here to bring about these 57 instances of—</p> <p><b>Mr Cahill:</b> I will probably have to take that on notice. What I do have is the figures here at the moment. I am broadly aware that these are instances where we subsequently—through other information—understood that they were not eligible. Beyond that, I will have to take the question on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> I note you have taken it on notice, Mr Cahill, but are you able to give me some example of the type of breach that would have occurred in that regard?</p> <p><b>Mr Cahill:</b> I am not in a position to do that. I just do not have the information with me. I have not been a part of that element of the program in detail.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Except that you are a new face at the table to answer these questions.</p> <p><b>Mr Cahill:</b> If I knew, I would give you the answer. I will take that on notice and get back to you as soon as practicable.</p>	ECA52	19/04/12	10/05/12

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86	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Home Insulation Program – Outstanding Debt	<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Are you able to tell me what the largest outstanding debt is amongst those invoices that have been issued? <b>Ms Leo:</b> I do not have that detail on hand. I will need to take that on notice.	ECA53	12/04/12	10/05/12
87	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Golden Boss Pty Ltd – Installations	<b>Senator FISHER:</b> Okay. Are you aware that, at least as far as reporting goes, the firm Golden Boss Pty Ltd admitted that four of the 10 installations done under the Home Insulation Program and the subject of the prosecution were not done according to the appropriate standards? <b>Mr Cahill:</b> No, I am not, but I can take that on notice to check within the department.	ECA53	12/04/12	10/05/12
88	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Golden Boss Pty Ltd – Standard of Work	<b>Senator FISHER:</b> Can you answer on notice whether there has been any information provided to the department about the standard of the work done by this particular contractor in, at the very least, the instances that are the subject of the court case?	ECA53	19/04/12	10/05/12
89	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Golden Boss Pty Ltd – Recuperation of Monies	<b>Senator FISHER:</b> Mr Gleeson, I take your point in terms of licensing. In this case it was only South Australia that had a requirement anyway, but the standard of the work is the particular point I am trying to pursue with the department now. Given that the company itself admitted that four of the 10 jobs it did—the ones identified publicly—were substandard, will the department now be pursuing that company to recoup the moneys paid to that company for substandard work? <b>Mr Cahill:</b> I think it is best I take it on notice and have a look at what information we have within the department as it relates to the case you have raised today.	ECA53	19/04/12	10/05/12
90	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Unlicensed Installers in South Australia	<b>Senator FISHER:</b> Yes, but it is still in the hundreds in South Australia. Is the department aware of any other companies who installed in South Australia being prosecuted for doing home insulation under the program without being licensed as required under the South Australian laws? <b>Mr Cahill:</b> Not to my recollection. I could make some inquiries but, realistically, I would have to see what the department holds on prosecutions and such undertaken in the states and territories. <b>Senator FISHER:</b> Would that not be a standard question that the department prudently would ask? <b>Mr Cahill:</b> I think we do monitor most of the regulatory activities that happen in the jurisdictions as they relate to the Home Insulation Program. I will have to take that on notice.	ECA54-55	07/05/12	10/05/12
91	1.2	CSD	Fisher	Raids on Financial Institutions in South Australia	<b>Senator FISHER:</b> My final question is not entirely on the same point. The chairman's favourite press reported on 26 December about financial institutions being raided by Federal Police investigating alleged fraud under the Home Insulation Program. I presume the report was relatively accurate. Were any financial institutions in South Australia raided? <b>Mr Cahill:</b> I will have to take that on notice. <b>Senator FISHER:</b> Thank you; and if so, how many?	ECA55	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					<b>Mr Cahill:</b> Okay.			
92	1.2	LSB	Birmingham	Home Insulation Program – Legal Proceedings against the Commonwealth	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Can I pose that same question in the home insulation space. Have any businesses associated with home insulation programs initiated proceedings against the Commonwealth?</p> <p><b>Mr Cahill:</b> Not to my knowledge. Again, I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> Just to be clear, there have been organisations that have lodged under the claim for defective administration. The answer just provided referred to legal action.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> And the question was intended to be legal action. Thank you.</p>	ECA57	07/05/12	10/05/12
93	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Safety Programs	<p>For each of the Home Insulation Safety Program (HISP) and Foil Insulation Safety Program (FISP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total budget?</li> <li>2. How much of the budget has been spent?</li> <li>3. Is this program currently within budget?</li> <li>4. How many inspections have been carried out so far?</li> <li>5. What has so far been the maximum cost of a single inspection?</li> <li>6. What is the total travel budget?</li> <li>7. How much of the travel budget has been spent so far?</li> <li>8. What is the percentage of installations identified as faulty as a result of the inspections? What, if any, other trends have been identified?</li> <li>9. How many staff are currently employed in this program? What is the number of permanent and contracted staff?</li> </ol>	Written	18/05/12	28/06/12
94	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Safety Programs – Inspector Travel	<p>For inspectors operating under the HISP and FISP, what is the total cost of travel paid including vehicle cost reimbursements?</p> <p>For any travel since 1 June 2011, please provide detail every instance where inspectors took approved flights funded under the program, including the total cost for each trip, the number of days travelling involved, dates of travel, numbers of people travelling, number of inspections undertaken whilst in each destination. For each destination, what was the level of urgency of each inspection undertaken and were there trained or accredited inspectors located at or near the inspection locations?</p>	Written	10/05/12	28/06/12
95	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Home Insulation Program – Expenditure	<p>Please itemise, by financial year, all expenditure to date on the Home Insulation Program (since its inception) and all associated safety and inspection programs, including total amounts expended and any amounts still budgeted. Please detail in a chart showing all programs, all years and totals to date plus totals still allocated.</p>	Written	07/05/12	10/05/12
96	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Green Loans Program – Legal Proceedings against the Commonwealth	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Have any organisations related to the Green Loans program, including any of these 30, initiated any proceedings against the Commonwealth?</p> <p><b>Mr Cahill:</b> Not to my knowledge, but I will take that on notice.</p>	ECA56	19/04/12	10/05/12

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97	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Green Loans Claims	Have all claims relating to the Green Loans Program been finalised? If yes, when? If no, when are they expected to be finalised and what amounts are involved?	Written	07/05/12	10/05/12
98	1.3	ASCD	Macdonald	Professor Flannery	<b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Just by the way, would Professor Flannery come to estimates if we requested his presence? <b>Senator Wong:</b> I would have to take that on notice. Professor Steffen is here from the commission.	ECA62-63	07/05/12	10/05/12
99	1.3	ASCD	Macdonald	Kininmonth Letter	<b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> I am not asking you to agree with the science, I am asking whether you could perhaps identify the other, what seemed to me to be, very prominent scientists around the world with a different view to yours, Professor Steffen. <b>Prof. Steffen:</b> I would have to look at that list. There are probably some names that I would recognise as people who have been speaking out on the 'denier' or the 'sceptic' side or whatever you want to call it. <b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> Let us just say 'people who have a different view to you'. <b>Prof. Steffen:</b> The question is this: are they reputable scientists in the climate change field? That is the question I raise. Just to satisfy yourself you would need to look that up yourself. <b>Senator IAN MACDONALD:</b> I was going to ask you so you could satisfy me. You would know them better than me. <b>Prof. Steffen:</b> I would be happy to take that on notice if you would send me a copy of the letter.	ECA64	19/04/12	10/05/12
100	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	Program Funding – Additional Estimates Statements	<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> If you could explain to me—take it on notice—the differences between the table that you have just referenced on page 30 of the additional estimates PBS and that on page 28 of the budget PBS, that would be appreciated. <b>Ms Sidhu:</b> Sorry to interrupt; there is just one more point. The numbers out from 2012-13 to 2014-15 under 'program support' relate largely to program support either for the Climate Change Science Program or for the natural resource management program. The program support funds relating to the National Climate Change Adaptation Centre program drop out. That is why there is a reduction between 2011-12 and 2012-13. But we will take on notice the 2010-11 numbers, yes.	ECA70	19/04/12	10/05/12
101	1.4	LSB	Birmingham	Freedom of Information Request – International Carbon Prices	<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Thank you. I am sure you will be able to respond, Mr Comley, although this perhaps stretches 1.4 a little: I understand that the <i>Financial Review</i> has sought information via FOI in relation to international carbon prices and other information from the department, and that the department has refused to waive any costs on the basis that the <i>Australian Financial Review</i> will derive a commercial benefit from the publication of a story based on any documents. Is that standard for the department for all media applications for FOI, that costs are imposed on all FOI applications?	ECA74	19/04/12	10/05/12

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					<p><b>Mr Comley:</b> We could get our FOI coordinator up here, but our general approach is just to apply the act as it appears on a case-by-case basis and to determine whether we think there is a public interest benefit in waiving fees. I would not necessarily say that we had a standard approach to denying all media outlets, because we treat everything on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> And it is, of course, that public interest test in terms of the approach taken to media outlets. Have any of them passed the public interest test?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Could you, perhaps, provide some details of how many may have had costs waived or not had costs waived along the way?</p>			
102	1.4	ID	Macdonald	Austria, Italy and Luxembourg	<p><b>Senator Macdonald:</b> Finally, just following up on some questions that Senator Milne asked, thank you for your answer about Switzerland only getting to 92 per cent of its average emissions of 1990 and rightly pointing out to me that Switzerland is not part of the European Union. Thank you also for telling me that Austria, Italy and Luxembourg were not on track to meet their targets. For Switzerland you gave me 92 per cent. Do you have the figures for Austria, Italy and Luxembourg? If they are not with you, could you just send me an email about those—or send the committee an email.</p> <p><b>Mr Comley:</b> We can try to provide that today. I think that is straightforward. I think the other point that was made was that for the European Union—obviously not Switzerland—the commitment they made internationally was for the European Union as a whole, so targets within the European Union are a matter within the European Union and do not represent not meeting a Kyoto target.</p>	ECA18-19	10/05/12	28/06/12
103	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Installer Accreditation	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Has accreditation been withdrawn for any of the installers?</p> <p><b>Mr Livingston:</b> Some people have had their accreditation withdrawn by the CEC and some jurisdictions have suspended the licence of some electricians.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Do you have any statistics on that?</p> <p><b>Mr Livingston:</b> No, I do not. I know they are available because we have seen some. We know of some instances where it has occurred, but I do not have any statistics with me.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Could you provide that information on notice.</p>	ECA39-40	19/04/12	10/05/12
104	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Envirofriendly Products (Business)	<p>Please provide a response to the following concerns raised by a constituent:</p> <p>I installed a 10kW solar panel system under the Government's guidelines using the Canberra based "Envirofriendly Products" as our installers. The installation was successfully undertaken in February 2011.</p> <p>Also under the Governments' guidelines we had "Envirofriendly Products" lodge a REC application (valued at around \$15,000) with the Office of</p>	Written	19/04/12	10/05/12

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					<p>Renewable Energy Regulator (ORER) on our behalf.</p> <p>I understand that the computerised registration system was too complex for anyone (except regular users) to understand and manage. So "Envirofriendly Products" offer this service to their customers.</p> <p>"Envirofriendly Products" has now gone into Administration, and advice from ORER is that because the company registered our RECs on our behalf, we will lose them.</p> <p>We borrowed money from the bank in order to install the solar panels and the money from the sale of the RECs through the Government Clearing House was going to be used to repay some of this loan. This is now looking very unlikely because the sale of our RECs will probably go the "Envirofriendly Products" creditors.</p> <p>How can a Government program allow an organisation to have access to another person's RECs? This is another example of maladministration by this Government.</p> <p>What can be done to address this situation as there are many more people who are going to be affected by this administrative incompetence?</p>			
105	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	STC Clearing House	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many businesses are still waiting to be paid through the STC clearing house?</li> <li>What is the average amount of money outstanding?</li> <li>What is the largest amount due to one business?</li> <li>What is the current market rate if these businesses decide not to wait for the STC clearing house and trade them on the market instead?</li> <li>How long does ORER think it will take to clear the backlog, if ever?</li> </ol>	Written	15/05/12	28/06/12
106	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
107	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Staffing - Turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2001-11? What classification were these staff?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
108	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Staffing – Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			
109	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Staffing – SES	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
110	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Staffing – Graduates	1. How many graduates have been engaged this year? Where have they been placed in the department/agency? Were these empty positions or are they new positions? 2. List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
111	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Consultancies	1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? 2. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 3. 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	30/03/12	10/05/12
112	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Efficiency dividend	1. How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department? 2. What percentage of your budget must be cut? 3. Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are locate, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not. 4. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
113	ORER	ORER	Humphries	Efficiency dividend	1. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the ORER's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15? 2. What percentage of the ORER's budget is designated to staffing? 3. What is the size of the ORER's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants. 4. What specific strategies will the ORER adopt to ensure continued operation within budget? 5. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
114	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Advertising	1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12

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					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</li> <li>3. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</li> <li>4. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</li> <li>5. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</li> <li>6. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</li> </ol>			
115	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the ORER's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</li> <li>2. What is the ORER's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</li> <li>3. What hospitality spend is the ORER planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</li> <li>4. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
116	1.1	CSMD	Rhiannon	Forestry – Biomass	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the current guidelines for each federal Government Renewable Energy program in relation to native forest biomass?</li> <li>2. What is the definition used in each instance?</li> </ol>	Written	10/05/12	28/06/12
117	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the ORER received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</li> <li>2. What was the total cost to the ORER to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</li> <li>3. What is the total cost to the ORER to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</li> <li>4. How many FOI requests did the ORER receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, 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?</li> <li>5. How many FOI requests has the ORER received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and 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? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?</li> <li>6. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI</li> </ol>	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12

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					requests for this financial year to date?			
118	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Reviews are being undertaken?</li> <li>2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</li> <li>3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>5. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</li> <li>6. What reviews are planned?</li> <li>7. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
119	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the ORER for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?</li> <li>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the ORER for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?</li> <li>c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
120	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Social media	Have there been any changes to the ORER's social media protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
121	ORER	ORER	Humphries	Contractors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many contractors are currently employed in the ORER?</li> <li>2. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years?</li> <li>3. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years?</li> <li>4. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years?</li> <li>5. Does the ORER make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
122	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has the ORER ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
123	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has the ORER ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12

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124	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has the ORER ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
125	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has the ORER ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
126	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has the ORER ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
127	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has the ORER ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
128	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has the ORER ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
129	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has the ORER ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
130	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has the ORER ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12
131	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Discretionary Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could the ORER provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</li> <li>2. Has the ORER complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
132	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the ORER paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the ORER for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</li> <li>b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
133	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the ORER subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</li> <li>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</li> <li>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12

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					2. Does the ORER subscribe to newspapers? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? c. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Does the ORER subscribe to magazines? 29/03/1229/03/12 a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?			
134	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Travel Costs	1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. 2. Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why. 3. 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 cost per employee. 4. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their 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	30/03/12	10/05/12
135	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Legal Costs	1. What sum did the ORER spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the ORER? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did the ORER spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did each ORER spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did the ORER spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
136	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Education expenses	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, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
137	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Training – Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by the ORER, 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	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					<p>classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the ORER's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
138	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Training – media	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by the ORER, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the ORER's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>iv. Any costs the ORER incurred to use the location</p>	Written	29/03/12	10/05/12

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139	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	Please list how many staff in the ORER are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
140	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Corporate Cars	1. How many cars are owned by the ORER? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
141	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Taxi Costs	1. How much did the ORER spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in the ORER. 2. How much did the ORER spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
142	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Credit Cards	1. How many staff in the ORER have a corporate credit card? What is their classification? 2. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? 3. How is corporate credit card use monitored? 4. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? 5. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
143	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Provision of equipment	What electronic equipment is provided to the ORER staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
144	LCAL	LCAL	Birmingham	Completed Loans	<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Can you provide, on notice, some detail to us about the actual form of loans that have been completed: how many of the one-off loans have been completed and what value they are and what energy efficiency they return, as well as those details for the loans that have been completed through the partnership arrangements. I assume there are some that have been completed out those partnership arrangements to date.	ECA42	19/04/12	10/05/12
145	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Staffing	1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
146	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Staffing - Turnover	1. How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff? 2. How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2001-11? What classification were these staff?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
147	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Staffing – Reduction	1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					etc. 2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			
148	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Staffing – SES	Please list the SES positions have you in LCAL in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
149	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Staffing – Graduates	1. How many graduates have been engaged this year? Where have they been placed? Were these empty positions or are they new positions? 2. List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
150	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Consultancies	1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? 2. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 3. 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	30/03/12	10/05/12
151	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Efficiency dividend	1. How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in LCAL? 2. What percentage of your budget must be cut? 3. Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency dividend? If yes, provide details of where the positions are locate, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not. 4. Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
152	LCAL	LCAL	Humphries	Efficiency dividend	1. What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on LCAL's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15? 2. What percentage of LCAL's budget is designated to staffing? 3. What is the size of LCAL's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual, contractors, and consultants. 4. What specific strategies will LCAL adopt to ensure continued operation within budget? 5. Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
153	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Advertising	1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? 2. For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					<p>campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>3. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>4. 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.</p> <p>5. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>6. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is LCAL undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>			
154	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>1. What is LCAL's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>2. What is LCAL's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>3. What hospitality spend is LCAL planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>4. What entertainment spend is LCAL planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p>	Written	12/04/12	10/05/12
155	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Provision of equipment	What electronic equipment is provided to LCAL staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
156	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Freedom of Information	<p>1. Has LCAL received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>2. What was the total cost to LCAL to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>3. What is the total cost to LCAL to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>4. How many FOI requests did LCAL receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did LCAL 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?</p> <p>5. How many FOI requests has LCAL received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has LCAL failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?</p> <p>6. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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157	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Reviews	For this financial year to date: 1. How many Reviews are being undertaken? 2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded 3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 5. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 6. What reviews are planned? 7. When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
158	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Media monitoring	1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to LCAL for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to LCAL for this financial year to date? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? c. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
159	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Social media	Have there been any changes to LCAL's social media protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
160	LCAL	LCAL	Humphries	Contractors	1. How many contractors are currently employed in LCAL? 2. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years? 3. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years? 4. How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years? 5. Does the LCAL make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
161	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has LCAL ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
162	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has LCAL ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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163	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has LCAL ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
164	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has LCAL ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
165	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has LCAL ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
166	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has LCAL ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
167	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has LCAL ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
168	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has LCAL ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
169	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has LCAL ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
170	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Discretionary Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Could LCAL provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</li> <li>2. Has LCAL complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
171	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has LCAL paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by LCAL for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</li> <li>b. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
172	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does LCAL subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</li> <li>b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?</li> <li>c. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					2. Does LCAL subscribe to newspapers? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? c. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Does LCAL subscribe to magazines? d. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. e. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? f. What is the cost for this financial year to date?			
173	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Travel Costs	1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of LCAL. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. 2. Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why. 3. 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 cost per employee. 4. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their 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	30/03/12	10/05/12
174	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Legal Costs	1. What sum did LCAL spend on legal services for this financial year to date within LCAL? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did LCAL spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did each LCAL spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did LCAL spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
175	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Education expenses	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, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
176	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Training – Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by LCAL, 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	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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					<p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than LCAL's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
177	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Training – media	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by LCAL, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than LCAL's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part</p> <p>iv. Any costs LCAL incurred to use the location</p>	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12

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180	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Taxi Costs	How much did LCAL spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in LCAL. How much did LCAL spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in LCAL.	Written	30/03/12	10/05/12
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