

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio
Additional Budget Estimates, February 2013

Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 152
Topic: Water for the Future – allocation of funding
Proof Hansard Page and Date or Written Question: Written

Senator Macdonald asked:

In answer to Questions On Notice at previous (Supplementary Estimates QON 111) the Department indicated Water For Future funding in 2011-12 of \$1662.9 million, and in 2012-13 of \$1137.4 million.

The department also indicated that \$7,374.4 million in funding for Water For Future remains to be spent.

1. What are the reasons for a \$525.5 million reduction in funding allocation from 2011-12 to 2012-13?
2. Over what time frame does the department expect to allocate the remaining \$7,374.4 million?

Answer:

1. The key variations accounting for the drop in funding between 2011/12 and 2012/13 are as follows:
 - a. In 2012/13 there is \$421 million less expenditure scheduled for water purchasing, reflecting the Commonwealth Government's commitment to prioritise investment in infrastructure over water purchases (2011/12 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements).
 - b. The remainder of the variation reflects reductions associated with announced savings measures, completion of specific projects under urban water programs and re-profiling for some programs.
2. As at the 2012/13 Additional Estimates, Water for the Future funding has been programmed out to 2019/20.

Additional funding from 2014/15 out to 2023/24 was recently provided by the *Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Act 2013* which has created a Special Account to fund additional water recovery for the environment and removal of constraints in the Murray-Darling Basin.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 153

Topic: Accountancy audit standard for the asset of water held by the CEWH

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Senator Joyce asked:

Senator JOYCE: What is the actual accountancy audit standard that the government uses for that?

Mr Costello: I am sorry, I would have to defer on that question to the chief financial officer in the department, who manages the accounting process.

Answer:

The Australian accounting standards used are Australian Accounting Standards Board 136 *Impairment of Assets*; and Australian Accounting Standards Board 138 *Intangibles*.

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Question No: 154

Topic: Portfolio Wide – Average Staffing Level

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

For each of the last two financial years, as well as anticipated for the current and next financial years:

Please provide Average Staffing Level (both full-time equivalent and 'head count') and detail by location?

Answer:

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities¹

Location	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13 (FYTD) At 31 Jan 2013		Estimated 2013/14 ²	
	No of staff	ASL ³	No of staff	ASL ³	No of staff	ASL	No of staff	ASL
Canberra	2166.5	-	2103.0	-	2145.0	1877.6	-	-
Jervis Bay	33.8	-	35.5	-	32.0	26.2	-	-
ACT TOTAL	2200.3	Nil	2138.5	Nil	2177.0	1903.8	Nil	Nil
Coffs Harbour	0.8	-	0.9	-	1.1	1.1	-	-
Dubbo	0.7	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
Queanbeyan	1.7	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
Sydney	10.6	-	6.3	-	8.3	7.5	-	-
NSW TOTAL	13.8	Nil	7.2	Nil	9.4	8.6	Nil	Nil

¹ Figures include Director of National Parks employees

² Estimated staffing levels by location will not be known until completion of the 2013/14 Budget process

³ Until 30 June 2012, the department did not record full time equivalent employees by work location

Alice Springs	5.6	-	1.3	-	2.9	1.9	-	-
Darwin	82.7	-	85.3	-	79.7	69.0	-	-
Jabiru	9.8	-	9.8	-	11.3	7.2	-	-
Kakadu	232.4	-	219.0	-	167.1	60.9	-	-
Uluru	53.6	-	55.2	-	48.7	35.3	-	-
NT TOTAL	384.1	Nil	370.6	Nil	309.7	174.3	Nil	Nil
Antarctica	126.0	-	133.8	-	140.3	122.7	-	-
Christmas Island	32.2	-	32.9	-	36.3	22.5	-	-
Cocos (Keeling)	1.3	-	1.3	-	2.0	1.9	-	-
Norfolk Island	11.8	-	10.2	-	8.3	3.3	-	-
Outside Australia	171.3	Nil	178.2	Nil	186.9	150.4	Nil	Nil
Brisbane	10.6	-	7.3	-	7.9	7.2	-	-
Cairns	3.7	-	3.6	-	3.6	2.6	-	-
Longreach	2.0	-	2.0	-	1.9	1.8	-	-
Mt. Isa	0.7	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
Rockhampton	1.3	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
Townsville	0.8	-	0.8	-	0.9	0.9	-	-
QLD TOTAL	19.1	Nil	13.7	Nil	14.3	12.5	Nil	Nil
Adelaide	4.2	-	2.8	-	3.1	3.1	-	-
Port Augusta	3.7	-	0.0	-	0.7	0.8	-	-
SA TOTAL	7.9	Nil	2.8	Nil	3.8	3.9	Nil	Nil
Hobart	38.7	-	34.6	-	38.3	28.8	-	-
Tasmania AAD	301.5	-	316.8	-	325.7	299.4	-	-
TAS Total	340.2	Nil	351.4	Nil	364.0	328.2	Nil	Nil
Bendigo	4.2	-	4.7	-	4.0	3.9	-	-
Melbourne	6.9	-	1.3	-	2.9	2.4	-	-
VIC TOTAL	11.1	Nil	6.0	Nil	6.9	6.3	Nil	Nil

Broome	0.7	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
Perth	14.1	-	8.6	-	8.7	7.9	-	-
Port Hedland	1.0	-	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-
WA TOTAL	15.8	Nil	9.6	Nil	9.7	8.9	Nil	Nil
DEPT TOTAL	3163.6	Nil	3078.0	Nil	3081.7	2596.9	Nil	Nil

Bureau of Meteorology

Location	2010-11		2011-12		Estimated 2012-13		Estimated 2013-14	
	No of staff	ASL	No of staff	ASL	No of staff	ASL	No of staff	ASL
Canberra	71	58.34	80	72.14	84	73.46	82	71.46
Cobar	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Coffs Harbour	1	1.00	2	2.85	2	1.99	2	1.99
Lord Howe Island	2	2.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Moree	1	1.31	2	2.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Narrabri	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Norfolk Island	2	2.00	3	3.00	2	2.00	2	2.00
Sydney	142	138.28	134	132.03	132	122.42	130	122.42
Wagga Wagga	3	3.26	3	3.00	4	4.00	4	4.00
Williamtown	5	5.00	5	5.00	6	6.00	6	6.00
NSW/ACT TOTAL	229	213.19	232	223.02	234	213.88	230	211.88
Alice Springs	3	3.00	4	4.00	4	4.00	4	4.00
Darwin	70	66.71	72	71.97	75	75.26	73	73.26
Gove/Nhulunbuy	3	3.00	4	4.00	5	4.90	5	4.90
Tennant Creek	3	3.00	2	2.20	-	0.65	-	0.65
Tindal/Katherine	1	0.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
NT TOTAL	80	75.71	83	83.16	85	85.81	83	83.81

Amberley	3	3.00	2	2.00	3	3.00	3	3.00
Brisbane	100	93.16	104	102.41	112	106.41	110	104.41
Cairns	15	15.44	13	12.71	10	9.60	10	9.60
Charleville	1	1.00	2	2.00	2	1.59	2	1.59
Longreach	3	3.39	3	3.50	3	3.00	3	3.00
Mackay	3	3.00	2	1.77	2	2.00	2	2.00
Mount Isa	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Oakey	2	1.00	2	2.18	2	2.00	2	2.00
Rockhampton	6	6.00	5	5.00	4	4.14	4	4.14
Townsville	12	11.31	12	11.24	11	10.24	11	10.24
Weipa	2	2.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Willis Island	-	0.00	4	3.27	-	0.32	-	0.32
QLD TOTAL	148	140.29	151	148.07	151	144.30	149	142.30
Adelaide	73	74.86	74	73.67	73	69.51	71	67.51
Ceduna	3	3.00	1	1.27	1	1.00	1	1.00
Giles	4	4.30	4	5.54	3	3.35	3	3.35
Mt Gambier	1	1.02	2	1.12	2	1.51	2	1.51
Woomera	1	0.89	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
SA TOTAL	82	84.08	82	82.59	80	76.37	78	74.37
Antarctica/Macq	9	8.19	11	14.15	12	12.86	12	12.86
Cape Grim/Smith	6	6.00	5	5.00	5	5.00	5	5.00
Hobart	66	62.73	69	62.06	59	56.85	57	54.85
Launceston	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
TAS TOTAL	82	77.91	86	82.21	77	75.71	75	73.71
East Sale	2	1.49	3	2.43	4	3.61	4	3.61
Melbourne - HO	938	852.43	907	868.74	910	861.39	886	837.39
Melbourne - Vic	73	67.69	73	68.97	74	68.98	72	64.98
Mildura	5	5.00	2	3.45	1	1.00	1	1.00
VIC TOTAL	1018	926.61	985	943.59	989	934.98	963	906.98

Albany	3	3.07	3	3.00	3	3.00	3	3.00
Broome	6	6.68	6	6.00	7	7.00	7	7.00
Carnarvon	2	2.00	2	2.00	2	2.00	2	2.00
Cocos Island	2	2.00	3	3.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Esperance	4	4.00	4	4.31	4	4.00	4	4.00
Eucla	1	1.00	1	1.00	-	-	-	-
Geraldton	3	3.00	3	3.44	3	3.00	3	3.00
Halls Creek	2	2.00	2	2.00	2	2.00	2	2.00
Kalgoorlie	1	1.00	1	1.32	1	1.00	1	1.00
Learmonth/Exmou	5	4.57	5	5.00	4	3.95	4	3.95
Meekatharra	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
Pearce	3	2.00	3	2.00	3	2.04	3	2.04
Perth	100	92.16	98	92.30	100	96.05	98	94.05
Port Hedland	2	2.00	2	2.00	1	1.00	1	1.00
WA TOTAL	135	126.47	134	128.37	132	127.04	130	125.04
TOTAL	1,774	1,644.27	1,753	1,691.01	1,748	1,658.08	1,708	1,618.08

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

2010/2011:

Full-time equivalent – 289.44.

Headcount – 334.

2 employees in Albury; 2 employees in Adelaide.

330 employees in Canberra.

2011/2012:

Full-time equivalent – 298.42.

Headcount – 314.

2 employees in Albury, 2 employees in Adelaide, 1 employee in Toowoomba; 1 employee in Wangaratta; 1 part-time employee in Sydney; 1 part-time employee in Hobart.

307 employees in Canberra.

2012/2013:

As at 31 January 2013

Full-time equivalent – 301.21.

Headcount – 314.

2 employees in Adelaide; 1 employee in Toowoomba; 1 employee in Wangaratta; 1 part-time employee in Sydney; 1 part-time employee in Hobart.

309 employees in Canberra.

2013/2014:

Details will not be known until finalisation of the Budget process.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

2010/2011:

Full-time equivalent (215) - Cairns (12), Mackay (3), Rockhampton (3), Canberra (3), Townsville (194)

Headcount (251) - Cairns (12), Mackay (3), Rockhampton (3), Canberra (3), Townsville (230)

2011/2012:

Full-time equivalent (211) - Cairns (12), Mackay (3), Rockhampton (3), Canberra (3), Townsville (190)

Headcount (246) - Cairns (12), Mackay (3), Rockhampton (3), Canberra (3), Townsville (225)

2012/2013:

Full-time equivalent (208) - Cairns (12), Mackay (3), Rockhampton (3), Canberra (3), Townsville (187)

Headcount (266) - Cairns (12), Mackay (3), Rockhampton (3), Canberra (3), Townsville (245)

2013/2014: Details will not be known until completion of the Budget process.

National Water Commission

The Commission's Average Staffing Level (ASL) and actual 'head count' for the last two financial years can be found at pages 67 to 70 of the Commission's Annual Report 2011-12 (www.nwc.gov.au). For the 2012/13 financial year to 31 January 2013, the ASL was 37 with an actual 'head count' of 42. Staffing levels for 2013/14 will not be known until finalisation of the Budget process. All positions are located in Canberra, ACT.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

For the 2010/11 Financial Year please refer to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Annual Report 2010–11 page 43 under the heading Staffing.

For the 2011/12 Financial Year please refer to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Annual Report 2012 page 60 under the heading Human Resources, Staffing.

For the current financial year, the full-time equivalent is 58 and the head count is 60.

Details for the next financial year will not be known until finalisation of the Budget process.

Most staff are located at the Trust's main office at Georges Heights but may carry out duties at any of the Trust's sites. Two staff are located at Cockatoo Island, Sydney, NSW.

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Question No: 155

Topic: Portfolio Wide – redundancies

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

For each of the last two financial years, as well as anticipated for the current and next financial years:

Please provide numbers of redundancies as well as voluntary separations and detail by classification?

Answer:

For the last two financial years and in anticipation for the current and next financial years the number of redundancies taken within the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) and portfolio agencies were as follows:

Department/Agency	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14	
	Classification	Number	Classification	Number	Classification	Number	Classification	Number
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	SES 2 SES 1 SPRS 1 EL 2 EL 1 APS 6 APS 5 APS 4 APS 3	1 2 1 4 2 3 Nil Nil 1	EL 2 EL 1 APS 6 APS 5 APS 4	1 3 Nil 1 2	EL 2 EL 1 APS 6 APS 5 APS 4	4 3 2 3 2 Plus a further 150 based on current 13/14 Budget estimates	Details will not be known until the Budget process is finalised	Details will not be known until the Budget process is finalised
Bureau of Meteorology	APS 5 APS 3	3 1	EL 2 APS 6 APS 5 APS 4 APS 3 APS 2 APS 1	3 2 7 2 5 4 1	EL 2 EL 1 APS 6 APS 5 APS 3	2 3 2 3 2	Nil Planned	Nil
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	APS 6	1	Nil known	Nil
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	SES 2	1	Nil	Nil	SES 1 EL 1	1 1	Not yet known	Nil
National Water Commission	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil planned	Nil

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	EL 2 EL 1	1 2	EL 1 SES equivalent/ contract	1 3	EL 1 SES equivalent/ contract	1 1	Details will not be known until the Budget process is finalised	Nil
TOTAL	-	22	-	35	-	31	-	Nil

For the last two financial years and in anticipation for the current and next financial years the number of voluntary separations taken within the department and portfolio agencies were as follows:

Department/Agency	2010/2011		2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014	
	Classification	Number	Classification	Number	Classification	Number	Classification	Number
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Nil	601	Nil	789	Nil	520	Details will not be known until the Budget process is finalised	Nil
Bureau of Meteorology	Nil	208	Nil	213	Nil	99	Unknown	Nil
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	APS 5	1	EL 1 APS 6 APS 4	1 1 1	EL 1	1	Nil known	Nil
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
National Water Commission	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil planned	Nil
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	APS 3 APS 6 EL 2	2 2 1	APS 4 APS 5 APS 6 EL 1 EL 2	1 1 2 3 1	APS 3 APS 4 SES equivalent/ contract	4 1 1	Details will not be known until the Budget is process finalised	Nil
TOTAL	-	815	-	1013	-	626	-	Nil

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Topic: Portfolio Wide – new appointments

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

For each of the last two financial years, as well as anticipated for the current and next financial years:

Please provide numbers of new appointments and detail by classification?

Answer:

Numbers of new appointments				
Agency	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (includes the Director of National Parks and Antarctic Expeditioners)	960	931	376	Details will not be known until finalisation of the Budget process.
Bureau of Meteorology	129	92	50	Details will not be known until finalisation of the Budget process.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	11	18	7	Details will not be known until completion of the Budget process.
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	57	57	15	Appointments for the next financial year will not be known until finalisation of the Budget process.
National Water Commission	11	Nil	4	The number of appointments to be made in 2013/14 is not known at this stage and is subject to decisions on the staffing of vacant positions and Budget outcomes.
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	11	8	25	5

Classification of new appointments for 2010/11 financial year						
Classification Level	Department includes DNP	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT
Cadet/Trainee	13	3	-	-	-	-
Graduate	26	24	-	6	-	-
APS 1/2	88	22	2	-	-	-
APS 3	138	3	-	4	-	-
APS 4	121	9	2	5	2	3
APS 5	164	8	2	8	-	1
APS 6	170	19	1	13	3	-
Executive Level 1	173	27	3	14	4	1
Executive Level 2	58	13	1	7	2	-
SES Band 1	6	1	-	-	-	4
SES Band 2	1	-	-	-	-	-
SES Band 3	2	-	-	-	-	2
Total	960	129	11	57	11	11

Classification of new appointments for 2011/12 financial year						
Classification Level	Department includes DNP	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT
Cadet/Trainee	10	3	-	4	-	-
Graduate	37	9	-	7	-	-
APS 1/2	87	13	2	1	-	-
APS 3	131	5	3	-	-	2
APS 4	142	-	5	3	-	3
APS 5	172	2	4	4	-	2
APS 6	171	24	2	14	-	-
Executive Level 1	131	21	1	13	-	1
Executive Level 2	41	14	1	9	-	-
SES Band 1	5	-	-	1	-	-
SES Band 2	4	1	-	1	-	-
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	931	92	18	57	Nil	8

Classification of new appointments for 2012/13 financial year						
Classification Level	Department includes DNP	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT
Cadet/Trainee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	-	8	-	6	-	-
APS 1/2	32	3	-	-	-	-
APS 3	114	1	1	1	-	3
APS 4	39	5	-	-	-	4
APS 5	68	3	2	2	1	3
APS 6	60	12	2	3	1	4
Executive Level 1	32	11	2	2	2	6
Executive Level 2	29	6	-	1	-	-
SES Band 1	1	1	-	-	-	-
SES Band 2	1	-	-	-	-	-
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	5
Total	376	50	7	15	4	25

Classification of new appointments for 2013/14 financial year						
Classification Level	Department includes DNP	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT
Cadet/Trainee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-
APS 1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
APS 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
APS 4	-	-	-	-	-	2
APS 5	-	--	-	-	-	1
APS 6	-	-	-	-	-	2
Executive Level 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive Level 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SES Band 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
SES Band 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	5

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Topic: Portfolio Wide - staffing

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many ongoing staff have been 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?
4. How many ongoing staff have left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?
5. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?
6. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?
7. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.
8. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.

Answer:

1.

Number of ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date	
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities ¹ (Department)	61
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	50
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	8
Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	15
National Water Commission (NWC)	6
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT)	Nil

Classification of ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date						
Classification Level	Department¹	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT
Trainee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cadet	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	-	8	-	6	-	-
APS 1/2	1	3	-	-	-	-
APS 3	3	1	1	1	-	-
APS 4	5	5	-	-	-	-
APS 5	15	3	2	2	2	-
APS 6	15	12	2	3	2	-
Executive Level 1	12	11	3	2	2	-
Executive Level 2	10	6	-	1	-	-
SES Band 1	-	1	-	-	-	-
SES Band 2	1	-	-	-	-	-
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	61	50	8	15	6	Nil

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks

2.

Number of existing or non-ongoing positions created this financial year to date	
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities ^{1 2} (Department)	419
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	227
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	21
Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	18
National Water Commission (NWC)	2
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT)	23

Classification of existing or non-ongoing positions created this financial year to date						
Classification Level	Department¹	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT³
Trainee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cadet	1	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-
APS 1/2	55	6	5	1	-	-
APS 3	89	13	2	-	-	3

APS 4	92	7	2	1	1	4
APS 5	64	14	3	4	-	3
APS 6	57	97	5	3	1	4
Executive Level 1	40	74	3	8	-	6
Executive Level 2	18	14	1	1	-	-
SES Band 1	2	2	-	-	-	-
SES Band 2	1	-	-	-	-	3
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	419	227	21	18	2	23

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks

² This figure excludes non-ongoing contracts with the Australian Antarctic Division due to special circumstances governing the contracts of Antarctic expeditioners.

³ Sydney Harbour Federation Trust staff are not employed under the *Australian Public Service Act*. Classification levels shown are equivalent to APS levels.

3.

	Number of employees employed on contract this financial year to date	Average length of their employment period (in weeks)
Department ^{1 3}	419	40.5
BOM	42	45
GBRMPA	47	29
MDBA	18	30
NWC	2	3.5
SHFT	3	156

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks.

³ This figure excludes non-ongoing contracts with the Australian Antarctic Division due to special circumstances governing the contracts of Antarctic expeditioners.

4.

Number of ongoing staff who left the department/agency this financial year to date	
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities ¹ (Department)	138
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	62
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	9
Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	23
National Water Commission (NWC)	6
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT)	2

Classification of ongoing staff who left the department/agency this financial year to date						
Classification Level	Department¹	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT²
Trainee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cadet	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	2	2	-	-	-	-
APS 1/2	4	2	-	-	-	-
APS 3	6	5	-	1	-	-
APS 4	11	1	1	-	-	-
APS 5	21	14	1	3	2	-
APS 6	37	13	2	4	-	-
Executive Level 1	34	16	4	9	3	-
Executive Level 2	18	7	1	5	1	-
SES Band 1	4	2	-	1	-	2
SES Band 2	1	-	-	-	-	
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	138	62	9	23	6	2

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks

² Sydney Harbour Federation Trust staff is not employed under the *Australian Public Service Act*. Classification levels shown are equivalent to APS levels.

5.

Number of non-ongoing staff who left the department/agency this financial year to date	
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities ¹	202
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	48
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	16
Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	17
National Water Commission (NWC)	5
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	13

Classification of non-ongoing staff who left the department/agency this financial year to date						
Classification Level	Department¹	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT²
Trainee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cadet	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-
APS 1/2	19	2	6	1	-	-
APS 3	44	3	3	1	-	-
APS 4	32	1	2	2	1	2
APS 5	42	3	2	4	-	1
APS 6	28	19	3	3	3	2
Executive Level 1	22	10	-	6	1	4
Executive Level 2	13	9	-	-	-	2
SES Band 1	1	1	-	-	-	2
SES Band 2	1	-	-	-	-	
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	202	48	16	17	5	13

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks

² Sydney Harbour Federation Trust staff is not employed under the *Australian Public Service Act*. Classification levels shown are equivalent to APS levels.

6.

Number of contract staff who left the department/agency this financial year to date	
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities ¹	202
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)	48
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	16
Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)	17
National Water Commission (NWC)	5
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	13

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks.

Classification of contract staff who left the department/agency this financial year to date						
Classification Level	Department¹	BOM	GBRMPA	MDBA	NWC	SHFT²
Trainee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cadet	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-
APS 1/2	19	2	6	1	-	-
APS 3	44	3	3	1	-	-
APS 4	32	1	2	2	1	2
APS 5	42	3	2	4	-	1
APS 6	28	19	3	3	3	2
Executive Level 1	22	10	-	6	1	4
Executive Level 2	13	9	-	-	-	2
SES Band 1	1	1	-	-	-	2
SES Band 2	1	-	-	-	-	
SES Band 3	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	202	48	16	17	5	13

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks

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Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities¹

7. Yes. The precise reduction will depend on the outcomes of the 2013/14 Budget process, including internal consideration of non-employee expenses. Subject to further natural attrition, it is currently expected that it will need to achieve a reduction of at least 150 positions. A program of voluntary redundancies will be conducted over the next three months. This program is being implemented following other measures taken in recent months, including natural attrition; limiting new recruitment to positions with critical skills or specialist needs; and limiting new non-ongoing employment as well as extensions to existing non-ongoing employment. As part of the 2013/14 Budget process, the department is working to review priorities to ensure workloads are manageable and sustainable; and to identify efficiencies or activities that can be streamlined or scaled back. Until this process is complete, it would be premature to identify any specific impacts.
8. The department is aiming to reduce its staffing by the end of 2012/13 in order to be in a position to operate within its Budget during 2013/14.

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks.

Bureau of Meteorology

7. The Bureau is carefully managing natural attrition of staff.
8. Not applicable.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

7. Yes, however details will not be known until a decision is made by the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council in relation to the delivery of Murray-Darling Basin Agreement functions and the finalisation of the Budget process.
8. See above answer.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

7. No.
8. Nil.

National Water Commission

- 7-8. The Commission's planned staffing level is 38 Average Staffing Level in 2013/14, and reflects funding measures announced in the 2012/13 Budget.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

7. Nil.
8. Not applicable.

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio
Additional Budget Estimates, February 2013

Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 158

Topic: Portfolio Wide – efficiencies in the operations of the Australian Public Service

Proof Hansard Page and Date or Written Question: Written

Senator Birmingham asked:

Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).

In addition, please provide the following detail:

1. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?
2. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
3. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
4. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
5. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The Portfolio has already implemented a number of measures to meet the Commonwealth Government's further efficiency measures including in areas such as non-campaign recruitment advertising, printing and publishing, consultants and contractors, and domestic and international air travel

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) and portfolio agencies do not maintain forward departmental estimates at an individual account code level that would allow the savings against the forward estimates to be quantified specifically. Nevertheless, as outlined below, aggregate expenditure trends indicate that good progress is being made in achieving further efficiencies in the nominated areas of expenditure.

1. Total travel expenditure for the department in 2011/12 was \$12.6 million. For the first six months of 2012/13 expenditure was \$4.8 million, indicating that expenditure for the year as a whole is likely to be appreciably lower than in 2011/12. As indicated above the department and portfolio agencies do not have account code level forward estimates. The government's expectations in relation to greater efficiency are well understood and opportunities for reductions in discretionary cost are actively pursued by the department and portfolio agencies.
2. The department and has introduced the practice of not booking business class travel on shorter routes from Canberra (Sydney and Melbourne). The portfolio agencies have also further targeted reductions in business class travel. As indicated above, the department and portfolio agencies do not have account code level forward estimates to identify the individual components of future savings.
3. Total departmental consultancy expenditure for 2011/12 was \$7.7 million. For the first six months of 2012/13 expenditure was \$1.7 million. Notwithstanding the lumpy nature of consultancy expenditure, indications are that the full year expenditure will be appreciably lower than 2011/12. The department and portfolio agencies have increased their focus on constraining consultancies by minimising the use of consultants to specialist expertise only. Expenditure on contractors is not specifically identifiable within the account codes; however, similar controls and scrutiny is applied to contractor expenditure.
4. Total advertising expenditure for the department in 2011/12 was \$1.0 million. For the first six months of 2012/13 expenditure was \$0.3 million, indicating a reducing trend in total advertising expenditure. Whilst this is inclusive of all advertising, the department and portfolio agencies have moved to online recruitment advertising. Press advertising has been minimised and is generally only used for specialist positions for Australia's Antarctica Program and for Indigenous Remote Parks and Reserves Program positions. It is not possible to quantify the estimated savings.
5. Departmental publications and printing expenditure for 2011/12 was \$1.6 million. For the first six months of 2012/13 expenditure has been \$0.3 million, indicating that expenditure for the year as a whole is likely to be appreciably lower than in 2011/12. The department and portfolio agencies have increased their scrutiny of publications to determine if items can be dealt with electronically rather than a printed publication. The department and all portfolio agencies are actively pursuing production of online reports where it is possible to do so. As outlined above specific account code identification of this expenditure is not available across all agencies and over the forward estimates period.

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates, February 2013

Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question 159**
No:

Topic: Portfolio Wide – graduate program

Proof Hansard Page and Date Written

or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs?
2. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs?
3. How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each?

Answer:

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities¹

1.

Recruitment	Description	Cost including GST
2014 Graduate Recruitment Advertising/Marketing	Booking the 'Big Meet' careers fairs to be held in March 2013 in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide.	\$6,325
	Booking 'Tertiary to Work' careers fair to be held on 15 March in ACT.	\$1,180
Total		\$7,505

2. No.

3. As at 31 January 2013, no training costs have been incurred for 2013 Graduates.

¹ Includes information for the Director of National Parks.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

1.

Recruitment	Description	Cost including GST
2014 Graduate Recruitment Advertising/Marketing	Unigrad Advertising	\$6,434
	Attendance at Tertiary to Work Career Fair	\$1,073
Total		\$7,507

2. No

3. As at 31 January 2013, no training costs have been incurred for 2013 Graduates.

Bureau of Meteorology

1. Nil.

2. No.

3. As at 31 January 2013, no training costs have been incurred for 2013 Graduates.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

1. Nil.

2. No.

3. As at 31 January 2013, no training costs have been incurred for 2013 Graduates.

National Water Commission

The Commission does not have a graduate program.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

The Trust does not have a graduate program.

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio
Additional Budget Estimates, February 2013

Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 160

Topic: Portfolio Wide – hospitality and entertainment

Proof Hansard Page and Date or Written Question: Written

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

Answer:

1. In addition to those amounts reported in response to the previous Senate Estimates Question on Notice on Hospitality and Entertainment from the October 2012 Budget Estimates hearings (**Attachment A**), the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) spent \$17,839.69 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
12 July 2012	Portland, Oregon, United States	Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP) Annual General Meeting	\$894.18
23 August 2012	Ginger Room, Old Parliament House, ACT	Standing Council on Environment and Water pre-meeting dinner for State and Territory Ministers.	\$611.86
11 October 2012	Sage and Mint, Canberra ACT	First meeting of the Department's Indigenous Water Advisory Committee.	\$813.64
16 October 2012	Jasmine Rice Thai Restaurant, Wollongong NSW	Dinner for the Arafura and Timor Seas Ecosystems Action write-shop meeting.	\$371.82
21 October 2012	Mures Upper Deck, Hobart, TAS	Meeting between Australian and French CCAMLR (Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources) Officials.	\$919.50
22 October 2012	Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart, TAS	Meeting between Australia and key CCAMLR (Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources) members.	\$837.82
24 October 2012	Union Hotel, North Sydney NSW	Dinner for visiting NZ delegates to discuss environmental cooperation between Australia and New Zealand	\$437.00
29 October 2012	Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, Hobart, TAS	CCAMLR (Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources) XXXI Reception hosted by the AAD director for delegates to CCAMLR XXXI.	\$4,818.18
6 November 2012	Orizuru Sushi Bar	Dinner for participants in the Antarctic Environments Portal Workshop.	\$170.91

21 November 2012	Ginger Room, Old Parliament House, ACT	Dinner for the nominees for the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development.	\$829.10
28 November 2012	Boulevard Hotel, Sydney NSW	Catering for Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) information session for 60 stakeholders to demonstrate changes within the WELS product registration database.	\$2,340.00
28-29 November 2012	Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra ACT	Light refreshments over two days for the Enforcement Guidelines Workshop to develop consistent guidelines for enforcement of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act in Commonwealth marine reserves	\$1,669.09
29 November 2012	Chairman & Yip, Canberra ACT	Dinner for the Papua New Guinean Environment Minister and other delegates.	\$662.73
5 December 2012	Bayview on the Park, Melbourne VIC	Catering for Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) information session for 46 stakeholders to demonstrate changes within the WELS product registration database.	\$1,667.50
18 December 2012	Ginger Room, Old Parliament House, ACT	Dinner for the first meeting of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development.	\$796.36

In addition to those amounts reported in response to the previous Senate Estimates Question on Notice on Hospitality and Entertainment from the October 2012 Budget Estimates hearings (**Attachment A**), the Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau) spent \$5,335.42 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
16 November 2012	Melbourne	Delegation visit from World Meteorological Organization Commission for Basic Systems Task Team on Development of Basic Systems Task Team on Development of Operational Procedures for non-Nuclear Emergency Response Activities	\$328.64
11 December 2012	Crib Point	20th Anniversary celebration for Crib Point Satellite Earth Station	\$1,935.15
14 December 2012	Melbourne	Melbourne Tour for China Meteorological Administration delegation	\$1,402.54
17 December 2012	Melbourne	Dinner for China Meteorological Administration delegation	\$1,669.09

In addition to those amounts reported in response to the previous Senate Estimates Question on Notice on Hospitality and Entertainment from the October 2012 Budget Estimates hearings (**Attachment A**), the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) has spent \$4,744.40 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
18 July 2012	Riverstone Hotel, Gordonvale, QLD	Reef Guardians Field Trip for International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) members	\$510.00
31 October 2012	C Bar Townsville, QLD	Breakfast meeting with Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators	\$54.20
9 November 2012	Michels Café & Bar, Townsville QLD	Reef HQ Aquarium Silver Jubilee Dinner	\$4,180.20

In addition to those amounts reported in response to the previous Senate Estimates Question on Notice on Hospitality and Entertainment from the October 2012 Budget Estimates hearings (**Attachment A**), the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority), has spent \$1,833.50 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
19 November 2012	National Press Club, Canberra ACT	Employees attendance at a National Press Club speech	\$1,570.80
23 January 2013	Hectors Cafe on the Wharf, Goolwa, SA	Lunch to present Henry Jones (BCC member) with River Murray Medal	\$262.70

In addition to those amounts reported in response to the previous Senate Estimates Question on Notice on Hospitality and Entertainment from the October 2012 Budget Estimates hearings (**Attachment A**), the National Water Commission (the Commission) has spent \$693.75 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
20 November 2012	Adelaide, SA	Commission meeting dinner with stakeholders	\$693.75

In addition to those amounts reported in response to the previous Senate Estimates Question on Notice on Hospitality and Entertainment from the October 2012 Budget Estimates hearings (**Attachment A**), the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust) has spent \$7,049.99 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
1 December 2012	Cockatoo Island, Sydney, New South Wales	Redbull grandstand tickets for official guests (sponsors)	\$1886.70
5 December 2012	Chowder Bay, Sydney, New South Wales	Christmas Event for volunteers, tenants and community groups	\$4,872.73
5 December 2012	Mosman, Sydney, New South Wales	Refreshments for Audit scoping group	\$48.00
10 December 2012	North Sydney, New South Wales	Refreshments for Community Information Evening HMAS Platypus	\$20.37

19 December 2012	Mosman, Sydney, New South Wales	Refreshments for Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee and Board Meeting	\$79.45
7 January 2013	Mosman, Sydney, New South Wales	Refreshments for Volunteers Meeting	\$142.74

2. According to records of the department and the Department of Finance and Deregulation there was no expenditure for hospitality by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:

- the office of the Hon Tony Burke MP; and
- the office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell.

Costs of official travel by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are largely paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Details of expenditure on entitlements (including domestic travel, car costs, overseas travel, Travelling Allowance, office facilities costs, office administrative costs and family travel) for all Senators and Members is compiled every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. The reports and supporting information are published on the Department of Finance and Deregulation's website.

3. Departmental entertainment expenses are reported at question one, as they are incorporated in official hospitality.

The Bureau spent \$2,076.36 on entertainment for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
3 October 2012	Fremantle, WA	Bus charter to Caversham Wildlife Park for Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP) meeting and Argos Joint Tariff Agreement (JTA) meeting	\$436.36
14 December 2012	Melbourne, VIC	Supply public address system, and services for all staff function	\$1,640.00

4. According to records of the department and the Department of Finance and Deregulation there was no expenditure for entertainment by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:

- the office of the Hon Tony Burke MP; and
- the office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell.

5. Please see planned hospitality spend below for the period to 31 January 2013. Details of date, location, purpose, and estimated cost are included:

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
21 March 2013	Sculpture Garden Restaurant, Canberra, ACT	Lunch to Host Chilean Environment Minister, guest of Government visit.	\$1,000.00
Week of 22 April 2013	Koolan Island, WA	Catering for Dambimangari IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ¹
May 2013	DSEWPaC offices, Woden, ACT	Catering for the National Wildlife Corridors Advisory Committee Meeting which will be held over 2 days.	Approximately \$800.00
Week of 6 May 2013	Ballina, NSW	Catering for Ngunya Jargoona IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ²
6-10 May 2013	TBC	Dinner hosted by DSEWPaC for a visiting delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Water Resources.	TBC
Week of 20 May 2013	One Arm Point, WA	Catering for Bardi Jawi IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ³
24 May 2013	Bacchus, Rydges Southbank, Brisbane, QLD.	Networking event for approximately 50 international and domestic stakeholders during the International Whaling Commission's Whale Watching working group meeting.	\$3,500.00
24-26 May 2013	Darwin	Indigenous Advisory Committee formal dinner.	Up to \$1,200.00
26 May 2013	Restaurant Rydges Southbank, Brisbane, QLD	Networking event for approximately 30 participants during the International Whaling Commission's Standing Working Group on Conservation Management Plans.	Approximately \$2, 130.00

¹ IPA Declaration Ceremonies are the culmination of approximately three and a half years of planning and consultation, take place in largely remote areas, and incur expenditure of approximately \$20 per head. The final amount of expenditure may vary from location to location.

² Ibid

³ IPA Declaration Ceremonies are the culmination of approximately three and a half years of planning and consultation, take place in largely remote areas, and incur expenditure of approximately \$20 per head. The final amount of expenditure may vary from location to location.

Week of 27 May 2013	Warrior Park, Wyndham, WA	Catering for Balangarra IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ⁴
June 2013	TBC	Catering for Willingin IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ⁵
June 2013	Yappala Homestead, WA	Catering for Yappala IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ⁶
June 2013	TBC, possibly Broome, WA	Catering for Yawaru IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ⁷
June 2013	Bidyadanga, WA	Catering for Kurrajari IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ⁸
June 2013	TBC, possibly Point Pearce Community, SA	Catering for Wardang Island IPA Declaration Ceremony.	TBC ⁹

GBRMPA has an estimated \$6,000.00 in planned hospitality expenditure extending into this financial year. Details of date, location, purpose, and estimated cost is listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
Early 2013	Townsville, QLD	Future Marine Park Authority Board meeting	\$6,000.00

The Commission has an estimated \$863.00 in planned hospitality expenditure extending into this financial year. Details of date, location, purpose, and estimated cost is listed below:

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
13 February 2013	Canberra, ACT	Commission meeting dinner to discuss strategic direction of NWC.	\$863.00
21 March 2013	Canberra, ACT	Parliamentary briefing lunch for launch of International Water Day.	TBC
5 June 2013	Darwin, NT	Commission meeting dinner with stakeholders.	TBC

The Bureau, the Director of National Parks, the Authority, and the Trust do not have any planned hospitality expenditure for the remainder of the financial year.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

6. According to records of the department and the Department of Finance and Deregulation there is no planned hospitality spend by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:
 - the office of the Hon Tony Burke MP; and
 - the office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell.
7. No entertainment is being planned by the department.
8. According to records of the department and the Department of Finance and Deregulation there is no planned entertainment spend by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:
 - the office of the Hon Tony Burke MP; and
 - the office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell.
9. Yes, the department tightly manages its expenditure on official hospitality, and allocates resources to areas of the highest priority only. Forward year estimates are not available at this time as the budgeting process is undertaken on an annual basis and will not be finalised until the May 2013 external Budget is completed.

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio
Senate Estimates, October 2012

Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question 217**
No:

Topic: Portfolio Wide – Hospitality and entertainment

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What is the department/agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
3. What is the department/agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
5. What hospitality spend is the department/agency planning? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
7. What entertainment spend is the department/agency planning? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
9. Is the department/agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?

Answer:

1. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) spent \$21,080.58 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
3 July 2012	Hotel Crowne Plaza, Panama, Panama	Side event hosted by the Minister and the Australian Delegation at the 64th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission to showcase Australia's non-lethal whale research in the Southern Ocean.	\$9,907.37
11 July 2012	Courgette Restaurant, Canberra, ACT	Dinner for the Iconic Sites Taskforce (who advise the Minister on matters relating to heritage and protection of iconic national assets).	\$1,256.00
17 July 2012	Chairman & Yip Restaurant, Canberra, ACT	Senior Officials Committee of the Standing Council on Environment and Water (COAG) working dinner.	\$647.73
31 July 2012	Chairman & Yip Restaurant, Canberra, ACT	Indigenous Protected Area Advisory Committee dinner to continue sub-committee discussions.	\$768.18
5 August 2012	Me Wah Restaurant, Hobart, TAS	Minister's working dinner with Tasmanian Forest Stakeholders to discuss matters relating to the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement.	\$886.39
8 August 2012	Dundeels Licensed Bar and Grill, Cairns, QLD	Stakeholder discussions on Cape York to inform stakeholders on Commonwealth objectives for Cape York.	\$393.73
11 August 2012	Mures Upper Deck Restaurant, Hobart, TAS	Working dinner hosted by the Minister for key stakeholders in the Tasmanian Forests process.	\$135.63
16 August 2012	Tosolinis, Canberra, ACT	Kokoda Initiative Australia-PNG Joint Planning meeting Partners Informal dinner with senior staff to build executive level relationships and share information.	\$692.64

17 August 2012	Mamak Rotihouse, Canberra, ACT	Kokoda Initiative Australia-PNG Joint Planning meeting Partners Informal dinner with non-SES staff to build working level relationships and share information.	\$409.00
10 September 2012	Glenelg Jetty Hotel, Glenelg	Working dinner for the Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory dinner ahead of meeting for a presentation and to facilitate productive working relationships.	\$485.46
13 September 2012	Australian National University, Canberra, ACT	Light refreshments for approximately 150 attendees for public lecture at the Australian National University to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Montreal protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.	\$1,063.64
13 September 2012	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Catering for presentation at Parliament House for the 25th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol attended by 50 people.	\$4,434.81

The Director of National Parks has spent \$8,666.64 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
11 July 2012	Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT	Function to celebrate 40 year contribution to the development of the Gardens.	\$791.82
31 July 2012	Sydney, NSW	Annual Reports Awards Dinner	\$209.09
6 August 2012	Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT	Memorial function	\$1,644.54
14 September 2012	Canberra City, ACT	STIG Inception Meeting Dinner	\$548.92
14 September 2012	Kuranda, QLD	Wet Tropics National Landscapes Launch	\$175.91

18 September 2012	Albany, WA	2012 National Landscapes Forum Welcome Dinner	\$1,816.36
19 September 2012	Albany, WA	2012 National Landscapes Awards Dinner	\$3,480.00

The Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau) has spent \$950.00 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
20 September 2012	Melbourne, VIC	International Weather Radar Engineering Conference 2012	\$231.82
29 October 2012	Melbourne, VIC	Official Hospitality lunch for Korea Meteorological Administration	\$718.18

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) has spent \$1,086.85 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
15 July 2012	Dundee Restaurant, Cairns, QLD	Dinner with Ambassador and officials from Belize to discuss co-chair of International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI).	\$329.35
20 July 2012	Green Island, Cairns, QLD	Meeting and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Management briefing for Ambassador and officials from Belize to discuss forward planning of arrangements to co-chair International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI).	\$757.50

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust) has spent \$14,202.98 on hospitality for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of all events are listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
1 July 2012	Cockatoo Island, Sydney, NSW	Refreshments for volunteers and staff during Sunrise TV filming on Cockatoo Island for Outpost.	\$110.91
24 July 2012	Mosman, Sydney, NSW	BBQ lunch for overseas visitor and volunteers	\$161.32
11 August 2012	Paragon Hotel, Sydney, NSW	Annual volunteer social outing and thank you	\$582.73
27 August 2012	North Head, Sydney, NSW	Catering for stakeholder workshop	\$31.00
28 August 2012	Mosman, Sydney, NSW	Catering for Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee Meeting	\$52.58
28 August 2012	Frenchys Cafe, Mosman, Sydney, NSW	Refreshments for project handover with new account manager	\$15.60
4 September 2012	Cockatoo Island, Sydney, NSW	Catering for site visits to consider logistical requirements of hosting events on Cockatoo Island	\$52.27
11 September 2012	Mosman, Sydney, NSW	Catering for Board meeting and Risk Workshop	\$158.41
12 September 2012	North Head Cafe, Sydney, NSW	Catering for Site Way Finding Strategy Planning and Visitor Centre Review	\$45.50
18 September 2012	Cockatoo Island, Sydney, NSW	Catering for Outpost Brand Workshop	\$69.92
18 September 2012	Cockatoo Island, Sydney, NSW	Catering for site visit for Outpost artist	\$31.82
26 September 2012	Rose and Shamrock Hotel, Sydney, NSW	Catering for hosting potential Outpost partner	\$54.55
6 October 2012	Beloela House, Cockatoo Island, Sydney, NSW	Post Red Bull X-Fighters event for potential sponsors for future SHFT events	\$7,200.00
17 October 2012	Cockatoo Island, Sydney, NSW	Catering for overseas visitor inspection of Cockatoo Island	\$56.82

November 2012	Bella Vista Cafe, North Head, Sydney, NSW	Site inspection of North Head for tourism operators.	\$581.82
2 November 2012	North Head, Sydney, NSW	Catering for 10th Anniversary of SHFT Volunteer program	\$4997.73

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority), and the National Water Commission (the Commission) has had no hospitality spend for the 2012/13 financial year to date.

2. According to records of the department and the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD) there was no expenditure for hospitality by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the 2012-2013 financial year to date in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:

- the Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP from 1 July 2012 to date; and
- the Office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell from 1 July 2012 to date.

Costs of official travel by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, and accompanying staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 are largely paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Details of expenditure on entitlements (including domestic travel, car costs, overseas travel, Travelling Allowance, office facilities costs, office administrative costs and family travel) for all Senators and Members is compiled every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. The reports and supporting information are published on the Finance website.

3. Departmental entertainment expenses are reported at question one, as they are incorporated in official hospitality.
4. According to records of the department and DoFD there was no expenditure for entertainment by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the 2012-2013 financial year to date in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:
- the Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP from 1 July 2012 to date; and
 - the Office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell from 1 July 2012 to date.
5. Please see planned hospitality spend below. Details of date, location, purpose, and estimated cost are included;

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
4-8 February	Canberra	India-Australia Working Group formal dinner.	Approx \$2,000.00
25-27 February 2013	Brisbane	South West Pacific regional workshop for the United Nations Regular Process of assessment and reporting on the state of the marine environment.	\$3,500.00 (will include co-contributions from other event organisers)

March 2013	TBC – regional area in Murray-Darling Basin	Second meeting of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Stakeholder Reference Panel.	Approximately \$1,000.00
March 2013	TBC	First meeting of Department's Commonwealth Environmental Water Advisory Council (CEWAC).	Approximately \$800.00
25-27 March 2013	Brisbane	Australia-New Caledonia Coral Sea transboundary collaboration technical workshop.	\$2,500.00
24-26 May 2013	Darwin	Indigenous Advisory Committee formal dinner.	Up to \$2000.00

GBRMPA has an estimated \$6,000.00 in planned hospitality expenditure extending into this financial year. Details of date, location, purpose, and estimated cost is listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
Early 2013	Townsville, QLD	Future Marine Park Authority Board meeting	\$6,000.00

The National Water Commission has an estimated \$600.00 in planned hospitality expenditure extending into this financial year. Details of date, location, purpose, and estimated cost is listed below:

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
Late November 2012	Adelaide, SA	Working dinner with Commission members to engage stakeholders on water reform issues.	\$600.00

The Director of National Parks, the Bureau, the Authority, and the Trust do not have any planned hospitality expenditure for the remainder of the financial year.

6. According to records of the department and DoFD there is no planned hospitality spend by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the 2012- 2013 financial year in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:
 - the Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP from 1 July 2012 to date; and
 - the Office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell from 1 July 2012 to date.
7. No entertainment is being planned by the department.

8. According to records of the department and DoFD there is no planned entertainment spend by the offices of the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for the 2012/2013 financial year in relation to their portfolio responsibilities:
 - the Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP from 1 July 2012 to date; and
 - the Office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell from 1 July 2012 to date.
9. Yes, the department tightly manages its expenditure on official hospitality, and allocates resources to areas of highest priority only.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question 161**
Topic: Portfolio Wide – meeting costs **No:**
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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

1. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department), the Director of National Parks (DNP), the Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau), the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority), the National Water Commission (the Commission), and the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust) do not track meeting expenditure separately so this information is not readily available.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), tracks meeting costs for formal meetings of the Board, Audit Committee, Reef Advisory Committees and stakeholder meetings to consult about the Strategic Assessment of the Great Barrier Reef. Costs for this financial year to date are \$31,081. Details of date, location, purpose and cost is set out below. Information on other meeting's costs is not separately tracked, and it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to attempt to provide further information.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
24-25 July 2012	Townsville	Reef Advisory Committee IRAC 6	\$934.00
3 August 2012	Teleconference	Board Meeting	\$0.00
21 August 2012	Townsville	Strategic Assessment	\$2,969.00

28 August 2012	Cairns	Strategic Assessment	\$2,176.00
29 August 2012	Townsville	Audit Committee	\$15.00
30 August 2012	Rockhampton	Strategic Assessment	\$1,727.00
12-13 September 2012	Townsville	Reef Advisory Committee ERAC 6	\$1,535.00
18 September 2012	Townsville	Board Meeting	\$1,649.00
18 September 2012	Cairns	Strategic Assessment	\$1,818.00
31 October – 1 November 2012	Townsville	Reef Advisory Committee TRRAC 38	\$2,205.00
5 November 2012	Townsville	Audit Committee	\$21.00
22 November 2012	Canberra	Board Meeting	\$1,819.00
28-29 November 2012	Townsville	Reef Advisory Committee IRAC 7	\$2,745.00
5-6 December 2012	Townsville	Reef Advisory Committee CCRAC 6	\$600.00
25 September 2012	Rockhampton	Strategic Assessment	\$1,645.00
27-28 October 2012	Townsville	Strategic Assessment	\$0.00
27-28 October 2012	Townsville	Local Marine Advisory Committee Chairs	\$4,617.00
5 December 2012	Townsville	Strategic Assessment	\$978.00
11 December 2012	Cairns	Strategic Assessment	\$2,150.00
13 December 2012	Rockhampton	Strategic Assessment	\$1,478.00

2. The Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) administers a number of entitlements provided to Senators, Members of Parliament, and their staff. Finance did not meet the cost of meetings for the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in relation to their portfolio responsibilities during the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013:

- the office of the Hon Tony Burke MP; and
- the office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell.

Details of expenditure on entitlements is compiled every six months in a report titled Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The reports and supporting information are published on the Finance website.

While Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries may attend meetings in relation to their portfolio responsibilities, the department does not track meeting expenditure separately so this information is not readily available.

3. See answer to question one above.

The GBRMPA will hold further meetings of the Board, Audit Committee, Reef Advisory Committees and Local Marine Advisory Committee Chairs during the year. Dates, cost, purpose and locations would be similar to the above.

4. See answer to question two, above. Given that Finance does not meet the cost of meetings, detailed budget projections for these activities are not available.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 162

Topic: Portfolio Wide – program launch costs

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Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.
2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
3. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.
4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
5. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.
6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.

Answer:

1. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities' (the department) and the Bureau of Meteorology's (the Bureau's) chart of accounts are not structured to track expenditure of program launches.

The Director of National Parks (DNP) spent \$7,364.00 on program launches for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of the event is listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
8 August 2012	Cairns (Kuranda Sky Rail), QLD	Launch of the Wet Tropics National Landscape as a part of the National Landscape Program	\$704.00
3 October 2012	Brickendon Estate, Longford, TAS	Launch of the Tasmania's Island Heritage National Landscape as a part of the National Landscape Program	No cost – launch funded by Tourism Australia
19 February 2013	Sydney	To launch the Sydney Harbour National Landscape as a part of the National Landscape Program	\$6,660.00

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) spent \$855.00 on program launches for the 2012/13 financial year to date. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of the event is listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
6 December 2012	Reef HQ Aquarium, Townsville, QLD	Launch of the <i>Great Barrier Reef Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan 2012–2017</i> and <i>Climate Change Adaptation – Outcomes from the Great Barrier Reef Climate Change Action Plan 2007-2012</i> report at a stakeholder event.	\$855.00

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority), had no program launches during the period July 2012 to 31 January 2013.

The National Water Commission (the Commission), and the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (the Trust) had no expenditure on program launches this financial year to date.

2. The Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) administers a number of entitlements provided to Senators, Members of Parliament, and their staff. Finance did not meet the cost of program launches for the following Minister and Parliamentary Secretary in relation to their portfolio responsibilities during the period from 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013:

- the office of the Hon Tony Burke MP; and
- the office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell.

Details of expenditure on entitlements is compiled every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements* paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The reports and supporting information are published on the Finance website.

While Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries may attend program launches in relation to their portfolio responsibilities, the department does not track program launch costs separately so this information is not readily available.

3. See answer to question 1. The DNP, the GBRMPA, the Authority, the Commission and the Trust are not intending to launch any programs.
4. See answer to question 2. Given that Finance does not meet the cost of program launches, detailed budget projections for these activities are not available.
5. See answer to question 1.

The DNP had no program launches during 2011/12, as costs were covered by Tourism Australia. Details of date, location, purpose and cost of the event is listed below.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
2 March 2012	Cairns, Queensland	Launch of the Great Barrier Reef National Landscape as a part of the National Landscape Program	Nil - funded by Tourism Australia

The GBRMPA, the Authority, the Commission, and the Trust had nil program launches during 2011/12.

6. See answer to question 2. Finance did not meet the cost of program launches during the 2011/2012 financial year.

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Topic: Portfolio Wide – Consultancies

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies
2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known

Answer:

1. All consultancies at or over \$10,000 for Financial Management and Accountability Act (FMA) agencies and \$400,000 for Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act (CAC) agencies (GST inclusive) are published on AusTender as per mandatory reporting requirements. Details of these consultancies can be found at www.tenders.gov.au. The following attachments provide details for FMA agencies with consultancies under \$10,000 (GST inclusive), and CAC agencies under \$400,000 (GST inclusive).

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities consultancies under \$10,000 (GST inclusive) are at **Attachment A**.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority consultancies under \$10,000 (GST inclusive) are at **Attachment B**.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust consultancies under \$400,000 (GST inclusive) are at **Attachment C**.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority consultancies under \$400,000 (GST inclusive) are at **Attachment D**.

National Water Commission consultancies under \$10,000 (GST inclusive) are at **Attachment E**.

Bureau of Meteorology consultancies under \$400,000 (GST inclusive) are at **Attachment F**.

The Director of National Parks (DNP) is not required, under contract reporting requirements set out in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPR), to specifically identify contracts that meet the consultancy criteria and therefore does not record this information.

2. Consultancy expenditure is managed at an individual divisional level and as such, there is no central register of planned future consultancies available. Division heads are aware of the need for consultancies to be managed carefully and make decisions on consultancies as the need arises. Estimates of consultancy expenditure beyond 30 June 2013 will not be planned or considered until the 2013/14 Budget process is finalised.

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Probity Plan for Independent Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Coal Mining	\$4,048	Open	6-Aug-12	30-Jun-13
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Provision of Procurement Advice Relating to the Bioregional Assessment Program	\$5,500	Open	21-Aug-12	28-Sep-12
GHD PTD LTD	Assessment of the Blacktown City Council Proposal for a Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Scheme	\$6,900	Limited	8-Feb-13	21-Mar-13
GHD PTY LTD	Assessment of the Revised Feasibility Study for Waterproofing Eastern Adelaide	\$5,797	Limited	22-Oct-12	27-Nov-12
HUGH MIDDLEMIS	Ground Water Modelling Approaches Advisory Group - Hugh Middlemis	\$5,104	Limited	17-Sep-12	30-Nov-12
NET BALANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP	Update of NGRS Document for Waste Data	\$4,125	Limited	26-Sep-12	15-Jan-13
NOEL MERRICK	Ground Water Modelling Approaches Advisory Group - Noel Merrick	\$4,620	Limited	17-Sep-12	30-Nov-12
PSI ASIA PACIFIC PTY LTD	Probity Services Advice	\$560	Limited	03-Sep-12	07-Sep-12
PSI ASIA PACIFIC PTY LTD	Probity Services Advice	\$1,960	Limited	20-Aug-12	31-Aug-12
PSI ASIA PACIFIC PTY LTD	Review and Comment on Draft RFT	\$1,694	Limited	1-Feb-2012	30-Jun-13
PSI ASIA PACIFIC PTY LTD	Review of Non-Compliant Tenders and a Report	\$4,928	Open	01-Apr-12	30-Jun-13
PSI ASIA PACIFIC PTY LTD	Probity Adviser to Provide Advice on Procurement and Grant Processes for Round Three of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program.	\$8,377	Open	19-Jul-12	30-Jun-13
PSI DELTA	Market Price Information on Water Entitlement	\$5,000	Limited	28-Jan-13	31-May-13
RANDELL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING PTY LTD	Commonwealth Principles Waste Project	\$9,856	Limited	5-Nov-12	19-Dec-12
SMS CONSULTING GROUP	SME – E. Kostner on Victoria Water Register System	\$6,382	Open	22-Aug-12	31-Oct-12

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
WESTERN WILDLIFE	Impact Assessment – Black Cockatoo and Additional Mapping Costs	\$8,079	Limited	31-Aug-12	5-Feb-13
Total		\$82,930			
Number of Consultancies >\$10,000		16			

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
BABEL-SBF PTY LTD	Expert Advice on Environmental Management of Shen-Neng1	\$6,600	Limited	27-Jul-12	31-Oct-12
ANTHONY ROELOFS	Coral Trout Spawning Aggregation Survey	\$1,735	Limited	1-Oct-12	30-Nov-12
AUSTRALIAN VALUATION OFFICE	Desktop valuation of Commonwealth Islands	\$4,500	Limited	1-Jul-12	30-Jul-12
BABEL-SBF PTY LTD	Expert Witness Committal Hearing Shen-Neng1	\$3,300	Limited	17-Oct-12	18-Oct-12
KENNETH ROY MARKWELL TRADING AS MARKWELL CONSULTING	Traditional Owners Biodiversity Monitoring Program Meeting	\$2,700	Limited	29-Aug-12	29-Oct-12
MAYNARD MARINE	Assistance with Planning, Facilitation and Reporting of International Workshop on Operationalising Resilience	\$6,840	Prequalified	1-Jul-12	31-Jul-12
PETER DRISCOLL	Review of Coastal Bird Atlas Phase 1 – Analysis of Michaelmas Cay data	\$1,265	Limited	1-Dec-12	12-Dec-12
PHILLIP W FORD	Review of Reef Rescue Marine Monitoring JCU Report	\$600	Limited	1-Dec-12	19-Dec-12
SIMON APTE	Review of Entox Pesticides Report	\$400	Limited	1-Dec-12	14-Dec-12
Total		\$27,940			
Number of Consultancies >\$10,000		9			

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
AHS ADVISORY PTY LIMITED	North Head Barracks Leasing Advisory Services	\$14,126	Limited	1-Sep-12	30-Sep-12
ASPECT STUDIOS PTY LTD	Landscape Concept Design & Design Development - Platypus Urban Park	\$19,756	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Jul-12
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR, SYDNEY	Legal Services	\$6,627	Prequalified	1-Jul-12	31-Jan-13
AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION	Radiation Survey - Platypus Site	\$1,485	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Jul-12
BARTIER PERRY PTY LTD	Legal Services	\$20,074	Prequalified	1-Jul-12	31-Jan-13
BEST GROUP (MIJA GEELONG PTY LTD T/A)	Wayfinding Advisory Services	\$2,343	Limited	10-Jul-12	30-Nov-12
BEYOND ZERO PTY LTD	Site Safety Inspections	\$5,280	Limited	1-Sep-12	15-Oct-12
BLACKETT MAGUIRE & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	BCA Assessment Services for Barracks building at North Head School of Artillery	\$8,250	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Jul-12
BUTCHER, PETER	Audit Services	\$3,924	Limited	5-Jul-12	29-Jul-12
CADPLANNERS PTY LTD	Capacity plans for Event Venues	\$3,480	Limited	1-Aug-12	30-Sep-12
CAMPBELL, DAVID	Design for the Outpost 2013 Catalogue	\$1,375	Limited	15-Jul-12	31-Aug-12
CDM SMITH AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Seawall and Cliff Line Tar Investigations, Platypus Site	\$725	Limited	8-Aug-12	30-Sep-12
COFFEY ENVIRONMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Environmental Management Services	\$4,779	Limited	6-Nov-12	7-Dec-12

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
COFFEY ENVIRONMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Environmental Supervision, Air Monitoring & Validation	\$36,407	Limited	1-Jul-12	30-Sep-12
COFFEY ENVIRONMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Chowder Bay Sea Bed Survey	\$17,609	Limited	10-Sep-12	31-Dec-12
COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD (CITY OFFICE)	Rental Valuation Services	\$7,150	Limited	1-Dec-12	15-Jan-13
COMMUNITY CHILDCARE COOPERATIVE LTD	Compliance Assessment	\$10,825	Limited	1-Nov-12	10-Jan-12
COPYCATS COMMUNICATION PTY LTD	Information Sheet Copy for Trust Venues	\$2,640	Limited	1-Jul-12	20-Aug-12
EMMA BEATTIE	Development of Strategy and Ideation for Various Projects	\$4,066	Limited	1-Jul-12	30-Oct-12
ENVIRON AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Platypus Site Audit	\$35,819	Limited	15-Jul-12	30-Sep-12
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA	Environmental Testing - Platypus North Bound	\$8,628	Limited	15-Jul-12	28-Aug-12
ENVIRONMENTAL RISK SCIENCES PTY LTD (ABN 133785547)	Environmental Testing Services	\$1,936	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Jul-12
ESPIONAGE GALLERY	Gallery Management Planning for OutPost 2013	\$880	Limited	1-Oct12	31-Dec-12
FORESTRY CORPORATION OF NSW	Timber Inspection of Roof Timbers	\$1,815	Limited	1-Jan-13	31-Jan-13
GHD PTY LTD	Chowder Bay Wharf Reassessment Works	\$31,755	Limited	1-Jul-12	21-Jul-12
GHD PTY LTD	Engineering Services for Chowder Bay Road Landslip	\$36,418	Limited	1-Jul-12	30-Sep-12
GTA CONSULTANTS PTY LTD	Traffic Management Plan for North Head	\$19,630	Limited	30-Nov-12	28-Feb-13
HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS	Legal Services	\$42,217	Prequalified	1-Oct-12	31-Jan-13
HIBBS & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	Environmental Consulting Services	\$8,749	Limited	1-Jul-12	10-Jan-13

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
JAMES INGRAM INC	Food Advisory Services	\$94,400	Limited	1-Jul-12	30-Nov-12
LILITH PTY LTD	Database Development - Infringements Database	\$330	Limited	1-Aug-12	4-Aug-12
MAKE CREATIVE PTY LTD	Outpost 2013 Playscape Design	\$6,600	Limited	1-Sep-12	20-Dec-12
MARIE - LOUISE SYMONS	Prepare Sponsorship Template	\$3,784	Limited	10-Sep-12	30-Sep-12
MICHAEL GREEN LEGAL	Legal Services	\$3,542	Limited	13-Jul-12	17-Jul-12
MIXITUP ENTERPRISE PTY LTD	Outpost Project 2013	\$22,000	Limited	1-Aug-12	31-Dec-12
MOORES LEGAL PTY LTD TOTAL	Legal Services	\$2,376	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Dec-12
PAJI PTY LTD	Probity Review and Advisory Services	\$629	Limited	1-Nov12	30-Nov-12
PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Professional Advisory Services	\$2,574	Limited	1-Sep-12	31-Dec-12
PARTRIDGE STRUCTURAL PTY LTD	Design and Documentation re Middle Head Cafe	\$6,891	Limited	20/6/12	20-Dec-12
PRESENT COMPANY PTY LTD	Social Media Management	\$32,450	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Dec-12
QS PLUS PTY LTD	Quantity Surveying Services	\$880	Limited	1-Jul-12	3-Jul-12
RAPP WORLDWIDE PTY LTD	Public Awareness materials	\$1,078	Limited	1-Oct-12	31-Nov-12
ROBINSON LEGAL	Legal Services	\$6,429	Limited	1-Jan-13	6-Feb-13
RYALL ENVIRONMENTAL PTY LIMITED	Environmental and Remediation Advice	\$28,380	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Jan-13
SAFE FOOD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Compliance Food Audits	\$1,463	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Jan-13

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
SDA STRUCTURES PTY LTD	Structural Engineering Consulting Services	\$15,030	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Dec-12
STEVE WATSON & PARTNERS PTY LTD	Building Inspection Services	\$12,980	Limited	1-Jul-12	30-Sep-12
TIM EGAN PRODUCTIONS	Re-Compile Outpost Edits and Re-Edit Outpost video	\$1,540	Limited	1-Jul-12	30-Sep-12
TIM SLIGO	Review of Cockatoo Island Film Festival	\$16,736	Limited	1-Jul-12	20-Nov-12
TRONODOR PTY LTD (T/A ECKFACTOR)	Media Relations Services	\$5,500	Limited	1-Sep-12	31-Jan-12
TURNER AND TOWNSEND PTY LTD	Restoration Work Rate Review	\$1,353	Limited	1-Dec-12	31-Dec-12
UMOW LAI ENGINUITY PTY LTD (ACN 114 843 113)	Engineering Services	\$1,650	Limited	1-Oct-12	31-Oct-12
WARWICK DONNELLY PTY LTD	Structural Engineering Services	\$836	Limited	8-Jan-13	31-Jan-13
WATERFIELD CONSULTING	Board and Executive Team Strategy Workshop	\$13,200	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Jul-12
WOOLACOTTS CONSULTING ENGINEERS PTY LTD	Engineering Design Services	\$17,886	Limited	1-Jul-12	31-Dec-12
Total		\$659,295			
Number of Consultancies >\$400,000		55			

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
ADELAIDE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PTY LTD	Investigation of Pulsing Releases to the Lower Darling River - Monitoring to Inform River Operations Adaptive Management	\$81,678	Limited	3-Sep-12	30-Jun-13
ASHERST AUSTRALIA	Legal Advice	\$20,000	Open	11-Oct-12	30-Jun-13
ASHURST	Legal Advice	\$10,000	Open	16-Aug-12	28-Sep-12
ASHURST	Legal Advice	\$20,000	Open	28-Aug-12	30-Jun-13
ASHURST AUSTRALIA	Legal Advice	\$10,000	Open	31-Oct-12	30-Jun-13
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Legal Advice	\$15,600	Open	19-Jul-12	20-Aug-12
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Legal Advice	\$100,000	Open	17-Aug-12	30-Jun-13
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Legal Advice	\$50,000	Open	28-Aug-12	30-Jun-13
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Legal Advice	\$50,000	Open	26-Sep-12	30-Jun-13
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Legal Advice	\$20,000	Open	15-Oct-12	30-Jun-13
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	Legal Services	\$80,000	Open	3-Dec-12	30-Jun-13
BARMA WATER RESOURCES PTY LTD	Independent Review of Un-Modelled Components of the Baseline Diversion Limits	\$27,500	Open	18-Dec-12	30-Apr-13
BARMA WATER RESOURCES PTY LTD	Development of a Risk Assessment Based Framework to Assist with Identification of Basin Annual Environmental Watering Priorities	\$135,000	Open	8-Jan-13	31-Mar-13
BARMAH WATER RESOURCES PTY LTD	Hydrological Modelling to Assist Development and Implementation of the Proposed Basin Plan 2012	\$60,000	Open	1-Oct-12	15-Apr-13
CHRIS GUEST PTY LTD	Provision of Strategic Advice on The Implementation of the Basin Plan and Assistance with Engagement of Senior Jurisdiction Officials	\$210,000	Limited	19-Nov-12	30-Jun-13

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
CULTURE SHIFT PTY LTD	Yarns Woven: Counting the Threads: Analysis of the Aboriginal Submissions to the Proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan Consultation Process	\$45,000	Limited	5-Dec-12	30-Jun-13
DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT	Riparian Restoration Experiment	\$118,800	Open	10-Jan-13	30-Jun-13
FRONTIER ECONOMICS PTY LTD	Clause 18 Review of Schedule D Of The Murray-Darling Basin Agreement	\$102,960	Open	20-Sep-12	28-Mar-13
GHD PTY LTD	River Murray Land and Easements Register and Assistance	\$80,000	Limited	20-Aug-12	30-Jun-13
GHD PTY LTD	Preparation of a Project Closure Report (Relating to Contract MD192) on Obtaining Easements to Deal With The Impacts of Releases of up to Full Regulated Flow on Agricultural Holdings on the Murray River Floodplain Between Hume Dam and Lake Mulwala';	\$10,000	Limited	31-Jan-13	30-Jun-13
GLEN A JONES TRADING AS BEACON INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS	Assessment of business planning needs to Support the Authority's Compliance and Assurance Strategy and Future Development Options Available to the Authority	\$70,548	Limited	8-Aug-12	31-Oct-12
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY	A Review of Conservation Planning In Natural Resource Management and the Implications for Environmental Water Management	\$10,505	Limited	15-Oct-12	7-Dec-12
INFO RAIL PTY LTD	Expert Advice to Assist in The Development of Effective Management and Delivery of Environmental Water Within the MDB Agree	\$43,016	Limited	30-Oct-12	28-Jun-13
INFO RAIL PTY LTD	Specialist Advice on Flood Management	\$20,000	Limited	1-Nov-12	30-Jun-13
JAYNE SUNBIRD ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (Mldrin) Corporate Plan	\$16,200	Limited	17-Oct-12	30-Mar-13
KATE BRADSTREET	Development of a MDBA Communications, Media & Engagement Strategy	\$27,600	Limited	15-Oct-12	21-Dec-12
MDFRC PTY LTD	Investigation Into Ecological Resilience For Environmental Watering In The Murray-Darling Basin 2012/2013	\$90,244	Open	2-Oct-12	17-Jun-13
MDFRC PTY LTD	Long-Term Biological Monitoring of River Health in the Mitta Mitta River Catchment, Above and Below Dartmouth Dam	\$131,362	Open	5-Nov-12	30-Sep-13

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
MDFRC PTY LTD	Update of the MDFRC Online Bug Guide	\$39,754	Open	19-Dec-12	30-Jun-13
MDFRC PTY LTD	Investigate the Distribution and Tolerances of Macro Invertebrate Taxa Over 30 Years in the River Murray	\$55,113	Open	19-Dec-12	30-Jun-13
MDFRC PTY LTD	Macro Invertebrate Genetic Bar-coding	\$69,550	Open	31-Jan-13	30-Jun-13
MDFRC PTY LTD	Investigate The Influences of Changes in the River Murray Water Quality Monitoring Program on Future Capacity to Detect Trends in Water Quality	\$34,513	Open	31-Jan-13	30-Jun-13
NUMBERSMAN.COM.AU	Implement the Findings of the Independent Review TLM Icon Site Condition Monitoring Plans	\$49,500	Open	1-Nov-12	20-Jun-13
P.E. & L.M. DAVIES PTY LTD	Independent Sustainable Rivers Audit Group (Israg): Chair	\$50,000	Limited	10-Oct-12	30-Sep-13
PETER COTTINGHAM & ASSOCIATES	Facilitation of Ecological Objectives Development for River Murray Channel	\$21,560	Open	24-Jan-13	3-Jun-13
RPS AQUATERRA PTY LTD	Developing a Framework to Assess the Salinity Impacts of Changes to Irrigation on the Riverine Plains & Dash; and Applying the Methodology to Regional Case Studies.	\$149,820	Open	31-Jan-13	24-Jun-13
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	Preparation of the Third Rendition of the Sustainable Rivers Audit Comparison Report	\$54,480	Open	17-Aug-12	18-Oct-12
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	Technical Editing of District Scale Root Zone Drainage (RZD) Report	\$16,377	Limited	2-Oct-12	16-Oct-12
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	Reviewing and Editing of BSMS Annual Implementation Report 2011-12	\$17,302	Open	11-Oct-12	31-Jan-13
SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ PTY LTD	Review of End-of-Valley Targets and Basin-Wide Catchment Salinity Projections	\$199,870	Open	21-Dec-12	21-Jun-13
STAMFORD INTERACTIVE PTY LTD	Information Architecture Design	\$48,975	Open	1-Aug-12	19-Sep-12
TIM CUMMINS AND ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	Preparation of Project Outline for Review of Basin-Wide Catchment Salinity Processes	\$15,850	Limited	9-Aug-12	12-Oct-12
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA	Synthesising Key Outcomes of Native Fish Strategy Research	\$99,000	Open	28-Nov-12	30-Jun-13
Total		\$2,577,677			

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End Date
Number of Consultancies >\$400,000		43			

National Water Commission

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End date
BARMA WATER RESOURCES CONSULTING PTY LTD	Consultancy services for Murray Darling Basin audit work	\$9,000	Open	01-Nov-12	28-Feb-13
ECOLOGICAL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Consultancy services for Murray Darling Basin audit work	\$4,000	Open	30-Oct-12	28-Feb-13
FRONTIER ECONOMICS PTY LTD	Consultancy services for Murray Darling Basin audit work	\$9,000	Open	26-Oct-12	28-Feb-13
FS FRESHWATER SYSTEMS	Consultancy services for adaptive water planning and management project	\$4,950	Limited	09-Jan-13	17-Jan-13
GARLAND OUTCOMES PTY LTD	Design and facilitate a program logic workshop	\$6,600	Limited	18-Dec-13	31-Jan-13
MELBOURNE WATER CORPORATION	Establishment of a Community of Practice for Water Sensitive Cities	\$5,500	Limited	30-Jan-13	18-Jun-13
SYME NANCARROW WATER	Consultancy services for adaptive water planning and management project	\$4,000	Limited	21-Dec-12	14-Jan-13
UOM COMMERCIAL LTD	Consultancy services for adaptive water planning and management project	\$4,400	Limited	21-Dec-12	14-Jan-13

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End date
WEATHERING CHANGE	Consultancy services for Murray Darling Basin audit work	\$8,500	Open	01-Nov-12	28-Feb-13
Total		\$55,950			
Number of consultancies >\$10,000		9			

Bureau of Meteorology

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Value (inc GST)	Procurement Tender Method	Start Date	End date
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	Peer Review: Hydrologic Reference Stations (HRS) Web Portal	\$13,750	Limited	12-Nov-12	23-Nov-12
Total		\$13,750			
Number of consultancies >\$400,000		1			

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question 164**
Topic: Portfolio Wide – social media **No:**
Proof Hansard Page and Date Written
or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued?
2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?
 - a. If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks)?
 - b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage?
 - c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor useage in the future?
3. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).

Answer:

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities including the Director of National Parks

1. No change.
2. No. Departmental internet usage is monitored. Monitoring of social media is only performed when a supervisor/manager suspects excessive use by a staff member.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. No.
 - c. The department has no plans to monitor social media, at this time.
3. Employee productivity is managed through established performance feedback processes. While the usage of social media is not monitored, there is no evidence to suggest that employee productivity has been impacted by social media.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

1. No change.
2. The Authority does not directly monitor the usage of social media. Overall internet usage is monitored and any unusual activity is investigated.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. No.
 - c. The Authority has no plans to monitor social media, at this time.
3. Social media access is provided to assist in the delivery of agency business.

Bureau of Meteorology

1. No change.
2. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. No.
 - c. The Bureau has no plans to monitor social media, at this time.
3. The introduction of the social media platform Yammer has increased the sharing of knowledge and communication within the Bureau which has enabled broader access to information related to Bureau business which has increased productivity.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

1. No change.
2. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. No.
 - c. The Trust has no plans to monitor social media, at this time.
3. Employee productivity is managed through established performance feedback processes. While the usage of social media is not monitored, there is no evidence to suggest that employee productivity has been impacted by social media.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

1. No change.
2. Monitoring data is logged as per the requirements of the Defence Signals Directorate's Information Security Manual. Monitoring data is available on request by the relevant supervisor.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. No.

- c. GBRMPA has no plans to monitor social media, at this time.
3. No. There have been no instances of excessive use of social media.

National Water Commission

- 1. No change.
- 2. Yes.
 - a. Social media usage is monitored by the Commission's outsourced ICT provider. Instances of unusual usage are drawn to the Commission's attention on a case by case basis.
 - b. No.
 - c. Not applicable.
- 3. Based on information available to the Commission, there is no evidence that staff usage of social media sites has a material impact on productivity.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 165
Topic: Portfolio Wide - internet
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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?

Answer:

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities has experienced three minor internet issues since 1 October 2012 as a result of software mis-configuration and infrastructure failure.

These issues impacted internet access for staff at the following portfolio agencies:

- The Department of Sustainability Environment, Water Population and Communities;
- Supervising Scientist Division;
- Director of National Parks; and
- Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

The affected infrastructure has now been replaced and configuration rectified. A degradation of service was experienced on 4 January 2013 as a consequence of extreme traffic loads on the Internet associated with the Victorian bushfires.

The impact on the Minister's office was minimal.

The Bureau of Meteorology suffered a minor internet outage on 18 November 2012, which was for less than five minutes before the service was restored. The outage was an unscheduled restart of network equipment, which normally takes between two minutes and five minutes.

The outage did not impact the Minister's office.

The following agencies have not experienced any unexpected internet issues in this period:

- Murray-Darling Basin Authority;
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; and
- National Water Commission.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD

Question No: 166

Topic: Portfolio Wide – staff amenities

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.

Answer:

Apart from standard Office amenities, the following is provided:

Department/Agency	Amenities provided
Department of Sustainability Environment Water Population and Communities*	1 x small gym room for Canberra staff. 1 x pool table and access to a corporate gym membership for staff in Hobart.
Director of National Parks	Nil
National Water Commission	Nil
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	1 x BBQ, 1 x Table Tennis Table.
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Nil
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	Nil
The Bureau of Meteorology	Nil

* This excludes facilities provided at the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic stations.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question** 167
No:
Topic: Portfolio Wide - coffee machines
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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?
2. Why were coffee machines purchased?
3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
5. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
6. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?
7. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
8. Why are coffee machines rented?
9. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
10. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
11. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken? Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
12. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
DSEWPAC	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
DNP	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
NWC	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
SHFT	1x Saeco IDEA, \$6,435.00 Purchased 2005 The cost of coffee is paid for by staff through the staff coffee club.	Lack of local shops and amenities near office in 2005	Initially yes as there were no shops or cafes in the area adjacent to the office. In 2010, a cafe was established nearby however, most staff still use the facility provided.	The Trust paid for the coffee machine.	The coffee machine is maintained by contractors. The machine was cleaned and adjusted in August 2012 at a cost of \$141.16. The cost is equally shared between the Trust and the staff coffee club.	Ongoing costs are met by the staff coffee club.
MDBA	2x Delonghi, \$3,041.00. Purchased Nov 2011 5x Pod Nespresso, \$6,432.00 Purchased May 2012 Ongoing cost for FYTD was \$4880.33 (inc GST) for coffee beans and pods	Coffee machines were purchased as a staff facility and to cater for various committee meetings and forums held by the Authority	These machines are heavily utilised and provide efficiencies from both staff and operation of meetings and forums perspective	Funding for purchases of coffee machines are covered by the corporate support budget	Corporate Services Division is responsible for the maintenance of coffee machines. There have been no maintenance costs in the period 1 July 2012 to 30 Feb 2013. Any maintenance to be covered by Corporate support budget	No.
GBRMPA	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
BOM	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
DSEWPAC	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
DNP	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
NWC	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
SHFT	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
MDBA	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
GBRMPA	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
BOM	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 168

Topic: Portfolio Wide – contractors

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

For this financial year to date:

1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.
10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

Answer:

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Portfolio	Yes or No Response								
	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6	Question 7	Question 8	Question 9
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bureau of Meteorology	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Great Barrier Reef	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Sydney Harbour Trust Federation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Director of National Parks	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
National Water Commission	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

10. The department/portfolio agencies do not track individual contractors employed within the department/agencies. Contractors are engaged directly by business areas and not through a coordinated, central point of contact. Details of contractors would only be obtainable from manual scrutiny of individual invoices that have been filed. This would require a significant diversion of resources which would not be an appropriate use of public resources.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 169
Topic: Portfolio Wide - grants
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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.
3. Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for grants?

Answer:

1. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) has published on its website (and on other agency websites) information on individual grant agreements in compliance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines (2009). The details of all grant agreements (including the grant amount, recipient, purpose and location) can be found at the following links.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about/grants/index.html>.

<http://www.nwc.gov.au/organisation/accountability>.

<http://www.mdba.gov.au/about/list-of-grants>.

<http://www.bom.gov.au/water/regulations/fundingProgram/index.shtml>.

2. To the best of the department's knowledge a total of two grant agreements have been confirmed as published later than the required timeframe. These are:

Program	Recipient	Amount (GST inclusive)	Days late
Your Community Heritage/National Historic Sites	Woolmers Foundation	\$25,000	41
Your Community Heritage/National Historic Sites	Roman Catholic Trust	\$385,000	42

3. At the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) the Australian Government announced savings from uncommitted grants funding. The savings for the department was \$1.4 million in 2012/13.

These were as follows:

- \$1 million from Your Community Heritage/National Historic Sites Program;
- \$0.290 million from Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program (Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance); and
- \$0.060 million from Australian Biological Resources Study program (National Taxonomy Research Grants).

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: CSD **Question No:** 170

Topic: Portfolio Wide – government payment of accounts

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Senator Birmingham asked:

1. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?
 - a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached).
 - b. 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?
 - c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department)

1. For 2012/13 year to date to 31 January 2013, 97.0 per cent of accounts have been paid within 30 days. This is above the 90 per cent standard set by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.
 - a. Accounts not paid within 30 days are largely due to delays in submission of invoices for processing. The department has actively promoted the correct business practices in regard to the payment of accounts in 30 days including:
 - Communicating the standard.
 - Implementing processes to ensure payment timing is recorded accurately.
 - Building a purpose built report to provide payment statistics by division.
 - Communicating these results to divisions and senior executives each month.
 - b. No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for 2012/13 year to date.
 - c. Not applicable.

Director National Parks

1. For 2012/13 year to date to 31 January 2013, 92 per cent of accounts have been paid within 30 days.
 - a. Accounts not paid within 30 days are due to delays in submission of invoices for processing.
 - b. No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for 2012/13 year to date.
 - c. Not applicable.

Bureau of Meteorology

1. For 2012/13 year to date to 31 January 2013, 95.6 per cent of accounts have been paid within 30 days.
 - a. For the 4.4 per cent of accounts which were paid late, reasons include:
 - Invoices may be received in advance of goods being received.
 - Goods may need to be tested upon being receipted as per contracts/agreements prior to payment.
 - b. No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for 2012/13 year to date.
 - c. Not applicable.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

1. For 2012/13 year to date to 31 January 2013, 94.4 per cent of accounts have been paid within 30 days.
 - a. Accounts not paid within 30 days are due to late invoices being received. All accounts are paid within 60 days.
 - b. No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for 2012/13 year to date.
 - c. Not applicable.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

1. For 2012/13 year to date to 31 January 2013, 94.9 per cent of accounts have been paid within 30 days.
 - a. Reasons for the delay in the payment of invoices include:
 - The accounts may have been in dispute.
 - Delays in approving accounts for payment within the Authority.
 - b. No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for 2012/13 year to date.
 - c. Not applicable.

National Water Commission

1. For 2012/13 year to date to 31 January 2013, 97 per cent of accounts have been paid within 30 days. All small business accounts have been paid within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice.
 - a. Reasons for the delay in the payment of invoices include:
 - Dispute over the amount to be paid.
 - Issue of an invoice prior to goods/services being received.
 - Non-acceptance of goods/services provided.
 - Errors in identified bank account or payee details.
 - b. No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for 2012/13 year to date.
 - c. Not applicable.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

1. For 2012/13 year to date to 31 January 2013, 94 per cent of accounts have been paid within 30 days. All small business accounts have been paid within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice.
 - a. Reasons for the delay in the payment of invoices include:
 - Dispute over the amount to be paid.
 - Issue of an invoice prior to goods/services being received.
 - Non-acceptance of the goods/services provided.
 - Errors in identified bank account or payee details.
 - b. No interest has been paid on overdue amounts for 2012/13 year to date.
 - c. Not applicable.

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Question 171
No:

Topic: Portfolio Wide – stationery requirements

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?
2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?

Answer: 1

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

Item	FYTD 2012/13 (Question 1)
Minister Burke's Office	\$9,648.69
Senator Farrell's Office	\$455.02

No other agencies reported a cost for this question as they are not responsible for provision of these services to the Minister's offices.

Answer: 2

Agency	FYTD 2012/13 (Question 2)
DSEWPaC	\$243,902.01
Director National Parks	\$130,878.00
National Water Commission	\$3,651.00
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	\$12,596.50
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	\$33,414.00
Bureau of Meteorology	\$106,035.13
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	\$29,103.00