

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES – 11-12 FEBRUARY 2013

SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

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1	1.1: BCD	Heffernan	Environmental Stewardship Program - inspection report	Senator HEFFERNAN: ...Did you receive that report from Mr Miller from the Catchment Management Authorities? Ms Murray: I did not personally, no. Senator HEFFERNAN: Can you provide the report on notice? Ms Murray: I will take that on notice.	108 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
2	1.1: BCD	Heffernan	Environmental Stewardship Program – eradication program	Senator HEFFERNAN: Which is surrounded by blackberry and has blackberry through it. There was no eradication program recommended on the blackberry? Mr Sullivan: I will take that on notice.	110 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
3	1.1: BCD	Heffernan	Environmental Stewardship Program – progress reports	Senator HEFFERNAN: Can you give me the report on how that money was expended and the verification with the various receipts et cetera? Or did it just go up into the clouds? ... Senator HEFFERNAN: Did it disappear into the ether? Mr Sullivan: I do not have the Empire Property file with me. We will take that on notice. ... Senator HEFFERNAN: I want to see the certification and the auditing. When it went into receivership did you get your money back for the grants? Ms Murray: I will take that on notice because it is under further investigation. ... Senator HEFFERNAN: ...You will give me the report on the auditing of the expenditure of the grants that were granted. Ms Murray: I will look into giving those to you on notice. Mr Sullivan: We will do the best we can.	110 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
4	1.1: BCD	Macdonald	Environmental Stewardship Program – contractual conditions	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Are they publicly available? Mr Sullivan: I would have to check that. Senator IAN MACDONALD: If they are available, could we have them on notice.	111 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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5	1.1: BCD	Birmingham	Applications for heritage grants	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is there a shortage of applications for heritage grants?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I do not have the total figures for previous rounds and how many applications were received, but there is not a general shortage. From recollection, I think in a previous funding round in 2011-12 around 550 applications were received, of which approximately half were funded.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: So approximately 270 applications from the previous round would not have been funded, and that was with just on \$8 million of grants in the previous round.</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I will have to clarify the exact number for you.</p> <p>Page 14</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can you just give me a very quick summary, in terms of these heritage grants, as to the range of grants provided, the priority projects—the types of projects that they are provided for?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan: I am happy to give you the total list of projects funded previously on notice.</p>	13-14 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
6	1.1: BCD	Boyce	Bilbies – funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Queensland, bilbies are on the endangered list. How much money has been given to saving them in Queensland and to whom? 2. How much money has the Federal Government provided nationally to protect bilbies? Please provide information on the states that receive funding and the amount they receive? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
7	1.1: BCD	Boyce	Grants provided to conservation groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you please provide a list of all conservation groups receiving federal funding? 2. Would you please provide a breakdown of funding to conservation groups received per annum? 3. Would you please provide a breakdown of how much of this funding for these groups goes into administration costs in dollar and per centage terms? 4. How much of this funding goes towards Australian iconic species? 5. Who decides what conservation groups receives funding, ie is it a committee decision or is it at the Minister's sole discretion? 6. Can anyone apply for this funding? Is there a uniform process? What is the process? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
8	1.1: BCD	Boyce	Budget for feral animal control	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the overall federal budget for feral animal control? 2. How much of that overall budget is given to the states? 3. How much does the federal government spend directly on feral animal control? And what criteria is used in allocating the money? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
9	1.1: BCD	Boyce	Funding for the protection of Australian iconic	How much funding is spent on protecting Australian iconic species?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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			species				
10	1.1: BCD	Heffernan	Investigation into Empire Property and Investment Group	<p>1. In Senate Estimates the department advised an independent audit and a review into the property owned by Empire Property & Investment Group (1462 Razorback Rd, Razorback) was conducted and a further investigation is underway, when will the investigation into be completed?</p> <p>2. Will you make it available to this committee? If so, please provide a copy.</p> <p>3. Also, can we have a copy of the CMA Report that declared the property eligible and suitable for the Environmental Stewardship Grant?</p> <p>4. Also can we see the certification paperwork and details of all expenditure of grant money given to this property as per guidelines?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
11	1.1: BCD	Macdonald	Reef Rescue	<p>In answer to Questions On Notice (Supplementary Estimates QON 005) from previous Estimates the Department has advised that \$200 million has been allocated to Reef Rescue initiative and that this funding is administered by – among others - the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.</p> <p>DAFF QON 280 indicates that Reef Rescue funding for 2012-13 of \$51.5 million.</p> <p>1. Can the Department indicate the time frame across which the stated \$200 million has been allocated/spent?</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide any data to indicate specific programs and their outcomes that have been facilitated by the Reef rescue funding?</p>	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
12	1.1: BCD	Macdonald	Fuel reduction burns	<p>Impacts on communities, commerce, flora and fauna from bushfires are being identified as an outcome that can be more effectively managed through fuel-reduction burns.</p> <p>1. What data has the Department compiled through investigating the potential for changes to existing programs for fuel-reduction burns?</p> <p>2. How much of this research has been conducted in Northern Australia (Nth QLD, NT and Northern WA)?</p> <p>3. What changes will the Department be implementing to its fire-management strategies following reports and research into the mitigation of catastrophic fire events through fuel-reduction burns?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
13	1.1: BCD	Waters	Aichi Target 11	<p>1. Why has the government not provided the majority of caring for our country funding to the national reserve system considering its commitments to meet Aichi Target 11?</p> <p>2. Since funding has been slashed or terminated how does the government propose to achieve the Aichi Target 11?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
14	1.1: BCD	Waters	Environmental Stewardship Program	<p>1. Regarding the Environmental Stewardship Program, is it not correct that after a temporary contract ends or a property changes hands there is nothing to stop a landholder reversing or neglecting whatever gains have been produced under the ESP in the absence of a covenant binding on the</p>	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13

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				land title? 2. Why have so few of the ESP projects entailed a covenant? 3. What non commonwealth sourced co-investment in conservation has been leveraged by the ESP program? 4. Why is the ESP program nearly a hundred times more expensive on average than the National Reserve System program?			
15	1.1: BCD	Colbeck	Caring for our Country – sustainable environment stream	1. How much of the May 2012-13 Budget has been allocated to the Sustainable Environment stream of Caring for our Country? 2. What are the expected administrative costs for the Sustainable Environment stream of Caring for our Country? 3. How do these administration costs compare to last year? 4. How are projects that cross the Agriculture / Environment divide handled now that there is no longer a joint management team? 5. Does this result in a double up of assessment and administration?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
16	1.1: BCD	McKenzie	Heritage grants provided to communities	Senator McKENZIE: I had some questions around heritage conservation. I asked some questions a couple of estimates ago about communities, not just places, being able to be covered under concepts of heritage values. Could you let me know how many communities have been able to access funding through this area through the department? Dr Dripps: You are asking how many heritage grants have been— Senator McKENZIE: Not for places but for communities. Dr Dripps: ...We can take that on notice.	13 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
17	1.1: BCD	Waters	National Reserve System	1. How much of the 2008 commitment of \$180m to the National Reserve System program has been committed to date? 2. How many hectares of new protected areas have been brought into the NRS as a result? 3. Will the government fulfil its \$180m commitment made in 2008? 4. Why is the government slashing this remarkably cost effective program in round 2 (with only "limited funding" but no specific allocation)? 5. Will the national reserve system section be retained? 6. Will it continue to located in Parks Australia or be moved elsewhere?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
18	1.1: WHM	Whish-Wilson	Marine debris threat abatement plan – budget allocation	Senator WHISH-WILSON: ...In terms of the breakdown of how much money the Commonwealth has budgeted over forward estimates, would you be able to give an idea of what has been allocated specifically for the marine debris threat abatement plan? Mr Oxley: That is a question I would need to take on notice.	108 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
19	1.1: WHM	Whish-Wilson	Marine debris threat abatement plan – baseline data	Senator WHISH-WILSON: In my questions on notice I asked about baseline data that you are using for the actual abatement plan. Can you provide specific information on the sources of the baseline data that you have used for the last four or five years? You said you allocated about	108 (11/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>\$7.1 million nationally for the threat abatement plan but can you provide the actual sources of where the data has come from?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: I will need to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: What sort of data are you using to come a decision on number of marine invertebrates dying?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: I have already indicated that I will take on notice the question about the underlying data which we have used.</p>			
20	1.1: WHM	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – interactions with dolphins and seals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it correct that DSEWPaC advice to Minister Burke regarding the then FV Margiris was that it would not have significant impact on matters of national environmental significance in a Commonwealth marine area? 2. If this is the case where does the uncertainty come in? 3. Was DSEWPaC aware of areas of uncertainty when they undertook the risk assessment? 4. If so, how could the risk assessment be completed with apparent gaps in the information? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
21	1.1: WHM	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – expert panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What guidance has been given to the Expert Panel regarding coming to a decision in their review? 2. What were the selection criteria for the Expert Panel? 3. Have any of the panel been involved in the supertrawler debate so far? 4. Have any of the panel expressed an opinion on the supertrawler? 5. Can the Expert Panel report sooner than the stated reporting date (22 October 2014)? 6. What is the budget for the Expert Panel and where is it allocated? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
22	1.1: WHM	Colbeck	F.V. Abel Tasman – terms of reference for the expert panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the DSEWPaC budget for any extra research projects required? 2. Will the Expert Panel consider the advice already given to the Minister that adverse environmental impact was considered unlikely (seals, dolphins, localised depletions)? 3. When will the Expert Panel start work? 4. Will the analysis be being done directly by the Expert Panel or will departmental staff be involved? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
23	1.2: PCD	Birmingham	Whales – cost of policy advice to Attorney-General's	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: So what is the total cost of SEWPaC's involvement in terms of that direct advice to Attorney-General's?</p> <p>Ms Schweizer: I probably would have to take that one on notice. We do have the figures but I would take that on notice.</p>	120 (11/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
24	1.2: PCD	Siewert	Whales – IFAW report	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Would you raise the issue of IFAW's report at the International Whaling Commission? Does that not then come directly into this portfolio?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: Again, on a question like that we would have to take it on notice to give us the opportunity to consider what the appropriate</p>	121 (11/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				approach through the IWC would be. Senator SIEWERT: Could you take it on notice? Dr Grimes: Very happy to take it on notice.			
25	1.2: PCD	Birmingham	Rio +20 – evening briefings	For each of the evening briefings on Rio+20 hosted by the Department and the United Nations Association of Australia across Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart, Brisbane, Darwin, Hobart and Perth – as identified in the answer to question on notice number 216 through October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates – please identify in each case: 1. The number of attendees, as well as their names and/or organisations represented? 2. The names of any departmental officials present? 3. The names and positions/titles of those giving presentations? 4. A breakdown of costs, such as venue/function hire, food, beverages including cost of alcoholic beverages if served. Please provide copies of invoices and/or receipts?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
26	1.2: PCD	Birmingham	Rio +20 – side event	Please detail the nature and purpose of the Rio+20 ‘side event’ 20 June 2012 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, as identified in the answer to question on notice number 216 through October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates. Please identify: 1. The number of attendees, as well as their names and/or organisations represented? 2. The names of any departmental officials present? 3. The names and positions/titles of those giving presentations if applicable? 4. A breakdown of costs, such as venue/function hire, food, beverages including cost of alcoholic beverages if served. Please provide copies of invoices and/or receipts?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
27	1.3: BCD	Birmingham	Biodiversity Fund – progress reports	Senator BIRMINGHAM: That being the project plans, which have to be provided within 20 days of the execution date of their funding agreement, but I was asking about progress reports, which I understand were due within the first 40 days of this year. Ms Lane: I believe we have received a large number of those progress reports. I would have to take the question on notice to give you the exact details of whether or not there are any progress reports still outstanding.	124 (11/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13
28	1.3: BCD	Rhiannon	Biodiversity Fund – koala populations on the New South Wales far south coast	Referring to the project: "Corridors & core habitat for koalas on the NSW far south coast" which received \$1.9m under the Biodiversity Fund, to enable, inter alia NSW Government agencies to defer logging in some koala habitat forests for 6 years: 1. Are maps of the areas to be excluded from logging available to the	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>public? If so, where? If not, why not?</p> <p>2. Has the federal Government been advised of results of surveys undertaken as part of the project which have verified the presence of koalas in a number of areas not included in the project, particularly nearby Tanja State Forest?</p> <p>3. Has the Commonwealth been advised that the NSW State Government agency the Forestry Corporation, as a result of the latest data on koala numbers, wishes to reduce or remove logging exclusion zones intended to protect koalas?</p> <p>4. The project appears to recognise that logging is a threat to koalas. What, therefore, is the scientific rationale for reducing protection as a result of this project?</p> <p>5. What would be the Commonwealth's attitude if NSW were to use the results of data generated by this Commonwealth funded project as a pretext for removing or reducing protection for koalas in Murrah – Mumbulla – Bermagui and under its own IFOA logging prescriptions?</p> <p>6. Last year, I was advised that Tanja was not included in the project because it was not known to be koala habitat. Now that we know of their presence there, why does the Commonwealth not insist that it be included, particularly at a time when there is little or no market for native forest woodchips, the principal product to be sourced from that forest?</p>			
29	1.3: BCD	Waters	Biodiversity Fund	<p>1 Was the intention to use the first round of the Biodiversity Fund to pilot different kinds of projects around the country?</p> <p>2 Did you consult with the NRM regional plans to determine criteria for the first round of grants?</p> <p>3 How did existing NRM regional plans and projects inform grants? How did they go about ensuring no duplication?</p> <p>4 Given the first round was so rushed and the intention was to pilot, why were multi-year grants given? Surely by locking in money to the very first round over multiple years it increased chances of funding dud projects and if there was any duplication, locked that in as wasted money?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
30	2.1: EQD	Birmingham	Synthetic greenhouse gases – Treasury forecast	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: How many tonnes would that equate to?</p> <p>Dr Wright: I do not have that figure with me. We would have to double-check with our colleagues in Treasury.</p>	6 (12/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13
31	2.1: EQD	Singh	UNEP global chemical report	<p>Senator SINGH: Is the department aware of the UNEP global chemical report that was released last September? It had a number of general recommendations and specific recommendations within it. What are the recommendations that Australia is considering adopting in that report? You might want to take that on notice—there are a few recommendations in there.</p> <p>...</p>	7 (12/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13

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				Mr McNee: We will take that on notice, Senator.			
32	2.1: EQD	Whish-Wilson	National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme – collection rates	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: ...The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme: perhaps on notice could you give us an update on the number of televisions and computers that have been collected on a state-by-state basis, what sorts of recycling rates that translates to and how that relates to your target of 2010 from 17 per cent to 30 per cent?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We will take that on notice.</p>	7 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
33	4.1: OWS	Waters	Activities carried out under section 505D, E, F or G of the EPBC Act	<p>Senator WATERS: Could you take on notice any of those section 505D, E, F or G activities that either the interim or the final committee have undertaken, and provide details of that to me?</p> <p>Ms Nethercott-Watson: Yes.</p>	42 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
34	4.1: WED	Bilyk	Huon Valley Regional Water Scheme	<p>Senator BILYK: Are you able to take on notice whether there are any other surrounding areas that also benefit?</p> <p>Ms Harwood: Yes, I can.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Do we know how many people there are who would benefit from it?</p> <p>Ms Harwood: I might have to take that on notice in terms of the population down in the Huon Valley—the area there. I can do that.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: You told me that about one billion litres are returned to the environment. That is obviously good for the catchment but also for the biodiversity in the waterways. Are you able to tell me how much the daily and total supply of water is to the area?</p> <p>Ms Harwood: I would have to take that on notice in terms of the volume of urban water use in the Huon Valley, if that is what you are asking.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: What I want to know is, daily, how much supply there is now for drinking water, because I actually come from very near the Huon Valley and have a lot to do with things down there. I know that for quite awhile the water was not of the standard that it should have been. So I am pleased to hear you say that it has now reached the Australian water guidelines. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Harwood: The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: I am interested in knowing how much there is for people to use and the broad coverage area that it involves. So if you could take both of those on notice, that would be great.</p> <p>Ms Harwood: Yes.</p>	33 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
35	4.1: WED	Bilyk	Stormwater Harvesting Grants Program – Nyrstar project	<p>Senator BILYK: I think it was last estimates that some of the direction had to be changed—or something had to be changed—and the plan had to be changed. Do you know anything about that? I think it was mentioned last estimates.</p> <p>Ms Harwood: I am not aware of that being an issue for this project, but I</p>	34 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				could take that on notice.			
36	4.1: WED	Nash	Water buyback – receipt of funding from a foreign entity	Senator NASH: ...Could you take on notice for me if there is any buyback from a non-Australian owned entity that has received funding through the buyback process? Mr Papps: I will take the second question on notice.	50 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
37	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project Stage 2	1. In reference to QoN 87 part 5 part c – How will the CEWH assess the effectiveness of water saving actions? 2. What has the CEWH found to date? 3. In reference to QoN 87 part 5 b and e – How will the Commonwealth monitor the economic conditions of the irrigation sector? 4. What actions are possible if conditions deteriorate?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
38	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Access to infrastructure grants	What progress is being made on reforms to allow SA irrigators to access infrastructure grants?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
39	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Private Irrigators Infrastructure Program – South Australia	What is the timeline for spending funds remaining under the PIIP-SA program?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
40	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program - expenditure	1. Please provide a breakdown of expenditure (incurred and committed) under the SRWUIP detailing expenditure on each project and categorised by projects in the Murray-Darling Basin returning water in the commonwealth, projects in the Murray-Darling Basin where water savings are retained in the region and projects, programs or other expenditures without a water-saving component within the Murray-Darling Basin? Please also detail the volume of water savings arising from each project? 2. How much do you expect to spend on non-water saving projects under SRWUIP?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
41	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Menindee Lakes joint evaluation team	1. Has NSW agreed to the proposed scope of infrastructure works? 2. When will final agreements and subsequent works begin? 3. How much water will be returned under this project?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
42	4.1: WED	Birmingham	River Murray improvements program	1. Is it correct that the Government announced \$265 million to SA for projects before a business case was finalised? 2. Has the business case now been lodged? If so, when was it lodged?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
43	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Condamine-Balonne water tender	In reference to QoN 82 – you did not answer my question. Again, has the commonwealth received offers during its tender processes or otherwise for water for sale in the Condamine-Balonne that it has rejected?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
44	4.1: WED	Birmingham	Proposed New South Wales three per cent cap	How would the proposed 3 per cent cap on buybacks by the New South Wales Government affect operations of the MDBA and water recovery methods?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
45	4.1: WED	Macdonald	Irrigation modernisation	In answer to Questions On Notice (Supplementary Estimates QON 85) from previous Estimates the Department has advised that the budget	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13

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			planning assistance	<p>allocation for 2012/13 – which has increased to \$300,000 from the previous years' figure of \$210, 074 – had not yet been fully allocated. The Department indicated (@ sub 4) that some applications remained under assessment at the time of last Estimates hearings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have all applications for funding in 2012/13 under the Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance Scheme now been assessed? 2. How much of the \$300,000 budget for the 2012-13 financial year has been allocated? 3. How much of this budget has been allocated in Queensland? 4. How much of this budget has been allocated in the Northern Territory? 5. How much of this budget has been allocated in Western Australia (excepting the South West region)? 			
46	4.1: WED	Macdonald	SRWUIP – allocation of funding	<p>In answer to Questions On Notice at previous (Supplementary Estimates QON 93) the Department indicated that as at 30 September 2012, \$360 million of SRWUIP funding remained unallocated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the \$360 million in question continues to remain unallocated? 2. Of the amount that has been allocated, to what has it been allocated? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
47	4.1: WED	McKenzie	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program	<p>The On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (OFIEP) has currently had three rounds funded by Water for the Future. Projects are listed on the SEWPaC website: (http://www.environment.gov.au/water/policy-programs/srwui/irrigation-efficiency/index.html)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide a table of summary information which provides totals for state, round, number of irrigators, cost per megalitre and volumes of water secured? 2. Have there been any studies into productivity gains for irrigators who participated in this program? 3. Can you provide the total amount of water generated from this program for both irrigators and environment? 4. Have there been any studies determining how many irrigators who participated in this program have purchased additional water? 5. Can you provide any documents that describe individual on-farm efficiency works conducted by farmers (without disclosing individual farmers details please)? 6. Can you outline how processes associated with the OFIEP that will ensure that the following will not occur: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Profiteering of the delivery partner, as they are intended to be a facilitator of the program? b. Water purchases being disguised as savings from on-farm efficiency programs? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>c. Investment being made on greenfield sites and/or on sites that will not have a connection to irrigation services in the future?</p> <p>d. Commonwealth received water entitlements, before statutory planning approvals are completed?</p> <p>e. Preferential treatment provided to suppliers of farm irrigation equipment?</p> <p>7. Can you list the administration fees received by each delivery partner and funding received?</p> <p>The successful projects for Round 3 of the OFIEP were announced in December last year and include \$100 million of funding. The SEWPaC website states that Round 3 “is aimed at assisting irrigators within the southern connected system of the Murray-Darling Basin to modernise their on-farm irrigation infrastructure while returning water savings to the environment.”</p> <p>8. However, despite this, only \$5 million of the over \$100 million was specifically allocated to Victorian projects. Can you explain the rationale for small proportion of funding allocated to Victoria?</p>			
48	4.1: WED	McKenzie	Strategic Sub-System Reconfiguration	<p>The Strategic Sub-System Reconfiguration in the Murray-Darling Basin program is funded for \$200 million over the next four years.</p> <p>1. How much water is expected to be returned under this program?</p> <p>2. What proportion of the \$200 million is expected to be spent on disconnection completion grants?</p> <p>3. What proportion of the \$200 million is expected to be spent on the decommissioning of underutilised or inefficient off-farm water delivery infrastructure?</p> <p>4. Could you name the irrigator industry leaders which were consulted in the design of this program, also identifying which peak body they were associated with?</p> <p>5. Applications for this program opened on 18 February 2013. Please specify the number of applications and volumes of water expected to be returned under applications currently received? Also, please specify the date at which this question was answered?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
49	4.1: WED	McKenzie	Water recovery	<p>Eligible Catchments are defined as those catchments where surface water still needs to be recovered for the environment to bridge the gap to the sustainable diversion limits in the Basin Plan under this program. Could you list the catchments where water still needs to be recovered and specify how much water needs to be recovered for each of these catchments?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
50	4.1: WED	Xenophon	Funding for South Australian irrigators and communities	<p>I refer to an answer to a Question on Notice the Department provided in supplementary Budget Estimates in October last year – question number 81. The answer stated: “Funding of \$530 million was committed for</p>	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				South Australian irrigators and communities under the 2008 Intergovernmental Agreement on Murray Darling Basin Reform on the priorities identified by the South Australian Government.” 1. Can the Department detail which projects have received funding as part of this \$530 million? 2. Can the Department provide any advice on how much is remaining in this fund?			
51	4.1: WED	Xenophon	Irrigation efficiency in South Australia	I refer to the answer provided on notice to question 84 asked in Supplementary Budget Estimates in October last year – the question was regarding Minister Burke’s 18 July 2012 announcement of \$1.2 million funding to explore proposals to improve irrigation efficiency in South Australia. Has the South Australian Government submitted its final business case to the Commonwealth Government, as was required by 31 January?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
52	4.1: WED	Joyce	Draft water recovery strategy	What is the status of the draft water recovery strategy? When will that be finalised?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
53	4.1: WED	Joyce	Water recovery toward the Murray-Darling Basin Plan target	1. How much water has been recovered towards the Basin Plan target? 2. How much of the water recovered is through water buybacks? 3. How much of this water is from infrastructure savings?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
54	4.1: WED	Joyce	SRWUIP – cost of water recovery	I refer you to answer question 96 from the last estimates: “As at 30 September 2012, the volume-weighted average cost of entitlements secured by the Commonwealth in agreed Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Projects in contract was \$4,872 per megalitre of entitlement, noting that this figure includes many different entitlement types of various levels of reliability.” If recovery is going at about \$5,000 per ML, why is \$5.8 billion only due to deliver 600 GL?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
55	4.1: WED	Joyce	SRWUIP – administered funding	In an answer to question 98 from the last estimates you stated that: “It is anticipated that the total direct cost of recovering 600 gegalitres towards bridging the gap is around \$3.6 billion in administered funding.” 1. What happened to the other \$2.2 billion that was put in this fund? 2. Please provide a detailed consolidation of what the \$2.2 billion has been allocated? 3. Please provide estimates for expenditure under the Sustainable Rural Water and Infrastructure Program over the forward estimates? 4. Please identify what component of this spending has been contracted towards specific projects?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
56	4.1: WED	Joyce	Water buybacks - Moonie	Are there any water buybacks planned for the Moonie in the future? If so, please provide details?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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57	4.1: WED	Joyce	Adelaide Desalination Plant	<p>1. Has the government paid the SA government all of the funds that it allocated towards the Adelaide Desalination Project?</p> <p>2. If not, how much is left to be paid and over what time frame is it expected to be paid?</p> <p>3. Has the Final Project Report for this project been completed?</p> <p>4. Will the Final Project Report “evaluate the Project, including assessing the extent to which the objective has been achieved and explaining why any aspect were not achieved” as required by the implementation agreement?</p> <p>Milestone number 2 of the agreement states that: “Agreement of the Murray Darling Basin Authority of a framework that ensures that the 6 gigalitre high reliability entitlement and the Environmental Provision will be available to offset the South Australian sustainable diversion limit established by the Basin Plan (Schedule 1 refers).”</p> <p>5. Has this condition been met?</p> <p>6. Has the Department finished guidelines for the Strategic Sub-System Reconfiguration program?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
58	4.1: WED	Joyce	SRWUIP – breakdown of program funding	Can you please provide a breakdown of every project or program funded under the Sustainable Rural Water use and Infrastructure program? Please provide amounts that have been funded by financial year since the inception of the program and forecast amounts over the forward estimates for each program or project?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
59	4.1: WED	Joyce	Progress of water buyback programs in Queensland	<p>1. What progress has been made on water buyback and water use efficiency (healthy headwaters) projects in Queensland?</p> <p>2. What money has been spent in Queensland to date?</p>	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
60	4.1: WED	Joyce	Budget status	<p>1. Can the Department please provide a list of expenditure under each of the following programs for all financial years beginning 2007-08, and include the most up to date spending for the current financial year. Can the Department also provide forecast or projected for these programs over the forward estimates?</p> <p>a. Restoring the Balance.</p> <p>b. Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure.</p> <p>c. National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns.</p> <p>d. National Urban Water and Desalination Plan.</p> <p>e. Green Precincts Fund.</p> <p>f. Water Smart Australia.</p> <p>g. Water Resources Assessment and Research Grant.</p> <p>h. Commonwealth contribution under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.</p> <p>i. Coal Seam Gas and Coal Mining Impacts on Water.</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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61	4.1: WRD	Ruston	Murray-Darling Basin Plan – date of agreement for the shared reduction in water availability	<p>Senator RUSTON: I am talking longer term, but I am sure my colleagues will pursue that one. I want to ask you a couple of specific questions. What was the date when the Basin states agreed to their contribution of the shared reduction targets? You may need to take that on notice. The southern connected Basin.</p> <p>Mr Slatyer: I will have to take that precise date on notice.</p> <p>Page 36</p> <p>Mr Parker: Senator, I just want to ask a question for clarification: when you were talking about shared reduction targets, there might be two things that you were talking about. One is the shared reduction in the water availability under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan; the other is the reduction in the budget. So there would be two different answers to that question.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: Water.</p> <p>Mr Parker: It is the water one. Right, thank you.</p> <p>Senator RUSTON: If you could get me that date.</p>	35-36 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
62	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Negotiation of the Intergovernmental Agreement	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...The communique from the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council meeting of 30 November states that 'substantial outstanding issues remain' in relation to the negotiation of the intergovernmental agreement. Can you identify any of the substantial outstanding issues that have been resolved since that 30 November meeting?</p> <p>Dr Grimes: If it would assist at all, probably the best we could do is take something on notice and see if we can provide you with further information.</p>	37 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
63	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Scoping study on managing Lake Albert and the Narrung Narrows	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...On 1 November last year, funding of over \$668,000 towards a scoping study of future directions in managing Lake Albert water quality and the Narrung Narrows. When will that scoping study be undertaken and have milestones to date in provision of that funding been met?</p> <p>Mr Slatyer: The scoping study I understand is underway. We would have to take on notice the precise milestone deliverables under that project. I do not have those with me.</p>	46 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
64	4.1: WRD	Birmingham	Scoping study on Lake Albert water quality and the Narrung Narrows	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When will the 'scoping study of future directions in managing Lake Albert Water Quality and the Narrung Narrows' be completed? 2. Is there a timeframe for works the study may identify? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
65	4.1: WRD	McKenzie	Status of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Murray-Darling	<p>The IGA setting out how the Murray-Darling Basin plan will operate and what costs will be borne by individual governments was initially expected to be released alongside the final basin plan last year. This did not occur.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you give a status report on the current negotiations? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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			Basin Reform	<p>2. When do you expect the IGA to be signed off by the states?</p> <p>3. Can you give an order of magnitude expected cost to the Commonwealth (at the present stage of negotiations) of this IGA?</p>			
66	4.1: WED	McKenzie	The Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012	<p>1. During the Senate Environment and Communication inquiry into the Water Amendment (Water for the Environment Special Account) Bill 2012 it was indicated that the on farm “water efficiency grants” funded under this Bill would differ those funded by the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure component of Water for the Future. Could you please explain in detail the differences in between these two programs with respect to? :-</p> <p>a. The sharing of water savings achieved</p> <p>b. The value of the investment in terms of expected \$ per megalitre generated</p> <p>c. Any differences in the administration of the investment</p> <p>2. When do you expect the first round of the “water efficiency grants” to be announced?</p> <p>3. What will be the size (\$) of the first tranche of funding for the “water efficiency grants”?</p> <p>4. Schedule 1 (86AG) of Bill list amounts to be credited to the Water for the Environment Special Account are listed over a period of 10 years. Could you please in general terms specify the percentage of funding that will be attributed to the components of the Bill (i.e. administration, constraints removal etc) for each of those years?</p> <p>5. Is it envisaged that the Bill will provide funding for the purchasing of flood easements from private land owners?</p> <p>6. What studies have been completed by the MDBA to examine the potential flooding impacts of increased river flows to date in the upper Goulburn?</p> <p>7. Will the potential flooding impacts be a major component of the constraints removal study? Will this information be made public?</p> <p>8. Could you describe the contribution and or the involvement each of the following interested parties will be expected to make as a part of the constraints removal study? :-</p> <p>a. Floodplain landholders.</p> <p>b. Basin State Governments.</p> <p>c. MBDA.</p> <p>d. Consultants.</p> <p>e. Catchment Management Authorities.</p> <p>f. River Operators and Water Authorities.</p> <p>g. Other Commonwealth Departments.</p> <p>9. How much money will the constraints removal study cost?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>10. Will water buybacks be a part of the methods used to secure 450 GL of water for this Bill? If yes, in what circumstances would this occur? If no, is there anything in the legislation to prevent this happening?</p> <p>11. What additional resources will be required by the MDBA to administer the \$1.77 billion, 450 GL Water for the Environment Special Account?</p>			
67	4.1: WRD	Joyce	Status of the Intergovernmental Agreement	<p>1. Which States continue to have disputes over aspects of the Intergovernmental Agreement?</p> <p>2. What are the major issues outstanding?</p> <p>3. Is there a draft version of an Intergovernmental agreement?</p> <p>4. If so, how many versions of the draft have been circulated among States?</p>	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
68	5.1: WHM	Siewert	Processing times for ATSIHP Act Sections 9 and 10 applications	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ...First I want to follow up the number of section 9 applications that you have had over the last 10 years if that is possible, how many from Western Australia and how long the average processing time is.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Rankin: We could take those details on notice since I only have details since 1984. I can give you those.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I am looking for most recent history of the use of the act.</p> <p>Ms Rankin: We will have to take that on notice to give you the rest.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you do that for section 10 applications as well. I am particularly interested in the processing time for them.</p>	11 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
69	5.1: WHM	Siewert	Yindjibarndi and James Price Point ATSIHP Act applications	<p>Senator SIEWERT: ...I want to hone in on the two Western Australian ones that have been most problematic in the recent past: Yindjibarndi and James Price Point. Could you tell me where we are up to, when those applications were first received and where we are up to in processing them. I think there are nine and 10 for both of them.</p> <p>Mr Routh: You are interested in the Fortescue Metals one with Yindjibarndi?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, and James Price Point.</p> <p>Page 12</p> <p>Mr Routh: The details of that one are reasonably complex because there have been applications lodged and then amendments to those applications, then applications withdrawn at different times. We can give you detailed documentation of the sequence of events.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: ...You said before that you have the documentation of the process for both of them. Could you also please take on notice to supply those.</p>	11-12 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				Mr Routh: Yes.			
70	5.1: WHM	Siewert	James Price Point ATSIHP Act application – geographic area	Senator SIEWERT: ...How much of what the Western Australian department has approved covers the area of the application—is it sections 9 and 10—for James Price Point? Mr Routh: If you are asking about the geographic area and the overlap, we would have to have a look at that and take that on notice.	12 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
71	5.1: WHM	Cameron	Recreational shooting - discussions between the Commonwealth and New South Wales	CHAIR: ...Have there been any discussions between the department and the appropriate New South Wales government department in relation to recreational shooting? Dr Dripps: We will have to take that question on notice with regard to whether there has been any discussion in the department between officers.	14 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
72	5.1: WHM	Cameron	Recreational shooting – World Heritage Areas	CHAIR: Are you aware of the New South Wales government's decision, under pressure from the Shooters Party, to open up parks to recreational shooting? Dr Dripps: Yes, I am CHAIR: Have there ever been any discussions about recreational shooting in World Heritage areas to your knowledge? Dr Dripps: Not to my knowledge, but we will take the question on notice.	15 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
73	5.1: WHM	Cameron	Recreational shooting – Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area	CHAIR: Does the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area abut any of the New South Wales reserves where recreational hunting has been approved? Dr Dripps: I will have to take that question on notice.	15 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
74	5.1: WHM	Cameron/ McKenzie	Recreational shooting – analysis of effects	CHAIR: ...Could you also provide an analysis for us of the effects that recreational hunting might have on a World Heritage area, given that there is now pressure to have recreational hunting widespread in New South Wales. Dr Dripps: We will take that question on notice as well. Senator McKENZIE: Just on that point, Dr Dripps, I have had cause to actually head overseas and see hunting, if you like, as a management and pest control tool in a highly managed environment—in Scotland, actually. I was just wondering if you have any comments, or could take it on notice, in terms of how hunting could actually be used as an appropriate management tool in pest control in World Heritage areas. ... Senator McKENZIE: I am talking about highly managed hunting as one strategy in a suite of strategies used to control pests. Dr Dripps: We will take that question on notice as well.	15 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
75	5.1: WHM	Waters	GBRWHA – state party report	Senator WATERS: I have some questions about Australia's recent state party report to the World Heritage Committee on the Great Barrier Reef. The World Heritage Committee was very clear in their recommendations about port developments along the Queensland coast. They said no new	15-16 and written (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				ports, no port expansions where those expansions will impact on the overall universal value of the reef and that no approvals should be issued until the strategic assessment was finished. The government's response in the state party report really only commits to that first request about no new ports. Is that correct? Page 16 Dr Dripps: ...I would like to take the opportunity to find the right part of the recommendation and to actually refer correctly to the response or I can take that part of the question on notice.			
76	5.1: WHM	Birmingham	Iconic Sites Taskforce – appointment and remuneration	1. Please list all members of the Iconic Sites Taskforce and their date(s) of appointment? 2. What remuneration are members receiving?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
77	5.1: WHM	Birmingham	Iconic Sites Taskforce – dinner	For the dinner for the Iconic Sites Taskforce at Courgette Restaurant on 11 July 2012, as identified in the answer to question on notice number 217 through October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates, please identify: 1. The number of attendees, as well as their names and/or any other organisations represented 2. Please identify and detail dates for any meetings conducted on or around the date of the dinner 3. Did any attendees travel to Canberra for the dinner and/or associated meeting(s)? If so, please itemise travel and accommodation costs and detail who met these costs.	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
78	5.1: WHM	McKenzie	Commonwealth and State Threatened Species lists	What are the differences between state and federal threatened species lists?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
79	5.1: WHM	Waters	Heritage staffing and work program	1. What have been the staffing changes in heritage – national and world heritage – areas over the last couple of years? What have these changes over time reflected? 2. How has the work program of the areas responsible for discharging the Government's national and world heritage obligations changed over the last three years? 3. Please identify which parts of this work program has changed due to new work requirements? 4. Please identify which parts of this work program has changed due to changes in staff resourcing?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
80	5.1: WHM	Waters	Provision of briefing to the Minister – World Heritage in Danger listing	Did the Department brief the Minister on the risk of World Heritage In Danger listing as a result of not complying in full with the UNESCO recommendations?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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81	5.1: WHM	Waters	State party report	<p>1. The Government's state party response was a detailed 80 page document, yet it completely omitted to state that the end result of the "so called" strategic assessment of the Reef will result in the Queensland Government's laws being accredited and the Commonwealth stepping back from project approvals. Why wasn't the Government upfront about that?</p> <p>2. The State Party response also says that "any approvals granted under the EPBC Act will include best practice conditions so as to promote an overall net positive impact for the property." That's a new test under EPBC, please give me full details all of where and how this test has applied - how each project triggering the Act on GBR grounds has delivered net benefit for the Reef - and what's the accounting and methodology?</p> <p>3. The Government's 2013 State Party report to UNESCO (and statements by Min Carr on this matter) acknowledge that we are exporting lots of coal, then quickly segue into stating we take climate change seriously and that's why we've put in place a carbon price. To the casual observer they could be lead to believe that our carbon price will apply to the emissions caused by our coal exports, but it won't, which DCCEE has confirmed. Has anyone taken any steps to make sure WHC knows this? To ensure they interpret the state party report correctly?</p> <p>4. Please explain why on page 73 of the State Party Report the Wongai project is no longer reported under 'port facilities and dredging' even though the nature of the proposal has not changed. Is this not misleading despite the stated footnoted aim of avoiding duplication?</p> <p>5. Please provide details of the 9 projects approved referred to on page 72 of the State Party Report.</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
82	5.1: WHM	Waters	Cape York World Heritage listing	<p>1. What resourcing cuts have been made to the heritage work programs in the last 12 months?</p> <p>2. What implications has this had for the Cape York World Heritage process?</p> <p>3. Regarding World Heritage, what has the department done to help Traditional Owners understand what World Heritage would mean for them? Has it all been done in appropriate language?</p> <p>4. As you would know, many of the Traditional Owners are facing what is being painted by too many as a very difficult choice between mining (and promises of jobs and development that brings) and protecting their land through heritage and other protections. What has the government done to help indigenous communities on the Cape to better understand the economic opportunities that can come with World Heritage listing? What is the government doing to develop these opportunities?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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83	5.2: EACD	Waters	Advice to the Minister on limits in actioning advice from the IESC	Senator WATERS: Has the department advised the Minister about the limits placed on the minister in acting on the advice given by the committee? Ms Nethercott-Watson: As far as I am concerned, I can only cover in terms of the independent expert scientific committee and the Office of Water Science. That would be a matter more directed to the regulator and the support mechanisms for the decision making around that. Mr Parker: We can take that on notice.	42 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
84	5.2: EACD	Siewert	Whales – monitoring off James Price Point	Senator SIEWERT: ...I was asking more about looking at some of the monitoring that is going on up there and whether you have looked at the community monitoring that is going on there? Dr Grimes: We may well have to take that on notice.	121 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
85	5.2: EACD	Siewert	Bremer canyon	Senator SIEWERT: The Bremer basin off the south coast of Western Australia. You did answer a question on notice about it for me, and I am asking very quickly for an update of any progress—if there have been any applications subsequent to that. Mr Knudson: Unfortunately, I think we are going to have to take that question on notice.	20 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
86	5.2: EACD	McKenzie	Administrative delays for referrals, assessments and approvals in 2011-12	Senator McKENZIE: I want to go to table A14 on page 289 of your annual report. There seems to be a lot of discussion at the moment around administrative delays. I want to ask whether there is any updates, which are still late in terms of all the things listed in that table. You will probably have to take that question on notice. Mr Knudson: In terms of the specific table in the annual report, you are correct, we will have to take that on notice if you are looking for an update on each of those items.	20 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
87	5.2: EACD	Waters	Gladstone Independent Review – panel establishment	Senator WATERS: ...When did the minister specifically ask for the panel to be commissioned? ... Dr Dripps: We quite often prepare work that we anticipate the minister would be likely to require. I could check my records to see if I have a formal request from the minister and take that on notice. ... Senator WATERS: ...I am keen to know precisely when that work was commissioned.	24 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
88	5.2: EACD	Waters	Gladstone Independent Review – independent data collection	Senator WATERS: Can you take on notice to give me some more detail about the independent data collection that has happened at the behest of the department and now may happen under the panel's direction? Ms Colreavy: Certainly.	24 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
89	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Maules Creek Coal Mine – provision of	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Following the release of that proposed decision and prior to the decision to extend the time line, did the department	24-25 (12/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13

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			briefing to the Minister	<p>provide final recommendations or paperwork to the minister to make the final declaration of an 'approved with conditions' statement in relation to these two projects?</p> <p>Page 25 Dr Dripps: I am trying to find out whether we did submit a brief in that period. I would like to take the question on notice because there is some uncertainty about whether we formally submitted a brief during that period. Senator BIRMINGHAM: So the department fully prepared something but whether it was submitted has a level of uncertainty, Dr Dripps? Dr Dripps: There is quite a lot of work involved in finalising these decisions. There were certainly very advanced drafts of a likely final decision, but I do not believe that they were finalised. I would like to check that detail please.</p>			
90	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Maules Creek Coal Mine – extension of decision timeframe	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...When was the decision to extend until 7 February undertaken? Mr Tregurtha: To get an exact date I would have to take that on notice. ... Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...Was the minister consulted about the extension to 7 February? Dr Dripps: We would have to check our records. It is usual practice to consult with the minister on such decisions. Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you could check your records and check what the response from the minister's office was, that would be appreciated.</p>	25 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
91	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Maules Creek Coal Mine – additional or new information provided for the Minister's decision	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...What additional information was forthcoming subsequent to the decision being made to extend to 7 February and prior to the decision being made to extend the deadline to 30 April? What additional or new information came to light that caused that decision to be taken, and when was that information provided to the department? Dr Dripps: I think we will have to take that question on notice. As we have indicated, we have not got the precise date of the extension to 7 February at hand. I would like to be able to line up the documents and give you a precise answer rather than an answer that turns out not to have all of the relevant information in it. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay. Are you able to detail what changes to approvals documents have been made compared to the final drafts that the department would have prepared for approvals prior to 7 February? Dr Dripps: I would have to take that question on notice. ... Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay. What changes have been made to the documents in the last week?</p>	26 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				Dr Dripps: I do not have the precise information on the changes made to the documents to hand, so I would like to take that question on notice?			
92	5.2: EACD	Heffernan	Maules Creek Coal Mine – guidelines for the project plan	Senator HEFFERNAN: Surely there are hurdles that have to be jumped that the minister would have in his mind. Can we have the hurdles that have to be jumped in this period to 11 May? The bloke next to you is shaking his head. Dr Dripps: We can take that question on notice and see what advice we can give you.	27 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
93	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Maules Creek Coal Mine – legal advice sought by the Minister on leaked documents	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Did the minister, or has the minister, sought any advice regarding the impact of the leaked documents? Dr Dripps: Not from me. Mr Knudson: No. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Dr Grimes, are we aware if the minister has sought any legal advice or otherwise in relation to the leaked documents? Dr Grimes: There has not been a request of me, but I do not know whether the officers have had any requests for advice on handling of documents under the EPBC Act. We may have been asked for advice in that area; again, I am not sure. I am looking at the officers concerned, who are all shaking their— Dr Dripps: We will take the question on notice. Dr Grimes: It is best to take it on notice. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Dr Dripps gave the answer before that no, no advice had been sought to her knowledge. Dr Grimes: It is best for us to take that on notice, and we can give you a complete answer.	27 (12/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13
94	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Sea Dumping Act – application for dumping of vessels	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is formal application made by Customs or the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, or whoever? Ms Lea: I believe it is by AMSA, but I would like to check who the actual proponent is because I do not have the detail in front of me. That is to my understanding, but I would like to take that on notice to check it.	27 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
95	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Sea Dumping Act – provisions to destroy illegal entry vessels	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay. Provisions exist under the act for emergency-type situations; are there any provisions at present that would allow, essentially, a more regular process of destroying illegal entry vessels and sinking them? Ms Lea: That is my understanding of the purpose of the current sea-dumping application. Senator BIRMINGHAM: But there are no existing provisions that would facilitate that, except in emergency circumstances? Ms Lea: Correct. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is it correct that such vessels have been sunk in the waters off Christmas Island?	28-29 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>Ms Lea: I would have to get that information about the number that have been sunk on notice. I know that those statistics are kept and that details of each instance are kept, but I have not got them to hand today.</p> <p>Page 29</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Does the department actually have any idea as to how extensive these activities have been to date? We know that there are record arrivals of boats to Christmas Island; does that mean there have been record levels of sinking of such vessels off of Christmas Island?</p> <p>Ms Lea: In response to your previous question, I undertook to get data on the number of those instances and the number of vessels that had been sunk in those circumstances. I have agreed to take that on notice, but your question directly relates back to that.</p>			
96	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Sea Dumping Act – waste deposited from sunk illegal entry vessels	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is the government aware of claims that there has been a significant level of waste and toxic waste deposited as a result of the sinking of these vessels?</p> <p>Ms Lea: I am not aware of that, but I could take that question on notice to check if we have been notified of any. We do not administer those aspects of the act. I have had questions on notice on that topic previously, so I would like to check back on those and provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is this application being made and initiated purely by the proponent, or has the Department of Sustainability and Environment said to those authorities undertaking the sinking of these vessels: 'We think there may be a problem here under the sea dumping provisions of the act, and you'd better get some approvals for this.'?</p> <p>Ms Lea: As far as I am aware, there is ongoing dialogue between agencies about issues that arise and the best way of dealing with them. AMSA's response is a result of their recognition of the issue. I would like to check that that is the case. There are probably a range of consultative mechanisms in place.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is the department aware of suggestions that sinking has occurred and deposited waste in areas that are known to be spawning grounds for southern bluefin tuna? Would that be a consideration in such approvals processes?</p> <p>Ms Lea: If there were impacts on matters of national environmental significance, it would be an action that is referable under the EPBC Act. If it were an issue involving a breach of the Sea Dumping Act, the department would be made aware of the circumstances of it. Your previous question asked if we were aware of that, and I took it on notice to find out for you.</p>	28 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
97	5.2: EACD	Birmingham	Sea Dumping Act – potential breaches	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: What actions has this department undertaken to look into such potential breaches in the waters off Christmas Island?</p>	29 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>Dr Dripps: As Ms Lea has advised, she does not have the precise information on these matters at hand, and it would be our strong preference to take those questions on notice. We do not have the answers here.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Are you aware of any steps the department has undertaken to make such investigations?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: We are aware of the fact that the activity has now been referred for assessment under the Sea Dumping Act which means that there will be a comprehensive analysis of potential impacts ultimately resulting—one would imagine—in some kind of conditional approval.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: The arrival of illegal entry vessels is not exactly something that has gone unreported in Australia. Surely, as the department responsible for these sea dumping provisions, at some stage you would have thought to make enquiries about what is going on in this regard. This department has officials that are based on Christmas Island as well. What steps, if any, has the department made?</p> <p>Dr Dripps: As we have advised, we will take the question on notice and give you advice in terms of the steps that have been taken by the department.</p>			
98	5.2: EACD	Cameron	Job losses in State environment departments	<p>CHAIR: On notice, can you provide the committee an outline of details of job losses in the various state environmental departments?</p> <p>I know you are going to say it is not your area, but surely if we, as a government, are proposing to refer powers to the states then we should be confident the states have the capacity, the ability and the quality of personnel to actually carry out that function. So I would see this as a statement of due diligence by your department to be able to advise this committee and government as to whether the states have the quality of personnel and the number of personnel to actually carry out the functions that are being proposed by the Business Council.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: We could certainly take the matters on notice and see what we might be able to provide.</p>	31-32 (12/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13
99	5.2: EACD	Cameron	Duplication in Commonwealth and State assessment processes	<p>CHAIR: ...If the powers go back to the states, even on assessment, then there is a duplication because your department would have to make a further assessment of the assessment to ensure that has been done to the satisfaction of the minister?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Dr Dripps: I was just going to suggest, Chair, that we could take on notice providing you with the detail for a number of different jurisdictions of how we currently undertake that quality assurance process. So, as Dr Grimes has indicated, we endeavour not to duplicate what has been done by the states but we do have a very close engagement with them while the</p>	32 (12/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13

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				work is being undertaken and we do look at key documents at various stages in the process—for example, determining in a joint manner the terms of reference for an environmental impact assessment or the adequacy of documents for publication. So we are happy to take that on notice.			
100	5.2: EACD	Macdonald	Removal of hammerhead crane, Garden Island – consultation process	Public consultation on the removal of the Hammerhead Crane from the Garden Island Heritage precinct has commenced. Will the Commonwealth seek advice from NSW Environment and Heritage as part of its consultation process?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
101	5.2: EACD	McKenzie	Environmental asset of national environmental significance	Define an environmental asset that is of national significance?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
102	5.2: EACD	McKenzie	Implementation of the Government's response to the Hawke review of the EPBC Act	Please provide an update on implementation of the Government's response to the Hawke report into the EPBC Act?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
103	5.2: EACD	Rhiannon	Maules Creek Coal Mine - offsets	<p>With regards to the Tarrawonga mining extension proposal the Minister recently approved: In Whitehaven Coal's Tarrawonga Mine's Fauna Assessment (Appendix E), the author/environmental consultant engaged by the mine states on page 208 of that document: "The cumulative impacts on habitat and fauna without consideration of the proposed mitigation outcomes would likely result in adverse changes to the resident fauna populations, including some threatened fauna species"; and "There is ... unlikely to be a net impact on any threatened fauna species in the region over the medium to long-term when taking into consideration the measures proposed to mitigate and offset impacts"</p> <p>1. How do these statements in the Fauna Assessment reconcile with the same consultant's statements in a private email that the offset area is "degraded agricultural land", recognising that consultant also wrote the offset program for the extension proposal?</p> <p>2. Given the consultant's private description of the offset area as "degraded agricultural land", how do each of the "mitigation and offset" measures meet the Act's Policy and Guidelines that insist offsets must:</p> <p>a. "deliver an overall conservation outcomes that improves or maintains" that which the EPBC Act is protecting?;</p> <p>b. to "effectively account for and manage the risks of the offset not succeeding?";</p> <p>c. be "scientifically robust?"</p> <p>3. The EPBC Act Offsets Policy Offset Principles insist that government</p>	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13

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				<p>decision-making in assessing the suitability of an offset will be transparent. Is each of the proposed mitigation measures and offset proposals for each of the Boggabri, the Maules Creek and the Tarrawonga Coal Mine proposals approved on 11 February “scientifically robust”, as they must be under the Act and Principles?</p> <p>a. Please provide the above consultants’ evidence and the Government’s own evidence, that each of the mitigation and offset measures for all proposals are “informed by scientifically robust information and incorporate the precautionary principle in the absence of scientific certainty?”</p>			
104	5.2: EACD	Waters	Environment assessments staffing and work program	<p>1 Do you have any internal process to ensure adequate resources are provided to support senior officers and the Minister in assessments and approvals of projects under the EPBC Act? If so, please step me through it?</p> <p>I’ve come up with my own proxy, can you tell me over the last three years at six monthly intervals (up until Dec 2012):</p> <p>2. How many full time equivalent staff there have been in EPBC assessments?</p> <p>3. At the same time, how many projects have been undergoing assessment prior to a CA, or were within the project assessment process (ie once determined to be a CA) in total across all the assessment areas?</p> <p>4. How many staff have been working on the EPBC reform process (including staff seconded to PMC)?</p> <p>5. Which strategic assessments have been on foot? How many staff have been working on each strategic assessment?</p> <p>6. How many staff have been working on other EPBC responsibilities – please step through what each of these are, and the number of staff for each – that is, threatened species listings, key threatening processes, threat abatement plans etc?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
105	5.2: EACD	Waters	Mobilisation of sediment during dredging	Does the Department consider that one sediment sample recording of 21.11 µgSn/kg of tributyltin is cause for concern and poses a potential hazard if this sediment is mobilised during dredging?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
106	5.2: EACD	Waters	Abbot Point expansion	In approving the Abbot Point expansion the Government has wilfully ignored the World Heritage Committee’s specific request for no port expansions where these expansions impact the reef. Can any other conclusion be drawn?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
107	5.2: EACD	Waters	Queensland coastal strategic assessment	Please update me on the progress of the coastal Strategic Assessment, being undertaken by the Queensland Government. Please also advise what baseline or point in time is being used to assess Queensland laws given recent and regular changes to Queensland laws, most relevantly the repeal of the Coastal State Planning Policy.	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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108	5.2: EACD	Waters	Curtis Island	Please update me on the status of the fourth LNG plant proposal on Curtis Island.	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
109	5.2: EACD	Waters	Bowen CSG project (Arrow Energy)	You mentioned in estimates that the Bowen CSG project's EIS was deficient and that the Department had requested "some additional revision". Please provide details. Additionally, is this information lacking which would have been required under the Queensland-Commonwealth assessment bilateral agreement? Does the department consider the lacking information to be a breach of the terms of that agreement?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
110	5.2: EACD	Waters	Provision of briefing to the Minister - release of polluted mine water in Queensland	1. Has the Department briefed or advised the Minister on whether the Qld Govt allowing mining companies to release their polluted mine water (held in pits post-Qld floods) may require EPBC Act approval and/or should be called in? 2. If not, has the Department considered or investigated this issue?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
111	GBRMPA	Waters	Proposed sea dumping fee system	Please provide an update on the status of the proposed sea dumping fee system?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
112	5.2: EACD	Waters	Maules Creek Coal Mine	1. You said in estimates that the Minister wanted to ensure that any offsets imposed federally had equivalent protection to conservation covenants. Can you confirm that conservation covenants are not protected from mining, mineral exploration, coal seam gas or petroleum exploration? 2. Media reports (http://www.smh.com.au/environment/conservation/burke-intended-to-approve-coal-mine-before-hoax-20130208-2e3rd.html#ixzz2KcJysrqon) Saturday quote the Federal department saying that the delay was because the Dept was seeking "clarification on potential impacts to matters of national environmental significance." a. What were you seeking to clarify? b. What extra info did you need? c. How was that sorted out by approval time mid Monday? d. Who was this information obtained from and what did it contain? e. How did this information affect the decision? 3. How did the conditional approval change between the copy provided to the NSW Government on the 21st December and the copy approved yesterday? a. What are the full list of differences between the two? 4. The Minister said in media reports (http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/burke-locks-state-out-of-coal-talks/story-e6frg6nf-1226575740087) yesterday "Unfortunately the decision of the NSW government to leak commercially sensitive information has caused me to have to bring these decisions forward". a. How was the leaking of information by the NSW Government a	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13

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				<p>relevant consideration in the Ministers decision?</p> <p>b. How did leaking of information by another party affect his consideration of the merits of the decision?</p> <p>5. When will the department start investigating the allegation that Whitehaven coal has provided false and misleading information to the Dept regarding the offsets package provided in their EPBC approval application for the Maules Creek Coal Mine in Leard State Forest?</p> <p>6. Given the allegations relate to the offsets package, did the Department advise the Minister on his options to further delay his decision whether or not to approve until the issues regarding offsets were properly resolved?</p> <p>7. Given these claims regarding Maules Creek, please advise:</p> <p>a. How much time (ie how many officer hours) were spent by the department assessing the EIA for this project?</p> <p>b. What expert advice was sought?</p> <p>c. What ground truthing of the proponent's claims was undertaken by the department (or its agents – ie consultants)?</p> <p>8. What social and economic impact assessment did the department undertake prior to the Minister approving this project?</p> <p>9. Can the department advise what measures are being taken to avoid this situation occurring again, both in respect of Federal EPBC determinations and flawed state planning approvals being passed through to the Federal Government?</p>			
113	5.2: EACD	Waters	Gladstone Harbour	<p>1. What steps has the department taken to investigate contaminants which biomagnify in marine biota in Gladstone Harbour?</p> <p>2. What studies have been undertaken to evaluate and monitor the noise and cumulative impacts of 22,000 vessel movements a month in Gladstone Harbour? (reference for 22,000 http://www.greatbarrierreef.org.au/gladstone-harbour-22000-vessel-movements-a-month/)</p> <p>3. Will the department provide details of the number of recommendations made by the Poiner panel that have been implemented?</p> <p>4. Will the department list what studies have priority and have been funded as required in the first year and are in progress under the ERMP conditions?</p> <p>5. Has the department received advice that according to researcher Daniele Cagnozzi, Southern Cross University, Sousa dolphins off Curtis Island have suffered a 35% mortality?</p>	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
114	5.2: EACD	Waters	Assessment of Queensland Government's ability to administer the	In response to an FOI request from my office, I was advised that there was only one document created that assessed or evaluated the capacity and likelihood of relevant Queensland Government departments to effectively administer the EPBC Act if approvals bilateral agreement	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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			EPBC Act	were to be entered into under the EPBC Act. I was advised only one document existed (there's not much in it) – can you confirm that's really it? That there was really no other work to assess Queensland's ability to take on the Commonwealth's role?			
115	5.2: EACD	Waters	Strategic assessment process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the strategic assessment process, that results in essentially an approvals bilateral, where the Newman Government will decide the future of the Reef – will the Department be doing any assessment not just of what laws are in place, but the commitment and/ or capacity of the Queensland Government to actually deliver good outcomes under their laws? 2. Does the department recognise that discretion is inherent in many environmental approvals decisions, that who makes the decision matters? 	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
116	5.2: EACD	Waters	Compliance with approvals bilateral agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the department investigate or advise the Minister on the Queensland Government's breach of the assessment bilateral agreement in respect of the Alpha coal mine referral? 2. Did the Department draw any inference as to the likelihood of compliance with approvals bilateral agreements based on this incidence of non-compliance with the assessment bilateral? 3. On what basis did the Commonwealth assert that compliance with both approvals bilaterals and the Standards would be assured given the breach(es) of compliance with assessment bilaterals? 4. What were the compliance assurance mechanisms in the proposed approval bilateral agreements? Was it proposed that these would apply on a project-by-project basis, ie, if a particular project was in breach of the approvals bilateral agreement what recourse was open to the Minister? 	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
117	5.2: EACD	Waters	Improving assessment bilateral agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In estimates PM&C informed me that SEWPAC was now looking at how to improve assessment bilateral agreements. What possible improvements could be made? 2. What improvements are being considered? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
118	5.2: EACD	Waters	Alpha Coal Mine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In your comments on the Queensland Coordinator General's report on the Alpha coal project in or around May last year, the department stated if the endangered Black throated finch (southern) was "found or believed to be present [at the Alpha site], the estimated 7,154 hectares of largely contiguous habitat on the proposed mine site would almost certainly be considered "habitat critical to the survival of a species." Further north of this site, at the proposed Carmichael mine site, there have been 89 sightings of this species, and around 10,000 ha of habitat is proposed to be cleared. Can the Dept confirm that by applying the same logic, this 10,000 ha is also "habitat critical to the survival" of the Black-throated finch (southern)? 2. Noting the report in The Australian on 3 December last year, that 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				Resources Minister Martin Ferguson, with Queensland Premier Campbell Newman, personally "pledged their governments' commitment to granting all regulatory and environmental approvals by mid next year" is the Minister's approval of the Carmichael mine already promised, and what assurance can you provide that if it is found that this mine will have unacceptable impacts on the Black-throated finch (southern), the Minister will fulfill his statutory responsibility to refuse approval for it?			
119	5.2: EACD	Waters	Government response to the Hawke review of the EPBC Act – community consultation	Does the Department intend to consult with the community if the government departs from the position it set out in its government response to Hawke?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
120	5.2: EACD	Waters	Queensland ports strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department seen the Queensland Government's economic analysis of the ports strategy that shows Queensland ports operating at half empty? 2. How is the department investigating ways of improving port efficiency rather than new development? 3. How is the strategic assessment going to ensure that increasing ports efficiency is genuinely and fully assessed? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
121	5.2: EACD	Colbeck	Impacts of the sinking of illegal vessels in spawning grounds of Southern Bluefin Tuna	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What assessment has been undertaken into the impacts of the sinking of illegal refugee vessels in the waters off Christmas Island? 2. Is the Minister aware of claims that this has resulted in 20,000 tonnes of toxic waste being deposited in the only known spawning ground of SBT? 3. How does this align with Minister Burke's declaration in the House on 6 February 2013 that "This government unapologetically takes great care and great caution in protecting our oceans"? 4. Should the government be fined for this? 5. What level of certainty does DAFF / SEWPaC have of the potential impact of this action on SBT stocks? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
122	5.2: EACD	Colbeck	Impacts of seismic testing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given the evidence that seismic testing can have an impact on squid and scallops, what risk assessment has DSEWPaC undertaken related to recent permits issued? 2. What conditions accompanied the permits? Is there any requirement for scientific testing to accompany the seismic testing to provide more data on the impacts of seismic testing? 3. What data does DSEWPaC have that seismic testing does not negatively impact squid and scallops? 4. The Minister has recently banned seismic testing in and near the Ningaloo Marine Park because it could impact loggerhead turtles and other testing has been timed to avoid blue whales and fairy penguins. 	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13

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				Isn't there an argument for intervening to at least adjust the timing of testing to minimise the risk of impact?			
123	5.2: EACD	Di Natale/Waters	Regional Forest Agreements	<p>1. On November 2, 2012, The Age newspaper, in an article entitled "Possum protection under investigation" reported that the Department was reviewing documents from a recent Supreme Court case over three proposed logging coupes near Toolangi from state-owned timber company VicForests, in order to determine whether a regional forestry agreement for Victoria's central highlands had been breached.</p> <p>a. Is the review referred to in The Age article referred to above part of the 5-yearly Regional Forest Agreement review process? Or is it a completely separate review? Structurally and organisationally, how does the review relate to and inform to the 5-yearly review? Will the review findings inform the 5-yearly review process? Which review is scheduled to be completed first?</p> <p>b. What is the review's purpose? What are its Terms of Reference and intended outcomes?</p> <p>c. If the review is a part of the 5-yearly Regional Forest Agreement review process, have any dedicated and/or additional resources (for example a dedicated budget and staff) been allocated to undertake this review? If yes please outline the extent of these resources. If not, why not and what implications will this have for the timeliness and effectiveness of the review?</p> <p>d. If this is a separate review, what prompted the review? Was the review prompted by the court decision in MyEnvironment Inc v VicForests [2012] VSC 91 (14 March 2012)?</p> <p>e. Who initiated the review? Who holds ongoing responsibility within the Department for managing and coordinating the review?</p> <p>f. How will the findings of the review be utilised? What are the possible outcomes if a breach is established by the review? What is the process around this?</p> <p>g. Will the findings of the review be made public? Will the public have any opportunity to make submissions to the review? Will the review involve any consultation external to the Department? If yes, with whom has the Department consulted and whom do they intend to consult?</p> <p>h. When is it anticipated that the review will be completed? If no date has been set, please provide your best estimate as to when the review will be completed.</p> <p>2. Is the department satisfied that the Victorian State Government is meeting its forest management and species protection obligations under the Regional Forest Agreements? If not, what action is being undertaken by the department to ensure these obligations are being met, by all</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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124	5.2: WHM	Rhiannon	Kangaroos – mortality rate following natural disasters	<p>1. Given epidemic mass mortality events and fatal diseases that occur in kangaroo populations following fires and flooding, and will the kangaroo quotas be reviewed in light of the multiple natural disasters such as flooding, bushfire and drought, that have occurred in 2013 across Australia?</p> <p>2. What actions have been taken to determine mortality of kangaroos after floods and bushfires in parts of Australia during the year?</p> <p>a. If none, why not?; and</p> <p>b. what information or science has informed the decision to not review kangaroo quotas, with a particular regard to mass mortality caused by natural disasters?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
125	5.2: WHM	Rhiannon	Leadbeater's Possum recovery plan	<p>The Leadbeater's Possum Recovery Plan (1997) has, as its overall objective, "To downlist Leadbeater's Possum from endangered to vulnerable within 10 years ..."; and the Recovery Action 1 required the establishment of a Leadbeater's Possum Management (Recovery) Team. Given that application has been made to upgrade the species listing to Critically Endangered and that Dr David Lindenmayer has resigned from the Recovery Team:</p> <p>1. How successful is the recovery plan considered to be?</p> <p>2. What action is being undertaken to address these deficiencies? Is the CAR Reserve system being reviewed in light of the losses in the 2009 Black Saturday fires?</p> <p>3. Has the Minister discussed the current, urgent needs of the species with Dr Lindenmayer?</p> <p>a. What actions did he recommend?</p> <p>b. What changes would be necessary to allow Dr Lindenmayer to re-engage with the Recovery Team?</p> <p>4. When will the revised Victorian Action Statement and federal Recovery Plan be available for review and comment?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
126	5.2: WHM	Rhiannon	Employment rate in the kangaroo meat processing industry	<p>1. How many people have left the commercial kangaroo industry since the Russians banned the import of kangaroo meat in 2009?</p> <p>2. How many people lost their full time employment as a clear result of the loss of access to the Russian market?</p> <p>a. Please provide a copy of the data that informs this information?</p> <p>3. How many people were employed in kangaroo meat processing plants across Australia in each year from 2008 to 2012?</p> <p>4. What are the reasons that people left employment in the kangaroo industry?</p> <p>a. How many such people left the industry to work with the mining industry?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				b. Please provide a copy of the data that informs this information?			
127	5.2: WHM	Rhiannon	Kangaroo meat chillers	<p>1. How many kangaroo chillers are currently operating in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, and how many people are employed to run those chillers on average?</p> <p>a. How many businesses own or run those chillers, and what is the relationship of each chiller to other industry players such as processors and exporters of kangaroo products?</p> <p>2. What are the minimum standards required for the maintenance and consistency of power to the chiller, and consistency of temperature control?</p> <p>a. How many chillers rely on manual temperature control?</p> <p>b. How many chillers have automated temperature control?</p> <p>c. What is the cost of running automated temperature controlled chillers compared to the costs of manual temperature controlled chillers?</p> <p>d. How many chillers rely on mains power and how many on generators?</p> <p>3. What is the process for regulators to audit and confirm the consistency of temperatures in chillers?</p> <p>a. Have there been any issues about this, and what are they?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
128	6.1: CEWO	Nash	Overheads and costs for the CEWO as an independent agency	<p>Senator NASH: ...I would appreciate it if you would take on notice exactly what the overheads and costs would have been that would have been attributable to setting up this particular entity under the water holder independently rather than absorbing it into the department.</p> <p>Dr Grimes: By all means, we can take it on notice. I am not sure we are going to be able to provide you with specific information because we know that that would require us to go off and do further analysis to provide you with that material, but we will take it on notice and see if there is anything that we can provide.</p>	49 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
129	6.1: CEWO	Joyce	Impairment on the asset of water held by the CEWH	<p>Senator JOYCE: What is the impairment you have booked for that asset?</p> <p>Page 51</p> <p>Mr Costello: I do not have that information available. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	50-51 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
130	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Water trading	Please detail any water trading undertaken by CEWO this financial year?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
131	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Environmental water allocation	<p>1. On what sites and for what purpose has environmental water allocated this year been used?</p> <p>2. How is water being used this year? On what sites?</p> <p>3. How much do you expect will be carried over? What is the maximum that could be carried over?</p>	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
132	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	South Australian environmental water	<p>1. How much Environmental water is expected to flow into SA during 2012/13?</p> <p>2. What were total flows on environmental water over the barrages?</p>	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				What is this as a per centage of water flowing through the barrages? 3. What were the tangible benefits to the lower lakes of this environmental water?			
133	6.1: CEWO	Birmingham	Community Liaison Officers	1. Is the CEWO hiring community liaison officers? If so, how many? 2. At what cost? 3. Where will they be based? 4. What will their role be?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
134	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Locations and volumes of environmental entitlements	In reference to Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2012 Question 162, could you verify whether the table of entitlements supplied include all entitlements, which are irrigation, urban and environmental?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
135	6.1: CEWO	McKenzie	Local Engagement Officers for environmental watering	The Minister for Water Tony Burke has recently announced that Local Engagement Officers for Environmental Watering will be working with the community to develop CEWH environmental watering plans. State governments already have well established engagement with their local and indigenous communities and robust processes for determining environmental watering priorities and plans, consistent with community expectations and environmental requirements. How does the CEWH intend to work within these well-established networks, without duplicating processes, creating another level of bureaucracy and further work for state-based catchment managers?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
136	6.1: CEWO	Joyce	Release of Trading of Commonwealth environmental water position paper	I refer you to the "Discussion paper – Trading of Commonwealth environmental water" released in November 2011. That document was released for comment until May 2012. Your website says: "The next step in the process will be the public release of a position paper with our responses to the issues raised in the submissions. This will inform development of operating rules which will establish the general framework within which trade will occur." When will the position paper be released?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
137	BOM	Boyce	BOM – operational meteorologists	Senator BOYCE: Could you give me on notice the numbers of operational meteorologists? Dr Vertessy: Yes, we could provide clarification.	90 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
138	BOM	Boyce	BOM – Queensland operations budget	Dr Vertessy: I believe, Senator, that that comment was taken out of context—that it was part of a deliberative discussion regarding the potential should a particular level of cuts be attained. That level of cut was not realised to my knowledge. As I understand it, allocations were subsequently modified upwards so that assertion— Senator BOYCE: By how much? Dr Vertessy: That I do not know. I cannot advise at this stage but I could— Senator BOYCE: You can take that on notice.	91 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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139	BOM	Boyce	BOM – radiosonde operations	Senator BOYCE: Okay. On notice, could you provide me with a list of what inputs you have from what locations—is it 10,000 from Sydney and 100 from Alice Springs—across some sort of a time period for each location.	92 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
140	BOM	Macdonald	BOM – staffing levels	Senator IAN MACDONALD: About 30 seconds. I just need some updates, on notice, of your staffing levels. I am particularly interested in Tennant Creek and right across the north. Can you tell me what your change in staffing levels is from this time last year, and also your current budget allowance compared with previous ones; and what you expect in the future to deal with all this extra work that you are talking about. Can you relate what you need in money to all of the things you have been telling Senator Cameron about and indicate what the forward estimates show for that sort of money for the bureau? Dr Vertessy: We will do our best, Senator.	95 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
141	BOM	Boyce	BOM – Queensland's radiosonde Budget	During the Estimates hearings of February 2013, Dr Vertessy of the Bureau of Meteorology gave the following evidence, “Senator BOYCE: Anyway, we will get that on notice. There was a freedom of information request from the Queensland media last year suggesting that your Queensland office has had the funds for its observations budget cut by more than 25 per cent over the last three years. Could you please tell me what services were cut or reduced as a result of that? Dr Vertessy: As I understand it, there is an error in that article. The observations capacity in the Brisbane office has not been cut by 25 per cent. Senator BOYCE: Has the budget been cut? Dr Vertessy: Not to my understanding, though I might seek confirmation from my colleagues.” 1. Are claims that the Queensland BOM Radiosonde Budget has been cut by 25 per cent over the last three years true or false? 2. Has that budget been cut at all over the last three years? If so, by how much in dollar and percentage terms?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
142	BOM	Boyce	BOM – Queensland's Budget position	In a document released under FOI (Document 55- Email Bruce Gunn to Qld Staff 27/7/12) the following is stated; “1. ADO has directed that the 2012/13 O&E budget requires savings of \$600k from radiosonde expenditure. Accordingly a national plan has been devised to achieve this saving. The memo provides background detail. The Queensland stations affected are Brisbane Airport, Rockhampton, Mt Isa and Weipa . There are no changes expected at the other radiosonde stations (Charleville, Townsville and Willis Island. Wind only upper air stations (Cairns, Longreach and Mackay) are also unaffected.”	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>1. What percentage of BOM's Queensland total observational budget for the year 2012-2013 does \$600,000 represent?</p> <p>2. Given his seniority why did Dr Vertessy claim that he didn't think the budget of the Queensland Radiosonde Budget had been cut when it is clear that has been and that it and other funding cuts and their consequences were the subject of dozens of staff and senior management meetings from July through to November 2012? During these same Estimates hearings Dr Vertessy said the following in regard to the issue of budget cuts; "Dr Vertessy: One thing I might add is that I am not aware of any reduction in service per se in Queensland." In even the limited documentation obtained under FOI by the Courier Mail staff meetings and email communications are detailed where months of efforts have gone in to re-organising operations and rosters because of budget and staff cuts. Those same documents make it clear in many cases that services have been cut, work foregone and work practices changed to manage those budget cuts. As well in those same documents it is also clear sufficient staff numbers to make it significant, complain of being over worked and being unable to perform all the required duties or perform them to a expected professional standard.</p> <p>3. How then can Dr Vertessy maintain that there has been no reduction in service as a result of prolonged Budget cuts to the BOM?</p>			
143	BOM	Boyce	BOM – Queensland's radiosonde program	<p>1. In the February Estimates hearings a representative of the BOM claimed that reports that suggested that there had been a 50 per cent cut in the use of weather balloons in Queensland and that it was in fact just 20 per cent? Can you please provide the evidence to support this claim? Further to that issue in its evidence in the February Estimates hearings the Bureau seemed to be implying that the cut in the number of Radiosonde flights was because they had become unnecessary as a better and cheaper method had replaced their need, [Page 91-Estimates-11/2/13] "Dr Smith: In the Radiosonde—these are the upper-air balloons—and the rationale behind that is that we now gather a whole lot of other data, particularly from aircraft descents and ascents, and those data are effectively feeding into exactly the same sort of information base which then in turn impacts on our forecasts. We have been monitoring that impact and till this stage we have not noticed any adverse impact from that reduction. It seems to have been a very smart reduction ..."</p> <p>2. Doesn't the fact that the cuts to this program occurred before another data source was utilized indicate the cuts to the Radiosonde flights were</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>clearly driven by the budget shortfalls and not ingenuity or new technology?</p> <p>3. If you refute that analysis does it not imply the BOM has been wasting money on systems that could have easily been replaced to at least some degree (20%) years ago?</p> <p>4. Would you be able to quantify the reductions in funding that have occurred in the Queensland office of the Bureau of Meteorology over the past three years?</p> <p>5. Is it not true that the BOM now has 45 per cent fewer staff than it did in the mid 70's?</p>			
144	BOM	Boyce	BOM – Queensland's operations	<p>According to documents obtained by the Courier Mail under FOI state that Rod Harrison, the Regional Operations Manager in Queensland, warned in July last year that cuts to their budget would have , and I quote; "a significant impact to operations."</p> <p>In the February Estimates hearings BOM claimed that this comment had been taken out of context.</p> <p>1. Can you explain the correct context and can you state that the proposals about which the Queensland Regional Operations Manager was concerned did not go ahead to any degree?</p> <p>Rob Webb Regional Director (Queensland) at Bureau of Meteorology is in record (ABC Radio) acknowledging that no new staff has been hired in Queensland in the past five years. At the same time according to the BOM there has been a tenfold increase in the number of severe weather warnings since 1997.</p> <p>2. How can the Bureau argue that an acknowledged shortage of staff and an incapacity to hire staff because of budget cuts has not in some way affected its performance, the services it offers or could offer, the pursuit of excellence, meeting KPI's and maintaining staff morale?</p>	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
145	BOM	Boyce	BOM – climate program	<p>1. In a changing climate what role does the BOM play?</p> <p>2. That role must have grown apace in the last decade, have the budget cuts affected the quality of the work BOM does or could do in this regard?</p> <p>Professor Neville Nicholls, a senior climate scientist who had a 35 year career with the Bureau, in a submission he made in early 2012 to the Productivity Commission Enquiry into "Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation" in early 2012. Said, and I quote; "These successive cuts have seriously compromised the ability of the Bureau to monitor how our regional climates are changing" and I quote "has created a poorer monitoring network than we had 30 years ago."</p> <p>3. Is he correct and if not, can you provide a detailed and cogent response as to why?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>In document 56 obtained under FOI by the Courier –Mail (Email- David Nottage 26/7/13) the following is stated;</p> <p>“12. While the climate program has only recently submitted an elevated concern over the proposed reduced radiosonde program, (<u>Attachment D</u>) the climate program requirements in relation to the non-GUAN national radiosonde program are not affordable within the 2012/13 budget framework. However the current GUAN program as at 1 July 2012 of 00UTC and 12UTC.”</p> <p>4. Does this not state that the Climate Program had elevated concerns regarding the effect of Budget cuts on their ability to perform their tasks?</p> <p>5. Doesn't this also clearly state that some of the “Climate Program requirements ---- are not affordable within the 2012-2013 Budget framework?”</p> <p>6. How have these budget cuts affected the ability of the BOM to undertake climate modelling?</p> <p>7. We as a nation used to lead the world in this regard? Do we now?</p>			
146	BOM	Boyce	BOM – implementation of capacity review recommendations	<p>1. An independent review of BOM, the Munro Report, released in December 2011 and that was commissioned by this government, made a number of recommendations. How many of those have been implemented?</p> <p>2. One of their main recommendations was that the BOM recruit more frontline meteorologists to and I quote, “build response capacity in regional centres.” Has that been done?</p> <p>3. The Munro Report also made it clear that unless there was a dramatic improvement in funding BOM would struggle to provide adequate warning of future natural disasters?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
147	BOM	Boyce	BOM – Holmes report	<p>1. According to the Holmes Report into the Brisbane floods of 2011 BOM was and I quote ‘oblivious to the rapid rise of Lockyer Valley creeks – saying and I quote; “It seems extraordinary and a very great pity that the Bureau was oblivious.” In fact the Bureau’s flood warnings for the Lockyer valley and Gatton were issued one whole hour AFTER it happened. How do you explain this and is this in any way connected to the effects on performance of yearly budget cuts?</p> <p>2. The Holmes Report recommended that BOM increase the number and range of flood and rainfall gauges across the state. Is that underway or been done?</p> <p>3. Has BOM received an extra Budget allocation for that work or will it have to come from your existing appropriations?</p> <p>4. Was it done for example in the regions of the Burnett and Mary Rivers?</p> <p>5. What percentage of early warning sites are fully operational at this</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				moment? 6. How many of them are actually providing data?			
148	BOM	Boyce	BOM – predicted flood peak in Rockhampton	Rockhampton Deputy Mayor Tony Williams was quoted in the Daily Telegraph of February 3 this year saying that there had been serious concerns that the BOM had initially miscalculated the predicted flood peak in Rockhampton by some 200mm placing hundreds of extra homes at risk. What is the Bureau's response to these claims?	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
149	BOM	Boyce	BOM – tsunami warning system	1. How many deep sea tsunami early warning buoys do you have? 2. How many are actually working?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
150	BOM	Macdonald	BOM – Tenant Creek radar station	It was reported in December 2012 that the Bureau of Meteorology had turned off the weather radar at Tenant Creek – removing weather imaging functionality from a 250,000skm area - and was planning to dismantle the facility. Six weeks later, the Bureau has announced that the weather radar at Tenant Creek will be turned back on. It has, however, been reported that the facility's future is only secure for a further two years. 1. Why was the centre being closed? What were the reasons for the closure? 2. If the reasons for closure were compelling, how was a decision to remain open reached so easily? 3. What alternate facilities exist in the region that may provide valuable weather data to primary producers, statutory authorities and Commonwealth departments? 4. How can the national weather monitoring and warning system operate effectively with such a large gap?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
151	BOM	McKenzie	BOM – bushfire CRC	1. Could you name the number of research projects that BOM has been involved in through the Bushfire CRC since 2003? 2. Could you also specify the dollar value of these projects? 3. What is the dollar value of BOM research that was carried outside the Bushfire CRC framework (i.e. non fire related) for the year 2011-2012? 4. Given the increased frequency of serious fires over the last several years, is there need to expand BOM fire related research? 5. Are there any BOM research projects conducted through the Bushfire CRC that will be incomplete or still running after 1 July 2013?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
152	Corporate: CSD	Macdonald	Water for the Future – allocation of funding	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	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				allocation from 2011-12 to 2012-13? 2. Over what time frame does the department expect to allocate the remaining \$7,374.4 million?			
153	Corporate: CSD	Joyce	Accountancy audit standard for the asset of water held by the CEWH	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.	51 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
154	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – Average Staffing Level	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?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
155	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – redundancies	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?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
156	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – new appointments	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?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
157	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - staffing	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.	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
158	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – efficiencies in the operations of the Australian Public Service	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).	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 			
159	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – graduate program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
160	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – hospitality and entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
161	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – meeting costs	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
162	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – program launch costs	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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163	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - consultancies	<p>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
164	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – social media	<p>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?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks)?</p> <p>b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage?</p> <p>c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor useage in the future?</p> <p>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).</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
165	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
166	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – staff amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
167	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - coffee machines	<p>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?</p> <p>2. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>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</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>6. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>8. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>10. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>12. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
168	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
169	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - grants	<p>1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>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?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
170	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – government payment of accounts	<p>1. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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?</p> <p>c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
171	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – stationery requirements	<p>1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
172	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>2. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				3. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 4. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? 5. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each? 6. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 7. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? 8. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each? 9. What is the cost for this financial year to date?			
173	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – travel costs	1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel? Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers? Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 4. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 5. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why? 6. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 7. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel? 8. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
174	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – education costs	1. What is the department/agency's guidelines on study? 2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include: a. What type of course? b. The total cost? c. Cost per participant? d. The employment classification of each participant? e. How many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)? f. The reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency?			
175	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – executive coaching and leadership training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services? 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification? 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)? 4. The names of all service providers engaged? For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a. The name and nature of the service purchased? b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based? c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification? d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)? e. The total amount spent on the service? f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)? Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency’s own premises, please provide: i. The location used? ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)? iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)? iv. Any costs the department or agency’s incurred to use the location?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
176	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – paid parental leave	1. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government’s Paid Parental Leave scheme?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>3. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>			
177	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	<p>1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for ministers and parliamentary secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for?</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of ministers and parliamentary secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for?</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of ministers and parliamentary secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification?</p>	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
178	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – corporate cars	<p>1. How cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>2. Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>3. What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
179	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – taxi costs	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
180	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – hire cars	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
181	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – credit cards	<p>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card? Please update details of the following:</p> <p>2. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>3. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>4. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>5. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				6. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			
182	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – provision of electronic equipment	<p>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to ministers and/or parliamentary secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to ministers and/or parliamentary secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it?</p> <p>4. Does the department/agency provide their ministers and/or parliamentary secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided?</p>	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
183	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – electricity purchasing agreement	<p>1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
184	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
185	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – protective security policy framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
186	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – office locations	<p>Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department/Agency? 2. Location? 3. Leased or Owned;? 4. Size? 5. Number of Staff at each location and classification? 6. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre? 7. If owned, the value of the building? 8. Depreciation of buildings that are owned? 9. Type of functions and work undertaken? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
187	Corporate: CSD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – grants freeze	1. How much has grant funding been reduced across the department/agency as a result of the grants freeze?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>2. Please detail all variations to grants (ie reductions, rephasing etc) that have occurred this financial year?</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency been required to find any other savings in this financial year? Please detail all such savings.</p>			
188	Corporate: PCD	Waters	Budget position	<p>1. The Department's additional estimates statement says that there has been savings in a number of areas. Can you tell me what the implication is of the \$1 million saving in 2012-13 from the heritage grants program? What grants haven't been issued? Where do these grants usually go?</p> <p>2. What's the implication of the \$100,000 saved from the Australian Biological Resources Study? What work has been put off or cancelled?</p> <p>3. You state that \$1.7 million for the "Australia-Antarctica shipping capability – second stage business case" will be "met within the existing resources of SEWPaC". Where from exactly?</p> <p>4. You state that over \$2.2 million will be saved in public service efficiencies – what does this actually mean? Where were these savings found exactly? Is this associated with a real or relative reduction in staffing in the department?</p> <p>5. What are the on the ground implications of these savings – where will they be felt?</p> <p>6. What are the total savings in departmental funds (accounting for inflation) that the department has had to find over the past twelve months?</p> <p>7. What are the implications of this for your ability to deliver programs – which work programs have been scaled back or put on hold?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
189	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – printing costs	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
190	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – government advertising	<p>1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services?</p> <p>3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>5. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>6. Provide details for any other communications program, including</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services?</p> <p>7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>			
191	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – board appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members? What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
192	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – freedom of information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
193	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – community cabinet meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. How many departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
194	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide - reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many Reviews are being undertaken? What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? What reviews are planned? When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
195	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>office for this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>3. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>4. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>5. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <p>6. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>7. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>8. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p>			
196	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – commissioned reports	<p>1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
197	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – legal costs	<p>1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
198	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services?</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)?</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged?</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased?</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based?</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)?</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)?</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service?</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)?</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used?</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion?</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)?</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location?</p>			
199	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – provision of briefing to the Australian Greens	<p>1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a. How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing?</p> <p>c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information?</p> <p>d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed?</p> <p>e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
200	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – provision of briefing to the Independents	<p>1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a. How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>the information?</p> <p>d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed?</p> <p>e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>			
201	Corporate: PCD	Birmingham	Portfolio Wide – media and communications staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following by department or agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location? 2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? 3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location? 4. How many are graphic designers? 5. How many are media managers? 6. How many organise events? 7. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When was it established? b. What is the set up cost? c. What is the ongoing cost? d. How many staff work there and what are their classifications? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
202	Corporate: PCD	Joyce	Suspected fraud cases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide details of the three suspected fraud cases referred to the Australian Federal Police in 2010-11? 2. Have any charges been laid as a result of these referrals? If so, what are the details of these charges? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
203	DNP	Colbeck	DNP - Marine Bioregional Planning – extension of consultation timeframe	<p>Senator COLBECK: ...Is there any consideration being made of an extension of that time frame?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: I am aware of media reports and press releases to that effect. There is no active consideration of an extension.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: ...So you have not had anything from the Commonwealth Fisheries Association or the Recreational Fishing Foundation, directly in relation to that?</p> <p>Mr Oxley: I would have to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	114 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
204	DNP	McKenzie	DNP – pest management in National Parks	<p>Senator McKENZIE: I just wanted confirmation that those feral pests are being managed and it is decreasing in our national parks, that the strategies you are employing are actually having an effect.</p> <p>Mr Cochrane: In the main, yes.</p>	103 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				Senator McKENZIE: Could you, on notice, highlight the ones where it is not and if so how and why?			
205	DNP	Siewert	DNP – National Reserve System – properties requiring gazettal	Senator SIEWERT: Yes. They are not all gazetted. How many are you holding that are not yet gazetted? Mr Cochrane: I would have to take notice the question about how many properties remain to be gazetted, but there is a constant tail. Senator SIEWERT: Yes. We have had this discussion before. Would you take on notice how many remain still to be processed.	103 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
206	DNP	Nash	DNP – Henbury Station – management plan	Senator NASH: What happens if they come to you with a management plan that you do not think is going to be effective, having already given them \$9 million? Mr Cochrane: That would go for any property that is purchased for the National Reserve System. We have not had that problem yet. Senator NASH: Could you take that on notice for me?	106 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
207	DNP	Nash	DNP – Henbury Station – funding deed	Senator NASH: Could you take that on notice for me and give me a detailed explanation of what circumstances the RM Williams corporation, or whoever has it, would be enabled to sell Henbury Station without repaying the \$9 million of taxpayers' money to the Commonwealth.	106 (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
208	DNP	Birmingham	DNP - Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park – photography and filming limits	1. Why is it necessary to impose limits on photography or filming in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park? 2. How are these limits applied? 3. Has the Director of National Parks received any representations from tourism or media organisations expressing concern at these policies? 4. If so, what concerns?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
209	DNP	Macdonald	Commonwealth Marine Reserves network	The Commonwealth Government's own report into the State of Australian Fish Stocks found that 90% of Australian fish stocks were being fished sustainably. There have also been suggestions that the changes to the Marine Reserves have eroded industry confidence so that even though the effects are not yet felt, operators are abandoning the sector. 1. Can the Department provide any specific data that demonstrated critical need for the scale of the Marine Park expansion? 2. Can the Department provide details of its own assessments of the need for fishery protections on the expanded protection zones? 3. Can the Department provide details of its consultation process with coastal communities and commercial fishing interests who were impacted by the creation of the expanded Marine Reserves?	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
210	DNP	McKenzie	DNP - control of feral animals in Victorian National Parks	1. Do you have estimates of feral animal density (and gross number) for each of Victoria's National Parks? This should include but not limited to brumbies, wild dogs, foxes, deer, cats, camels and pigs? 2. Could you provide a table listing each States National Parks and the	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				total \$ spent on eradication or control for each species listed above? 3. Could you name the preferred method of control or eradication for each of the species listed above? Could you also list the last year a control program was carried out for each species for each of Victoria's National parks?			
211	DNP	McKenzie	DNP - Visitation rates in National Parks	Do you have estimates for the number of people visiting National Parks? If yes, could you provide them individually?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
212	DNP	Waters	DNP – Commonwealth Marine Reserves network	1. Are marine reserves now considered part of the national reserve system? 2. If so will the NRS section also have carriage of marine reserve system planning and policy?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
213	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – North Queensland Bulk Ports	Senator WATERS: Did you provide any advice to North Queensland Bulk Ports on any preferred disposal sites as opposed to this new proposed dumping site? Mr Skeat: I would have to check in detail, but, no, we would not be in a position of providing advice at this stage on a preferred site. Our staff may have consulted with North Queensland Bulk Ports' consultants at some point. If they had sought information about some of the habitats around Abbott Point, that could be possible, but I am not aware of consulting on actual location. Senator WATERS: Okay, if you can take that on notice and check your records.	100 (11/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
214	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – dumping of dredge spoil	Senator WATERS: If you could take my final question on notice, how you are going to go through that process of weighing up local impacts versus potential benefits in a completely different location? That may only be a monetary contribution. And, particularly in the context of the seagrass offsets announcement that was made recently	100 (11/2/13)	16/05/13	27/06/13
215	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – multi-criteria analysis workshops March 2012	Senator WATERS: ...I understand there were some multi-criteria analysis workshops held in March 2012 at which GBRMPA staff attended. If you could table any notes that were made. There were criteria that were discussed; if you can table anything about the ratings of those criteria and any other reports or documents, that would be great.	100 and written (11/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
216	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – tributyltin concentrations	Is GBRMPA satisfied with the use of "mean concentrations" to describe tributyltin concentrations found in sediments at Abbot Point where dredging is proposed to be undertaken for three new coal terminals?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
217	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – state party report	Does GBRMPA have any concerns about the contents of the State Party Report? And any concerns about UNESCO listing as World Heritage In Danger?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
218	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – data available to	1. Can GBRMPA reflect on the amount and quality of scientific data available to the Gladstone Independent Panel recently announced by	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13

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			Gladstone Harbour Review Panel	Minister Burke to do its assessment? 2. The community is concerned there is inadequate quality data (particularly as baseline work not done) – what additional work does GBRMPA thinks needs doing to give the community assurance that quality science is underpinning decisions about the harbour?			
219	GBRMPA	Waters	GBRMPA – Abbot Point dredging	<p>1. The Public Environment Report for dredging and dumping at Abbot Point recommends dumping of at least 3 million cubic metres of dredge spoil in a new offshore site. North Queensland Bulk Ports indicates in the PER that at arriving at this position they have had consultation with a number of agencies. Has NQBP consulted with GBRMPA regarding disposal of Abbot Point dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef?</p> <p>2. When were these consultations held?</p> <p>3. Who from GBRMPA attended?</p> <p>4. Did GBRMPA endorse the current sea dumping proposal in the PER?</p> <p>5. What is the comparative cost of land treatment compared to disposal in the GBR? What is the percentage of disposal costs compared to the overall value and costs to the whole T0 T2 and T3 expansion costs?</p> <p>6. Did GBRMPA provide advice to NQPB on preferred disposal sites at sea?</p> <p>7. What advice was provided?</p> <p>8. According to the PER two GBRMPA staff attended the Multi Criteria Analysis workshop held on 26 and 27 March 2012, which formed the basis for selecting the preferred dumping location. Is this correct?</p> <p>9. Who from GBRMPA attended?</p> <p>10. Did they participate in the development of the criteria used by NQBP for assessing disposal options?</p> <p>11. Did they support the selection of the preferred dumping location?</p> <p>12. All participants were asked to rate and weight various criteria in arriving at a preferred location. Did the GBRMPA staff participate in those exercises?</p> <p>13. Do the criteria that were developed and used in arriving at a preferred dumping site accurately reflect the requirements of the Sea Dumping Act? Did NQBP follow the correct procedures for the hierarchy of preferences for dump site selection under that Act?</p> <p>14. Did GBRMPA attendees provide a written report on the workshop, positions taken and conclusions arrived to senior GBRMPA staff?</p> <p>15. Did GBRMPA independently model the dredge spoil plume or simply rely on NQBP's modelling?</p> <p>16. Did GBRMPA consider the effects of the dredge plume on Holbourne National Park and Creal and Old Reefs?</p> <p>17. Did GBRMPA consider the effects of resuspension of dredge spoil</p>	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13

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				given NQBP describes the waters around Abbot Point as "hydrodynamic"?			
220	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA – Budget restrictions to the Authority's operations	Senator BIRMINGHAM: On notice, would you provide a bit of a breakdown for us in terms of the reductions undertaken and where they have targeted New South Wales versus where they had been spread across the board. Dr Dickson: Certainly.	44 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13
221	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA - Budget	1. What activities will be cut as a result of reduced funding from NSW and SA to the MDBA? 2. How will this affect the MDBA's ability to implement the Basin Plan? 3. How will this affect the MDBA's ability to manage the river? 4. For each of the following financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, can details be provided of the overall budget for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, including a breakdown of funding provided, or expected to be provided, by federal and individual jurisdictions?	Written	16/05/13	27/06/13
222	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA – invasive fish species	1. Have any new plans to combat invasive fish species been presented to basin ministers? If not, when is there likely to be a new plan presented? 2. Have any programs been cut or reduced due to funding restrictions? 3. What does the latest data on invasive fish indicate about river health?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
223	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA – environmental watering plans	1. What progress is being made on developing environmental watering plans? 2. Have any state governments expressed concerns or raised potential problems with their role or ability to produce plans on time?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
224	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA – Adelaide metro cap	1. Has the Metro Adelaide cap model been submitted to the MDBA? Is it still expected to be in February? 2. What if the cap model changes relevant Basin Plan information? 3. Will it be publicly released?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
225	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA – constraints management strategy	Please detail the timeline in developing the constraints management strategy?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
226	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA – easement purchases	1. What easements have been purchased since the tabling for the Basin plan? 2. What easements are under consideration?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
227	MDBA	Birmingham	MDBA – Murray-Darling Basin Plan reviews and statutory deadlines	Please detail all reviews and statutory deadlines required under the Water Act or Basin Plan associated with its implementation?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
228	MDBA	McKenzie	MDBA - Reduction in funding to jointly-funded programs	In 2012 the South Australian and New South Wales Governments announced significant cuts to jointly-funded programs in the Murray–Darling Basin. (http://www.mdba.gov.au/media_centre/media_releases/Statement-from-	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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				<p>MDBA-Chair)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could you individually list the affected programs and specify the magnitude of funding cuts to each of those programs? 2. Please explain how the short falls in funding will be accommodated and or in general terms what effect will funding reductions have on these programs? 3. Have any other Basin States, i.e. Victoria and Queensland indicated that they will also be reducing funding to these jointly Murray–Darling Basin programs? 			
229	MDBA	Xenophon	Murray-Darling Basin Plan – Senate Inquiry	<p>I refer to QON 294 provided in Supplementary Budget Estimates of October last year.</p> <p>“The Senate Committee’s second interim report identifies what some stakeholders have interpreted as flaws in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. We have assessed the issues raised in the report, and consider that many of the ‘flaws’ raised by stakeholders are statements that pursue a particular interest and are not based on an objective assessment of the facts.”</p> <p>Which particular stakeholders are you referring to in this statement?</p>	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
230	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA - costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of the MDBA’s costs between its different divisions for this financial year and over the forward estimates? 2. What proportion of the MDBA's costs relate to the payment of water licence and delivery charges? Please provide figures for this financial year and for the forward estimates? 3. What amount of water do these charges relate to in each financial year? 4. What proportion of the MDBA's costs relate to staff costs? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
231	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – Murray-Darling Basin Plan costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please outline how much has been spent on the basin plan to date for each financial year? 2. Please provide estimates of what will be spent on the basin plan for each financial year of the forward estimates? 3. What proportion of the Basin Plan costs are covered by the Commonwealth? 4. What proportion of other costs (ie, non Basin Plan costs) are covered by the Commonwealth? What proportion are covered by each of the States? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
232	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – efficiency dividend	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the MDBA been subject to the efficiency dividend over the past few years? 2. If so, what proportion of the MDBA's costs are subject to that dividend? 3. How much lower is the MDBA's spending in 2012-13 due to the efficiency dividends applied since the 2010 election? 	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13

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				4. What expenses have you reduced to meet the efficiency dividend over the past few years?			
233	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – funding provided to the MDBA from the states	What level of funding do the states provide to the MDBA for this financial year and for each of the financial years in the forward estimates? Please provide figures for each State or Territory separately for each financial year.	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
234	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – cost of River Murray operations	How much does it cost to run the River Murray system, or the River Murray Operations?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
235	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – proportion of SES staff	I refer you to your annual report which shows that the MDBA employs 15 staff at SES classification and above out of a total staff of 334. That is about 4.5% of staff are classified as SES or above. The Department's annual report shows that in Canberra, the Department employs 63 staff at SES classification and above out of a total staff of 2,149. That is about 3% of staff are classified as SES or above. Why does the MDBA employ a greater proportion of staff at the SES level and above?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
236	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – Hobart based staff	In answer to question 307 at last estimates you stated that: “As at 30 September 2012, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority has eight employees employed outside of Canberra. The locations are Adelaide, Albury, Sydney, Toowoomba and Hobart.” How many people are employed in Hobart? Why do you employ someone in Hobart?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
237	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – acquisition of easements for environmental watering	I refer to your answer to question 277 from the last estimates where you state: “The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority) is considering acquisition of two easements between Hume Dam and Lake Mulwala. The easements are being obtained for the purposes of River Murray System operations.” “For the first easement, an agreement was developed with the property owner, who has subsequently decided against taking up the offer.” “In relation to the second easement, the Authority has commenced work to develop an easement proposal for consideration by the property owner.” 1. Are these easements for watering under the current Basin Plan, or only for watering above 2750 GL? 2. What happens if the owners persist in declining to accept easements on their property? 3. Does the Australian Government have any power to compulsorily acquire easements for the purposes of environmental watering?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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238	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – negotiation of the purchase of easements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are negotiations to purchase easements at the Gunbower Forest and Koondrook-Perricoota progressing? 2. Can you please provide an update on negotiations to purchase easements between Hume Dam and Lake Mulwala? When does the MDBA expect these negotiations to conclude? 3. Can the MDBA please provide a list of all of the areas where they are currently seeking or negotiating to purchase additional easements for environmental watering purposes? 4. How much land is the MDBA seeking access to? 5. How much has the government budgeted to conclude these easement purchases? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
239	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – briefings provided to the Minister and Prime Minister	Could you please provide the Committee with a list of the briefings the MDBA has given to the Minister for Water or his staff, and the Prime Minister, or her staff, since 20 May 2012?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
240	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – record of decisions in accordance with the Water Act	Could the Authority please provide this Committee with all the decisions it has made since 30 September 2012 in accordance with Section 198 of the Water Act which requires the Authority to keep records of all of its decisions?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
241	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – meeting minutes	Could you please provide the minutes to any of the meetings the Authority has held since 30 September 2012?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
242	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – Living Murray Initiative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much water under the Living Murray Initiative has been carried over to 2012-13? 2. How much water do you expect to be allocated under the Living Murray Initiative in 2012-13 and how much do you expect to use? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
243	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – cap models for South Australia and the ACT	When does the MDBA expect that cap models for South Australia and the ACT might be concluded?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
244	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – operational deficits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has the MDBA sought Ministerial approval to run operational deficits over the forward estimates? 2. How much do these operational deficits amount to? 3. Could you provide the brief provided to the Minister titled “Approval for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to Incur Revised Operating Deficits in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15”? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
245	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – development of environmental watering plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Basin Plan requires that State governments develop the Environmental Watering Plans. What happens if the States refuse to develop these Plans? 2. Does the MDBA have the resources to develop these plans if the States refuse to do so? 	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
246	MDBA	Joyce	MDBA – Murray River operating	I note that the MDBA has previously indicated that : “... under current river operating constraints it might be possible to reinstate a sustainable	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13

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			constraints – South Australia border	flow regime up to a flow rate of about 60,000 ML/d for the River Murray at the SA Border.” 1. What was the peak flow over the SA border over the past year? 2. Did authorities try to take flows beyond 50,000 ML per day over the past year? 3. Has the government ever taken “managed” flows (ie not during a flood) to 60,000 ML per day? 4. When did that occur?			
247	NWC	Birmingham	NWC – office space	1. Does the NWC still have a vacant floor in its office? 2. For how long has it been vacant? 3. How long is your lease on the office space? 4. What efforts have been made to fill the vacant office space?	Written	09/04/13	16/05/13
248	NWC	Birmingham	NWC – audit of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan	1. What is the status of the audit required to be completed by March 2013 under Section 88(1) of the Water Act? 2. Will this still be released on March 3? 3. Will it be publically released on this date? 4. What limitations does NWC face in completing their report given the short timeframe between the finalisation of the Basin Plan and its due date? 5. When is the next audit after March?	Written	24/04/13	16/05/13
249	SHFT	Birmingham	SHFT – occupancy rates	Senator BIRMINGHAM: ...What are your occupancy rates across your different accommodation options? Mr Bailey: Again, variable. The houses are around 50 to 60 per cent. The glamping tents are very high—and I can take that question on notice to give you the exact figures.	9 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
250	SHFT	Birmingham	SHFT – HMAS Platypus remediation	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Mr Bailey, to give us an estimate of the scale of what you are undertaking here: how much material do you expect to be treated and kept on site versus how much to be completely removed? Mr Bailey: The volumes to be removed and retained I have not got in front of me—I think I had it last time I was here, but I cannot bring it to mind. In total, there are about 30,000 tonnes of contaminated waste that we treated. The great majority of that I know will stay on site, but I can come back to you with the precise figures to be removed.	10 (12/2/13)	09/04/13	16/05/13
251	SHFT	Cameron	SHFT – Marketing Manager’s trip details	CHAIR: Before we go to that, let’s stay with the street art. Did the trust marketing manager go to New York and Berlin to investigate street art? Mr Bailey: She went to New York and Berlin to investigate a range of things. Street art was one of them. ... CHAIR: Could you provide us on notice with details of what that trip was about.	11 (12/2/13)	24/04/13	16/05/13