

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO

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1	1.1	CSMD	Abetz	Citizen's Assembly	<p>Senator ABETZ: And, of course, you might have been very busy trying to put together a people's assembly of 150 people. So chances are you were scaling up for that. Was any work done by the department on this great idea of a people's assembly?</p> <p>Mr Comley: As soon as the government announced it, we considered it in the context of our incoming government brief. We did some preparatory work afterwards, but not long after the election the decision was made not to proceed with that. We had done some preliminary work but it was not that extensive.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Are you able to cost that for us?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, if you could.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can you tell us the actual date you stopped working on that?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I will take that on notice. There was a communique that came out of the multi-party climate change committee, so I will simply go back to that point in time when the government announced that it was not continuing with that.</p>	EC4	03/08/11	25/08/11
2	1.1	LD	Abetz	Geospatial Intelligence Pty Ltd and BAE Systems contracts	<p>Ms Thompson: Thank you, Senator. The work that the firms you referred to are doing for the department is related to our work in terms of carbon accounting both internationally and domestically for what is known as reducing emissions from avoided deforestation and degradation. As part of that work, the department has been negotiating with a firm on establishing a satellite that will be part of our regional effort to do carbon forest monitoring. In addition, we do have a purchase of satellite remote sensing images for the same reason. With respect to your question about the exact figure for the consultancy services, I would need to take that on notice. It sounds about right to me but I would like to check.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That is a long way to get to the point of saying that you will take it on notice. Thank you for that. You can check up those two contracts for me and whether you have any other contracts in this area.</p>	EC4	06/07/11	07/07/11
3	1.1	LD	Abetz	National Carbon Offset logo	<p>Senator ABETZ: I will table that so as to assist and confirm that that is the new logo. That cost the Australian taxpayer \$61,000 to develop, is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Thompson: That sounds about right, but I would need to check.</p>	EC6	25/07/11	25/08/11
4	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Fuel tax	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: The scenarios Treasury modelled included providing</p>	EC49	03/08/11	25/08/11

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				concessions	price impacts some of which excluded the provision of fuel tax concessions. Was that specifically asked for by the department on behalf of the minister? Mr Comley: I do not know off the top of my head. I will take that on notice.			
5	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	MPCCC	Mr Comley: There has been some material requested by the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee. Most of that material has subsequently been published. The Multi-Party Climate Change Committee has put out communiqués and often attached papers. A number of papers from the department on international action and other things have been put into the public domain. There may be other matters that have gone to the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee which may in fact have been cabinet-in-confidence. That is why I am pausing. We can certainly take on notice material that has been provided. But my recollection is that all of the commissioned work that has been provided to the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee has been published. For example, Rod Simms wrote a short paper which I think went to the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee but I think most of it has been published. We can take that on notice.	EC50	27/09/11	13/10/11
6	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	MPCCC	a) How many meetings has the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee held since its inception in September 2010? b) What has been the average duration of each of these meetings? c) Please provide a list of all those who attended each meeting. Has the Prime Minister attended every meeting of the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee? If not, on which occasion was she not present and what were the reasons given? d) For all other members on the Committee who have not attended every meeting, please detail on which occasion were they not present and what reason was given.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
7	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Carbon tax and RET	Would the carbon tax add significantly to the generation of renewable energy, above and beyond the RET of 45,000 GWh in 2020? If yes, have you done any modelling on by how much? If no, what is the point of the carbon tax?	Written	26/08/11	13/10/11
8	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Emissions	a) Based on 'business as usual' scenarios, what are Australia's greenhouse gas emissions forecast to be in 2020? b) How is the Renewable Energy Target expected to impact on this emissions projection? c) How are other State and Federal climate change policies expected to impact on this emissions projection? d) To achieve actual reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia of 5 per cent against 2000 levels, what carbon price does the Department believe would be necessary?	Written	16/08/11	25/08/11

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9	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	International permits	What are the estimates or projections of global average prices for tradable carbon emissions and/or abatement certificates between now and 2020?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
10	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Emissions reductions	Based on a carbon tax starting at each of the following prices in 2012, and increasing by 4 per cent per annum in real terms for a period of five years, what reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in Australia against 'business as usual' levels would be expected to occur? a) \$5 b) \$10 c) \$15 d) \$20 e) \$25 f) \$30 g) \$35 h) \$40 i) \$45 j) \$50	Written	16/08/11	25/08/11
11	1.1	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate change and carbon tax market research	Since the 2010 election, what market research has been commissioned or requested by the Department, whether of its own accord or on behalf of any Minister and/or the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee, on attitudes to climate change and/or attitudes to climate change mitigation policies including possible mechanisms for carbon pricing? Please outline in each case the nature and scope of the market research, when it was commissioned or requested and by whom, when it was provided or will be due to be provided and how much the work has cost and/or is expected to cost.	Written	14/10/11	10/11/11
12	1.1	RD	Birmingham	NGERS	a) How many businesses are anticipated to be required to report under National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 obligations this year? How does this compare with last year? b) How does the Government verify the emissions levels reported by these businesses? Are audits undertaken? If so, how many will be performed this year and next year? c) Have discrepancies in reporting been identified previously? If so, what actions have been undertaken to resolve such discrepancies? d) Have any penalties been imposed for erroneous reporting? What penalties can be imposed for erroneous reporting of emissions levels?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
13	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Cleaner Car Rebate	What was the estimate of cumulative abatement for a cleaner car rebate scheme provided by the Department to the Minister's Office on 19 July 2010? (as referred to in the answer to Question on Notice 16 through February's Additional	Written	16/08/11	25/08/11

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					Estimates).			
14	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	RET	<p>a) What has been the effect of the Renewable Energy Target (RET) on electricity prices?</p> <p>b) What has been the cost of the RET to consumers?</p> <p>c) What modelling has been done on how much the RET will add to electricity prices over the coming period of time?</p> <p>d) Why is the cost of the RET coming in at so much higher than the Government claimed before it extended the RET, and before it separated out solar?</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
15	1.1	Exec	Boswell	Carbon Markets	<p>Senator BOSWELL: Was the government uncomfortable with your statement in the speech that carbon markets are essentially regulatory interventions?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I do not know. No-one in the government has ever raised with me any discomfort with that speech.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: Was there any statement in the speech that was not consistent with government policy?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I would have to review that speech, which is almost a year old.</p>	EC21	27/06/11	07/07/11
16	1.1	ID	Boswell	Indian coal tax	<p>Mr Comley: It was going to raise half a billion dollars a year from coal in India.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: How much per tonne would that be?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I would have to take that on notice. About a \$1.10 a tonne is the carbon tax on that in India.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: What about when we bring coal into India? What does that do? Does that tax apply?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I am not aware whether there is an import tariff on the equal value of the coal. My understanding is that it is only the extraction, but we could check on that.</p>	EC34	07/07/11	25/08/11
17	1.1	ID	Boswell	Polish regulations	<p>Mr Comley: I am not familiar with what restrictions are currently in Poland, but that is the EU recommendation. You would have to look at the particular circumstance in Poland, whether they have regulated in such a way as to reduce emissions.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: There is a difference between a recommendation and actually doing it. Are they doing it?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I would have to take on notice what Poland has put in place.</p>	EC35	16/08/11	25/08/11
18	1.1	CSMD	Boswell	CSIRO Report	<p>Senator BOSWELL: If CSIRO can rock up and tell us how to stop it—I do not think they can; I am sure that they cannot.</p> <p>Mr Comley: I am happy to provide the CSIRO report—</p>	EC37	03/08/11 + 1 att't	25/08/11
19	1.1	CSMD	Cameron	Consultations with states and	<p>CHAIR: On these issues that Senator Fisher has asked about, were there negotiations and discussions with state governments in relation to the Howard</p>	EC41	03/08/11	25/08/11

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				territories	government's decision to implement a price on carbon? ... CHAIR: Can you take that on notice? Mr Comley: I can, but, as Senator Macdonald rightly points out, I was not in the department at the time. My recollection is that it was launched on 3 June 2007. The only reason that sticks in my mind is that that was a date that was subsequently used in a range of legislation. I am not personally familiar with whether there were consultations with the states prior to the release of that, but I am happy to take that on notice.			
20	1.1	LD	Cameron	Agricultural emissions	CHAIR: Just so we are clear, the department says that it is currently estimated that the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector—for brevity the agricultural sector—is responsible for 109.8 megatonnes of CO2 emissions or 19.5 per cent of total emissions in Australia. Is that correct? Ms Thompson: Yes. That sounds like you are reading from the beginning of the consultation paper. CHAIR: Yes. Ms Thompson: I am sorry, I do not have that with me. But we might be able to take your question on noticed if that would assist.	EC60	24/06/11	07/07/11
21	1.1	LD	Cameron	Howard Government green carbon initiative	CHAIR: The Howard government with Mr Turnbull as the environment minister had a carbon Farming Initiative, a green carbon initiative. Are you aware of that? Ms Thompson: I think we would need to take that on notice. It may have been part of the direct action agenda— Mr Comley: No; I think there was a small green carbon fund which was essentially looking at research and development issues. A similar fund was proposed— CHAIR: I think that is right.	EC61	25/07/11	25/08/11
22	1.1	CSMD	Fisher	Carbon price and state legislation	Senator FISHER: Can you take on notice the question as to whether or not state and territory governments will be required to pass any kind of legislation to bring the carbon tax into effect nationally. Mr Comley: I will take it on notice.	EC39	25/07/11	25/08/11
23	1.1	CSMD	Fisher	Ministerial level consultations with states and territories	Mr Comley: Those mechanisms I was referring to were officials-level consultations. I am also aware that there have been some ministerial-level consultations with states and territories. Senator FISHER: What are they—by whom and with whom? Mr Comley: I would have to take on notice any specific details, but that would be both by Minister Combet and Parliamentary Secretary Dreyfus, who has had conversations with his state counterparts. I believe, although it is not our portfolio, that Minister Ferguson has regular contact with his ministerial	EC40	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					<p>counterparts and some of that would go to questions of carbon pricing.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: To the extent that you are able, can you detail the ministerial-level discussions on notice?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I will take that on notice.</p>			
24	1.1	CSMD	Fisher	Official-level consultations with states and territories	<p>Senator FISHER: You provided Senator Macdonald with details of the official-level discussions in respect of Queensland—with whom. Can you, on notice, provide the same in respect of the other states and territories?</p> <p>Mr Comley: We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Thank you. To the extent that there have been the various discussions and consultations, whether they be at officials level or ministerial level, have any documents changed hands?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I am not aware of any documents that have changed hands. These have tended to be meeting discussions. But I can take on notice whether any documents have changed hands.</p> <p>Dr Kennedy: In a discussion with the states and territories, we would provide them with information that had been recently released by the MPCCC, for example, or any other relevant documents, and we may have a discussion around those documents. So, to that extent, there would be an agenda and documents. But there are no documents that I am aware of beyond that.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Can you take that on notice, Mr Comley?</p> <p>Mr Comley: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: To the extent that there have been documents provided, if they are documents that are not already in the public arena, can the committee be provided with access to those documents?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I will take that on notice, because it depends what the documents are.</p>	EC40	25/07/11 + 4 att'ts	25/08/11
25	1.1	CSMD	Macdonald	Emissions Projections	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: What is the document you are referring to?</p> <p>Mr Comley: This is Australia's emissions projections, which are put out by the department on an annual basis. That was in 2010. We are happy to get you a copy of that.</p>	EC24	27/06/11	07/07/11
26	1.1	CSMD	Macdonald	Treasury Modelling	<p>Mr Comley: We have not done a formal update of estimates from doing a scenario of what would happen regarding nuclear. It is possible that the Treasury modelling exercise has looked at that in the context in which they are currently doing it: what are the scenarios on nuclear? But I am not familiar with that and you would have to ask Treasury about that...</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could you, on notice, alert me to the website where I might get that information from Treasury?</p>	EC24-25	16/08/11	25/08/11

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					Mr Comley: Sure.			
27	1.1	ASCD	Macdonald	Emissions from Icelandic volcano	Senator IAN MACDONALD: If Ms Thompson does have the detail, perhaps you can tell me in raw tonnes what this latest volcano is expected to emit? Ms Thompson: We would have to take that on notice and do some investigations, Senator.	EC25	25/07/11	25/08/11
28	1.1	CSMD	Xenophon	McKinsey cost curve	Mr Comley: ... What we have observed, both in history and going forward, is that the proportion of abatement that is actually taken up from the McKinsey cost curve is actually quite small. Senator XENOPHON: Can you provide some further details on that on notice? Mr Comley: Sure.	EC43	03/08/11	25/08/11
29	1.2	ESPD	Abetz	Call Centre	Senator ABETZ: And the department is happy that Salesforce outsources its call centre services to people working from home with their own PCs and internet connections? Mr Bowles: We have a contract with Salmat on an outcomes basis. I am not into the specific details. I could get someone to find that out. Senator ABETZ: If you could take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Did you obtain external legal advice in relation to the tender for this contract centre? Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice, but as a normal arrangement we would take legal advice.	EC6	03/08/11	25/08/11
30	1.2	ESPD	Abetz	Call Centre	Senator ABETZ: The department paid Excelior \$400,000 for an inquiry line for nine months up until March of this year. Is that correct? Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice, but it could very well be right. As I said, we had a number of call centres that we were trying to consolidate. Senator ABETZ: All right. If so, could you let us know what the call centre was for? Mr Bowles: Yes, Senator.	EC6	28/06/11	07/07/11
31	1.2	ESPD	Abetz	Call Centre	Senator ABETZ: Thank you. The department paid Centrelink and Greythorn over \$4 million for emergency call centre services in February this year. What was that for? Was that related to the floods in Queensland? Mr Bowles: No. Centrelink did some call centre work around the Home Insulation Program. Senator ABETZ: So the emergency call centre service related to the Home Insulation Program. So we spent another— Mr Bowles: I would have to take on notice the specifics of that particular thing.	EC6	25/07/11	25/08/11
32	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Invoices to insulation insurers	Senator BIRMINGHAM: How many invoices were sent out? Mr Bowles: For invoices versus noncompliance, we have sent a large number of	EC103-EC104	14/10/11	10/11/11

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					<p>noncompliance letters out—around 2,000-odd, I think. As far as invoices, it would be somewhat less than that. So what the normal process would be—</p> <p>Senator Wong: Take on notice the number.</p> <p>Mr Bowles: We can take on notice the exact numbers. Basically, the process is we send out the noncompliance letter, which I talked about before. In a large number of cases, those issues get resolved.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: But you are not able to tell me today how many invoices were sent, which I assume are sent to people who either are proven to have failed to comply or are unable to demonstrate to you that they complied or just simply did not respond to the noncompliance letter?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: I can take that on notice. I do not know the specific number of invoices. I just know there has been a large number of noncompliance letters sent out. But we can take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Sure. I appreciate that. Can you tell me not only the number of invoices that have been issued but also the value of those invoices? Have any of those invoices subsequently been withdrawn? If so, what is the number and value of those that have subsequently been withdrawn or modified?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: I can take that on notice, Senator. But it would not be an unusual process to find some that get withdrawn over time because of additional information provided.</p>			
33	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	HISP	For each of 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, please detail actual, expected or projected expenditure in relation to each of the Home Insulation Program, the Home Insulation Safety Program (HISP) and the Foil Insulation Safety Program (FISP), and also any other insulation related expenditure that formed part of the Government's Energy Efficient Homes Program/Package.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
34	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	HISP	<p>a) Does the Minister stand by the safety inspection program that has been put into place for the inspection of homes where insulation has been installed and problems identified?</p> <p>b) Given that safety is the most critical issue for the home owner or renter who has had the insulation installed, is this the focus of the inspections?</p> <p>c) Once a safety inspection has been conducted and declared 'safe', is the Government confident that there are no more issues with the insulation installation?</p> <p>d) What assistance does the Department provide to home owners where a dodgy instalment has occurred and damage done to the home?</p> <p>e) What exactly is the role of case workers from the Department appointed in</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					some circumstances to assist constituents under the scheme? Should case workers be providing special assistance to those people who are elderly and infirm?			
35	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	HISP	Please detail all interactions between the Department and Mr Geza Horvath of Carnegie, Victoria.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
36	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	HISP	With reference to the answers provided to Question on Notice 44 asked in Additional Estimates of February 2011, please detail for all occasions where inspectors have taken trips involving flights: a) From where to where the flight was taken b) At what cost c) How many inspectors travelled d) How many inspections were undertaken in each location e) Were there trained or accredited inspectors located at or near the inspection locations f) What was the level of urgency of each inspection undertaken	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
37	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	Green Loans	How many cases of fraudulent assessments under the Green Loans Program have been identified by the Department? What actions have been taken in response to any fraudulent assessments having been identified?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
38	1.2	LSB	Birmingham	Green Loans	a) How many claims for compensation in relation to the Green Loans program has the Department received i. This financial year? ii. Over the life of the program? b) How many of these claims for compensation, and to what value, remain unresolved? c) What has been the total value of compensation both claimed and paid?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
39	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	National Solar Schools Program	a) How are or were decisions made regarding which energy efficiency measures are funded under the National Solar Schools Program? b) Has there been any analysis or consideration of heat reflective coatings as an eligible measure? If so, what analysis was undertaken and why has this not been included as an eligible measure?	Written	22/08/11	25/08/11
40	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	National Solar Schools Program	a) When were schools advised of successful applications under Round 2 (2010-11 funding round) of the National Solar Schools Program? b) At what point following a successful application is payment made? c) In the case of Government schools, is the payment made directly to the school or to the State Government? d) If payments are made to State Governments, when were payments made to each of the State Governments for Round 2 grants?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					e) When were the payments forwarded to individual schools? f) How many schools will miss out on funding due to the program's redesign and reduced funding? g) Is it correct, given that schools receive grants of up to \$50,000 and that program funding has been cut by \$156.4 million, that at least 3100 schools will miss out? h) If this is not correct, why not? Is it primary schools or high schools which will miss out? i) Of the successful applicants so far, please provide total breakdowns (by numbers of schools and by total funding provided) by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Private and public schools 2. Primary schools, high schools and colleges 3. High socio-economic and low socio-economic 			
41	1.2	ESPD	Birmingham	National Solar Schools Program	a) What has the interest and uptake been in this scheme? b) What has been the response from schools? c) Has it been a popular scheme? d) Why has it been cut back?	Written	22/08/11	25/08/11
42	1.2	ESPD	Boswell	Solar Programs	<p>Senator BOSWELL: I will just get this on the record; you will probably have to take it on notice. In answer to questions that you took on notice from the additional estimates in February, you recently provided some figures on the number of installations of solar PV systems and solar heat pump hot-water systems from 2007 to January-February this year. But the numbers of solar water heating and heat pump inverters were not broken down. Could you provide the breakdown, please, from 2007 through to the present.</p> <p>Mr Comley: A breakdown in terms of years?</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: No; in terms of numbers of solar heaters. The numbers for the solar water heating and heap pump inverters were not broken down. Could you break those down, please?</p> <p>Mr Comley: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: Could you also update the total cash outlays by the government for direct subsidies on all these programs: the solar PV installations until the change for the off-budget subsidy and an update to the present on the solar hot-water and heat pump hot-water systems, again broken down? I know that you would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Senator, the program which is now closed: do you want what the total expenditure was?</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: Yes.</p>	EC22	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					Mr Comley: I will take that on notice.			
43	1.2	REED	Cameron	Energy efficiency building ratings	<p>CHAIR: Maybe that is the wrong question. I am sure you have an interest in it. But is it hard for you? I am concerned that consumers do not seem to be satisfied that, if they are paying for five- or six-star energy efficiency, that is what they are getting.</p> <p>Mr Bailey: I have to be honest, Chairman. I am not aware of specific information that says there is a substantial noncompliance problem. I am aware of a debate that has been going on amongst stakeholders about the move from a five- to six-star minimum standard. But, if you would like, I can take that issue on notice and see whether in the department we do have more systematic information on compliance.</p>	EC87	25/07/11	25/08/11
44	1.2	REED	Cameron	Energy efficiency window ratings	<p>Mr Bailey: I am not aware of the details of the rating system that you are referring to. I do know that the thermal efficiency of windows is now measured specifically because of the introduction into residential buildings of double-glazed windows. Those windows now have an insulative property whereas previously a single pane glass window did not. But, going to my earlier comment, the main energy rating systems that we are focussed on relate to the overall building, not just to one specific component. If you like, I can follow up on that submission from the Australian Window Association and respond.</p> <p>CHAIR: They call it the WERS, the window energy rating scheme. They say it is solely owned and managed by Australian Window Association. It says independent of any individual manufacturer. Then they go on and say there is nought to 10. Surely there has to be a more technical description of its energy efficiency than nought to 10 stars.</p> <p>Mr Bailey: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you find out about that and whether that is an issue that needs to be dealt with in the broader strategy?</p> <p>Mr Bailey: Yes. I am happy to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	EC90	03/08/11	25/08/11
45	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Transfield contract	<p>Senator FISHER: The suggestion in the press is that it is \$40,000 a month. Could that be possible?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: Are we talking about the Salmat contract?</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Transfield.</p> <p>Mr Bowles: The Transfield contract?</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Bowles: I would have to check with them.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Can you?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: Yes. We can check.</p>	EC100	25/07/11	25/08/11

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46	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Cool and Cosy Natural Insulation	<p>Senator FISHER: Can you get back to the committee on notice about, for example, Cool or Cosy's claims, because there is no mention of correspondence from the department in the article. That does not necessarily mean it did not happen of course.</p> <p>Mr Bowles: That is correct. As I said, we wrote to Cool and Cosy in September last year, I think it was, asking them to clarify a range of issues. We are still trying to deal with that. I am happy, once we clarify the situation with Cool and Cosy, to provide this committee with the advice on where it lands.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Thank you. If it is not resolved by the next time this committee meets for estimates, you might give a status report.</p> <p>Mr Bowles: Yes, I will definitely do that.</p>	EC77	03/08/11	25/08/11
47	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Demand Group	<p>Senator FISHER: So Schwab lawyers first contacted you a couple of months ago?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: I do not have the specific date that they started but we did meet with them on 12 April.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: If you could, on notice, tell the committee when that action first commenced?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: Sorry, Senator, it is not an action at this stage.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: When you first became aware that Schwab lawyers was acting for that group and exchanges commenced.</p>	EC78	25/07/11	25/08/11
48	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Claims against Commonwealth	<p>Senator FISHER: Are you able to break down the 46 claims from installers, claim from householders, claims from manufacturers, claims from electrical companies?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: No. I would have to take that own notice.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Given that they manage it on your behalf, can you please break down on notice the status as of the time that you answer the question—</p> <p>Mr Bowles: Very good, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: of those 46 claims.</p> <p>Mr Bowles: Yes, Senator.</p>	EC79	25/07/11	25/08/11
49	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Householder initiated inspections	<p>Senator FISHER: In terms of the householder initiated inspections, how many of those have you budgeted for?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: We have been reasonably conservative in that to make sure that we can cope with anything there. We also have the understanding through the process that if there were an upsurge in these numbers, we have the capacity to deal with that.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: By 'conservative', do you mean you think you are overestimating rather than underestimating?</p>	EC92	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					<p>Mr Bowles: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Can you give us a feel for that?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: I will have to take that on notice. I just cannot remember off the top of my head at the moment.</p>			
50	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Companies deregistered under the HIP	<p>Senator FISHER: Can you provide on notice a list of the companies that were deregistered under the home insulation program and the states in which they operated or laid insulation?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: I think I referred to this in previous estimates hearings and have actually provided you with web links and provided this in the past.</p> <p>Senator Wong: If there is any update to the information we previously provided on previous occasions, we will provide it on notice, Senator.</p> <p>--</p> <p>Senator Wong: I have taken the question on notice. If you want to add an aspect to that, which, as I understand it, is to say, in the context of the question on notice, could we refine it so as to only focus on those who were deregistered for reasons other than that they sought it, we can take that on notice too.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: All right. Thank you.</p>	EC95-96/Written	16/08/11 + 1 att't	25/08/11
51	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Safety programs inspector training	<p>a) What training was provided and/ or required for inspectors conducting Home Insulation Safety Program and the Foil Insulation Safety Program?</p> <p>b) Was any level of practical training or experience provided and/ or required?</p> <p>c) Has the level of training required by HISP and FISP inspectors been reviewed since the closure of the Home Insulation Program?</p> <p>d) Have any complaints been made to the department over inadequacies in the training for inspectors conducting inspections under the Home Insulation Safety Program and the Foil Insulation Safety program?</p> <p>e) If yes, how were these complaints handled?</p>	Written	22/08/11	25/08/11
52	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	Safety programs calls	<p>a) Please provide a state by state list of the number of calls to the insulation Safety Hotline.</p> <p>b) Please provide a state by state list of the home inspections undertaken as a result of calls to the insulation Safety Hotline.</p> <p>c) Please provide a month by month list of the number of calls to the insulation Safety Hotline.</p>	Written/EC91	03/08/11	25/08/11
53	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	University of New South Wales grant	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I will pick on one particularly large one, \$220,000 to the University of New South Wales. What is the intent of the program and, particularly for that example, what are the taxpayers getting for their \$220,000?</p> <p>Mr Swirepik: Was that to the University of New South Wales, did you say?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: That is right.</p>	EC113	06/07/11	07/07/11

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					<p>Senator Wong: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Swirepik: I think we will have to take that on notice. I am not convinced we have that investment in the current financial year.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Okay. The date the funding agreement was signed, according to what was tabled in the Senate, was 25 March 2011, if that provides any assistance.</p> <p>Mr Comley: We will take it on notice.</p>			
54	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative – Kiribati funding	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Under the International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative there is \$250,000 for the government of Kiribati. What are the outcomes for that?</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: I do not have that in front of me. I can take that on notice.</p>	EC113	30/06/11	07/07/11
55	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Once again the department may need to work with AusAID on this, but if you could provide the same sort of summary for this financial year as I asked—</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: For the department's component of the funds?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Yes. Let us be clear in the division of the funds between the department and AusAID.</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: There is a total of more than \$200 million or \$300 million over a number of years that has been put towards the International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative. The department owns something like \$32 million of those funds, so it does draw out grants. I am very happy to provide you with the data on the department's component of those funds.</p>	EC113	27/07/11	25/08/11
56	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Program	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: These are under the Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Program. I cited RMIT and the Local Government Association of South Australia as two examples.</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: I will have to take that one on notice. I do not have RMIT on my list.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I understand the agreement was signed with them on 21 February 2011. If you could take that on notice and you could give me all the grants for this year and a breakdown of what they are seeking to achieve, that would be appreciated.</p>	EC114	09/08/11 + 1 att't	25/08/11
57	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate Commission	<p>a) What is the total remuneration of each Climate Commissioner?</p> <p>b) Are all the Climate Commissioners part-time or is it just Tim Flannery?</p> <p>c) For each Climate Commissioner what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses since their appointment?</p> <p>d) How many staff does the Department provide to support the Climate Commissioners?</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					e) Who was responsible for the selection of each Commissioner and can you describe the process that was undertaken?			
58	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate Commission	a) How many meetings have the Climate Commissioners had so far? b) Can you provide a list of each attendee at these meetings? c) Has any Climate Commissioner missed a meeting to date? d) Where are these meetings held? e) How many public outreach events has the Climate Commission undertaken since it was established in February? f) Was every Climate Commissioner at each of these public outreach events? g) Where did these outreach events take place? h) What is the total amount the Commonwealth has been spent on the Climate Commission since it was established in February of this year?	Written	08/08/11	25/08/11
59	1.3	ASCD	Birmingham	Program funding	For each of the following programs, please detail all payments made in the current financial year. To what organisations or individuals was each payment made? Are payments made as lump sums or against specific milestones? Please detail what milestones or outcomes are expected from each grant? a) Influencing International Climate Change b) Australian Climate Change Science Program c) International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative d) Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Program	Written	31/08/11 + 1 att't	22/09/11
60	1.3	ASCD	Cameron	Pontifical Academy of Sciences Report	CHAIR: Are you aware of a report by the working group commissioned by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences? Mr Comley: I am personally not aware of that. CHAIR: If you are not aware of it, I would like you to take some questions on notice. What the Pontifical Academy of Sciences report said is that individuals and nations have a duty to act now. It says that there are three issues, and I would like you to take these on board to see if they are consistent with where we are going. The report says that we must 'reduce worldwide carbon dioxide emissions without delay, using all means possible to meet ambitious international global warming targets and ensure the long-term stability of the climate system'. The second major recommendation is that we 'reduce the concentrations of warming air pollutants (dark soot, methane, lower atmosphere ozone, and hydro fluorocarbons) by as much as 50 per cent'. The third is to 'prepare to adapt to the climatic changes, both chronic and abrupt, that society will be unable to mitigate'. I found it quite interesting, given the debate we had with the Bureau of Meteorology and the views in Australia. So I would be quite interested to get your view of that on notice.	EC11	06/07/11	07/07/11

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61	1.3	ASCD	Cameron	Brisbane floods	CHAIR: What was the level of rise in the Brisbane floods, do you know? I am just trying to get an idea of what effect this would have. Dr Banerjee: I can take that on notice. I am not sure of the exact figure.	EC42	30/06/11	07/07/11
62	1.3	ASCD	Cameron	Climate Commission	CHAIR: Just on that point, Mr Comley, can you take on notice and advise us about any grants that were received from the Howard government if that is available? Mr Comley: I will take on notice both questions.	EC70	25/07/11	25/08/11
63	1.3	ASCD	Cameron	Great Barrier Reef bleaching	CHAIR: Mr Comley, can you take notice to give us some advice in relation to the nine bleaching events and the implications for the Great Barrier Reef? You do not have to do it now; I am happy for you to take it on notice. Mr Comley: Okay, I will take that on notice.	EC72	06/07/11	07/07/11
64	1.3	ASCD	Fisher	Climate Commission	Senator FISHER: Is there anything in the outsourcing contract, which I understand is between the department and the events manager, talking about the choice of host? Ms Sidhu: I do not think there is any specification on the choice of host. I can take that on notice to be absolutely sure. Senator FISHER: Thank you. Is there anything in the contract that talks about consultation with the department prior to proceeding with an event? Ms Sidhu: I would have to take that on notice again.	EC71	30/06/11	07/07/11
65	1.3	ASCD	Macdonald	Climate Commission	Senator IAN MACDONALD: On notice, can you tell me what Professor Flannery is being paid as a percentage of what the minister for climate change is being paid.	EC11	16/08/11	25/08/11
66	1.3	ASCD	Macdonald	Climate science	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Mr Chairman, Senator Boswell has agreed to let me have a couple of questions and then I will get out of your hair. I have just a couple of quick ones first. On notice could you tell me: I read somewhere that, if Australia stopped emitting carbon dioxide completely, under the current modelling the climate would be cooler by 0.15 degrees. Can you confirm whether that is correct or not? Do you understand the question? Mr Comley: I do understand the question. We will take that on notice.	EC37	06/07/11	07/07/11
67	1.3	ASCD	Macdonald	Trinidad & Tobago Conference	Senator IAN MACDONALD: I understand that as we speak a conference is being hosted by this department in Trinidad and Tobago on climate change adaptation where 'experts will share experiences and lessons learned in climate change'. The report I am reading from is from Go-Jamaica, which I understand is a Jamaican radio station; that is my authority. It finishes with this paragraph: The Conference is being co-hosted by Australia and the South Pacific Regional Environment Program, and is being funded by the Australian Government, through the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and the	EC56	27/07/11	25/08/11

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					Australian Agency for International Development. I just want to know who from Australia is attending, at what cost of their attendance, what the cost is to the department and to AusAID or any other government agency of putting on this conference, and what the carbon footprint might be of attendance at this conference in Trinidad and Tobago. CHAIR: Thank you, Senator Macdonald. That has been taken on notice.			
68	1.3	ASCD	Macdonald	Climate Commission	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Can you on notice give me the cost of the forums that have been run to date, including the amounts paid to the presenters, travel costs for commission members who attend and the cost of the hall and a cup of tea afterwards or whatever they have? If possible, on notice can you give us an indication of their forward program—where these commission meetings are going to go? Ms Sidhu: Yes.	EC67	30/06/11	07/07/11
69	1.3	ASCD	Macdonald	Climate Commission	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Of those you mention, could you list for us—on notice, of course—the extent of grants that each one has received over—let us be reasonable—say the last three years for research grants into climate change. That includes both the board and the advisory panel. I venture to suggest that all of them—I do not know this, but I would guess—would have been the recipients of a huge number of grants from governments for research into climate change. Perhaps you could take that on notice.	EC70	25/07/11	25/08/11
70	1.4	CSMD	Abetz	International Emissions Trading Schemes and carbon taxes	Senator ABETZ: What I do want to know is how many nations—because we are trying to develop a global climate change solution—have declined to act on, rejected or deferred a carbon tax, carbon pricing or an ETS. Ms Hand: I am happy to take that on notice.	EC114	09/08/11	25/08/11
71	1.4	ID	Birmingham	UNFCCC/IPCC funding	Senator BIRMINGHAM: How much has Australia spent or will Australia spend this year under that line item? Ms Walsh: The line item itself in the budget is a \$3 million line item. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Is that figure continuing into 2011-12 and beyond? Ms Walsh: Yes, it does. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Please provide a breakdown of it for me. Is it all grant provision or money that is given out in grant funding? Ms Walsh: The actual line item in the budget is called Helping to shape the global climate change solution. Some of that money goes towards funding: for example, our contribution to the IPCC and some of it to the UNFCCC and others. I would be happy to give you a breakdown. Senator BIRMINGHAM: It would be appreciated if you could provide a breakdown and within that details of whether they are annual formula based	EC112	31/08/11 + 1 att't	22/09/11

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					contributions or whether Australia is the sole funding party and what the particular outcome of those grants are.			
72	1.4	ID	Birmingham	International climate finance	<p>a) How much has been spent so far on fast-start international climate funding, and what has it been spent on?</p> <p>b) There have been reports from overseas that countries have committed to direct 10 per cent of revenue from emissions trading schemes or carbon taxes to international climate finance.</p> <p>i) Did Australia make this commitment?</p> <p>ii) How much of the revenue from Australia's carbon tax would be directed towards international climate finance?</p>	Written	29/06/11 + 1 att't	07/07/11
73	1.4	ID	Troeth	Cancun delegation	<p>Senator TROETH: I understand that when the 38 member delegation went to Cancun in Mexico last year it was \$360,000 but that was for the total trip.</p> <p>Ms Hand: We would have to look at the detail of that. The difference in Cancun was that the food was rolled into the accommodation cost so it was a package deal. That cut the food allowances down quite significantly. The rest was airfares—</p>	EC116	25/07/11	25/08/11
74	Corp	CSD	Abetz	Staffing	<p>Mr Comley: In the department we did reduce the staff numbers a little with respect to carbon pricing, but a core was maintained within the department.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: How many? What is 'a little'?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I can take your question on notice, but my recollection is that we would have taken 10 or 15 staff out of—</p>	EC3	24/06/11	07/07/11
75	Corp	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate Change Foundation Campaign	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can you take me through those consultancies that have been undertaken as part of the foundation campaign to date?</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: I do not have all the details in front of me but I am happy to provide that on notice.</p>	EC63	14/10/11	10/11/11
76	Corp	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate Change Foundation Campaign	<p>Ms Sidhu: There is always a benchmark report that we start any of these processes on. But I am not sure how many reports we have done with respect to the information campaign dimension—whether there have been any others since then. I think there have been a couple of others since.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you could provide details on notice, that would also be welcome.</p>	EC63	09/09/11	22/09/11
77	Corp	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate Change Foundation Campaign	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: So it has been with the department for some time. Have particular proposals been put forward to the minister or to cabinet for advertising campaigns or other specific campaigns in relation to the foundation that have not gone ahead?</p> <p>Ms Sidhu: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	EC65	14/10/11	10/11/11
78	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	ACCRA Staffing	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: I know that you touched on this with Senator Abetz,</p>	EC8	27/06/11	07/07/11

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					but you will just have to remind me. There were estimates of what the regulator would have been under the CPRS. In fact, there was an active and aggressive recruitment campaign taking place for a period of time. What was the expected staffing requirement for the regulator? Mr Comley: I can take on notice the precise number. My recollection is that it was in the order of \$50 million or \$60 million a year. That is the order of the regulatory costs.			
79	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Contracts	For each of the following contracts listed on the AusTender website, please specify what the tender/contract was for, and what work and/or outcomes are expected as a result. With which programs or functions of the Department are these contracts assisting? a) CN389282 with Asa Karin Wahlquist b) CN383622 with Parker and Partners c) CN383650 with Parker and Partners	Written	09/09/11	22/09/11
80	Corp	ASCD	Birmingham	Climate Change Foundation Campaign	Please detail all expenditure to date under the Climate Change Foundation Campaign, including what the money has been spent on and to whom funds have been paid, including any third parties. Please provide a similar breakdown on budgeted future spending.	Written	14/10/11	10/11/11
81	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Funding	Has the Department provided any funding to any of the following organisations in the current financial year or in any of the previous three financial years? If so, please detail when it was provided and for what purpose. a) Australian Conservation Foundation b) Australian Council of Trade Unions c) Australian Youth Climate Coalition d) Climate Action Network Australia e) The Climate Institute f) Environment Victoria g) GetUp! h) Greenpeace Australia Pacific i) World Wildlife Fund Australia	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
82	Corp	ASCD	Birmingham	Communications and public affairs	How many staff are employed, and at what levels, in the Department's Communications and Public Affairs Branch? What is the Branch's total budget?	Written	09/09/11	22/09/11
83	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Conferences	What is the total expenditure on conferences both: a) in-house, that is, held within the department; and b) (external, held by the department on a month-by-month basis since July 2010? For conferences fully funded by the Department and costing in excess of \$30,000:	Written	29/06/11	07/07/11

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) where was the venue; ii) what was the reason for each conference; iii) how many participants registered; iv) were consultancy fees paid for the organisation of each conference; v) to whom were the consultancy fees paid; and what was the cost of each consultancy. 			
84	Corp	CSD	Birmingham	Conferences	<p>For conferences part-sponsored or part-funded by the Department and costing the Commonwealth in excess of \$30,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) what was the cost to the Department; b) what was the proportion of Commonwealth funding as against the total cost of the conference; c) what was the rationale for the sponsorship or part-funding; d) what was the venue; e) how many participants registered; f) did the Commonwealth contribute to any consultant organising the conference; if so, who was the consultant; and g) how much was the Commonwealth's contribution? 	Written	22/08/11	25/08/11
85	Corp	ASCD	Fisher	Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What communications programs has the department undertaken, or are planning to undertake FYTD? b) For each program, what is the total spend? 	Written	14/10/11	10/11/11
86	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many permanent staff have been recruited this FYTD? b) What classification are these staff? c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? d) This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	29/06/11	07/07/11
87	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? If so, where and at what classification? b) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. c) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc. 	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11
88	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Hospitality and entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. c) Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs. d) What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD? 	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					e) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.			
89	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Hospitality and entertainment - MO and PSO	a) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. c) Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs. d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend FYTD. e) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
90	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Board appointments	a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? b) Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
91	Corp	LSB	Fisher	Freedom of Information requests	Has the department received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	20/06/11	07/07/11
92	Corp	LSB	Fisher	Freedom of Information requests	a) How many FOI requests has the Department received? b) How many have been granted or denied? c) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
93	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Community Cabinet	a) What was the cost of the Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? b) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? c) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office?	Written	08/08/11	25/08/11
94	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Reviews	a) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by the department? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) What reviews have been concluded FYTD? d) What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY? e) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? f) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? g) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	08/08/11	25/08/11
95	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Consultancies	a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? b) Please 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).	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11

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					c) Please also include total value for all consultancies.			
96	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Consultancies	a) Does the department stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? b) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. c) Are up to date with reporting requirements?	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11
97	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Consultancies	a) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? b) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? c) In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
98	Corp	ASCD	Fisher	Media monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
99	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV	Does the department subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.	Written	29/06/11	07/07/11
100	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Newspapers	Does the department subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.	Written	29/06/11	07/07/11
101	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Magazines	Does the department subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written	29/06/11	07/07/11
102	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Social media	Has there been any changes to department 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 October 2010? If yes, please explain.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
103	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has the department ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	20/06/11	07/07/11
104	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has the department ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
105	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has the department ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	20/06/11	07/07/11

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106	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has the department ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details	Written	09/09/11	22/09/11
107	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has the department ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	20/06/11	07/07/11
108	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has the department ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	20/06/11	07/07/11
109	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has the department ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	20/06/11	07/07/11
110	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has the department ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
111	Corp	ASCD	Fisher	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has the department ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
112	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Discretionary grants	a) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. b) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	03/08/11 + 1 att't	25/08/11
113	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Commissioned reports	a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in the portfolio FYTD? b) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. c) How much did each report cost? d) How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? e) What is the current status of each report? f) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
114	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet meetings	a) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings? b) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or resubmitted? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
115	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Government	a) Has the department paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in	Written	16/08/11	25/08/11

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				Payments of Accounts	<p>accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)</p> <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>			
116	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Government stationery requirements	<p>a) What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)?</p> <p>b) What are the cost of these items?</p> <p>c) Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
117	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Travel costs	<p>a) For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include what sum was spent on travel, accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>b) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>c) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
118	Corp	LSB	Fisher	Legal costs	<p>a) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
119	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Education expenses	Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for the department. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
120	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Executive	In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11

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				Coaching and Leadership Training	services purchased by the department, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification d) The names of all service providers engaged			
121	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	For each service purchased from a provider, 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 e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) g) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department's own premises, please provide: i) The location used ii) The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part iv) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11
122	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	Where a service was provided at any location other than the department's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	07/07/11	25/08/11
123	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Paid parental leave	Is the department providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff in the department are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11
124	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Workpoint space	a) Please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person in the department. b) Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11

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					<p>I. If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What savings did the department achieve by meeting the Guidelines? 2. How much of these savings has the department kept? <p>II. If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What funding has been taken from the department because they do not meet the Guidelines? 2. Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain. 			
125	Corp	LD	Macdonald	Consultant Mr David Evans	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Thank you. Also, on notice please, can you confirm that a Mr David Evans did consult to the Australian Greenhouse Office from 1999 to 2005 full time and part time from 2008 to 2010?</p> <p>Mr Comley: I will take that on notice. That is a fair time before the establishment of the department.</p>	EC37	03/08/11	25/08/11
126	Corp	CSD	Ryan	Carbon Audits	<p>Has the government commissioned and/or completed an internal and/or carbon audit for any of the following government departments? And if so, what are the emissions profiles for total emissions and the breakdown of Scope One and Two emissions for each for the most recent audit?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency b) The Department of Treasury c) The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet 	Written	16/08/11	25/08/11
127	LCAL	LCAL	Birmingham	Conferences	<p>What is the total expenditure on conferences both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) in-house, that is, held within the LCAL; and b) external, held by the LCAL on a month-by-month basis since July 2010? <p>For conferences fully funded by LCAL and costing in excess of \$30,000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) where was the venue; ii) what was the reason for each conference; iii) how many participants registered; iv) were consultancy fees paid for the organisation of each conference; v) to whom were the consultancy fees paid; and vi) what was the cost of each consultancy. <p>For conferences part-sponsored or part-funded by LCAL and costing the Commonwealth in excess of \$30,000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) what was the cost to LCAL; 2) what was the proportion of Commonwealth funding as against the total cost of the conference; 	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					3) what was the rationale for the sponsorship or part-funding; 4) what was the venue; 5) how many participants registered; 6) did the Commonwealth contribute to any consultant organising the conference; if so, who was the consultant; and 7) how much was the Commonwealth's contribution?			
128	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Freedom of Information requests	Has the LCAL received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
129	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Reviews	a) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by the LCAL? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) What reviews have been concluded FYTD? d) What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY? e) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? f) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? g) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
130	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Consultancies	a) Does the LCAL stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? b) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. c) Are up to date with reporting requirements?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
131	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV	Does the LCAL subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
132	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Newspapers	Does the LCAL subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
133	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Magazines	Does the LCAL subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
134	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Social media	Has there been any changes to LCAL 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 October 2010? If yes, please explain.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
135	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has the LCAL ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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136	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has the LCAL ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
137	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has the LCAL ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
138	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has the LCAL ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
139	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has the LCAL ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
140	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has LCAL ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
141	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has the LCAL ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
142	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has LCAL ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
143	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has LCAL ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
144	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>a) Has the LCAL paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)</p> <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	03/08/11	25/08/11
145	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Legal costs	<p>a) What sum did the LCAL spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b) What sum did the LCAL spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c) What sum did the LCAL spend on legal services FYTD from private firms?</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					Please provide a list of each service and costs. d) What sum did the LCAL spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			
146	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by the LCAL, please provide the following information FYTD: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification d) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased from a provider, please provide: i) The name and nature of the service purchased ii) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification iv) The total number of hours involved for all employees v) The total amount spent on the service vi) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the LCAL's premises, please provide: 1) The location used 2) The number of employees who took part on each occasion 3) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part 4) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
147	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Paid parental leave	Is the LCAL providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
148	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Workpoint space	a) For the LCAL please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person. b) Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain. I. If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were. 1. What savings did the LCAL achieve by meeting the Guidelines? 2. How much of these savings has the LCAL kept?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					<p>II. If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.</p> <p>1. What funding has been taken from the LCAL because they do not meet the Guidelines?</p> <p>2. Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.</p>			
149	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Staffing	<p>a) How many permanent staff have been recruited this FYTD?</p> <p>b) What classification are these staff?</p> <p>c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?</p> <p>d) This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
150	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts	<p>a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? If so, where and at what classification?</p> <p>b) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.</p> <p>c) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
151	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the LCAL's hospitality spend FYTD?</p> <p>b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>c) Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.</p> <p>d) What is the LCAL's entertainment spend FYTD?</p> <p>e) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p>	Written	04/08/11	25/08/11
152	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Education expenses	Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for the LCAL. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
153	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Advertising	<p>a) What communications programs has LCAL undertaken, or is planning to undertake FYTD?</p> <p>b) For each program, what is the total spend?</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
154	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Small-scale technology certificates	<p>Mr Livingston: There are some firms that have bought them at below market and lodged them in the clearing house.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: And there is nothing that prevents firms from doing that?</p> <p>Mr Livingston: No.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Do have an idea of to what extent this has occurred?</p> <p>Mr Livingston: We know it has occurred—</p> <p>Mr Rathore: We can only give you a rough estimate. About 10 to 12 companies are trying to resell. But we are happy to take that on notice and give you some</p>	EC73-74	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					<p>exact numbers.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: You are aware of 10 to 12 companies. Do you have an estimate as to how many certificates they are currently trading in?</p> <p>Mr Rathore: We do not have those numbers in front of us. We are happy to take it on notice.</p>			
155	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Conferences	<p>What is the total expenditure on conferences both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> in-house, that is, held within ORER; and external, held by ORER on a month-by-month basis since July 2010? <p>For conferences fully funded by ORER and costing in excess of \$30,000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> where was the venue; what was the reason for each conference; how many participants registered; were consultancy fees paid for the organisation of each conference; to whom were the consultancy fees paid; and what was the cost of each consultancy. <p>For conferences part-sponsored or part-funded by ORER and costing the Commonwealth in excess of \$30,000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> what was the cost to ORER; what was the proportion of Commonwealth funding as against the total cost of the conference; what was the rationale for the sponsorship or part-funding; (d) what was the venue; how many participants registered; did the Commonwealth contribute to any consultant organising the conference; if so, who was the consultant; and how much was the Commonwealth's contribution? 	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
156	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Fees and charges	<p>What fees or charges does the ORER collect? By each fee or charge, please detail who pays it and how these fees or charges have changed or might change between 2010-11 and 2011-12?</p>	Written	23/07/11	25/08/11
157	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Compliance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) expressed both as a number and a percentage, and to what total value expressed both as a dollar amount and a percentage, have been invalidated in financial year 2010/11 to date? On what grounds were they invalidated? How many companies have been involved and what action has been taken against them? 	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) What regulatory or inspection measures have been taken by the ORER regarding invalid RECs? e) What data does the ORER have on any compliance problems it has uncovered or identified? What steps are being taken to ensure greater compliance? f) Has any rectification work been required to be undertaken? 			
158	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have there been inspections of solar installations to check that installations are safe, and have been installed properly so as to maximise the efficiency of the solar panels in generating electricity? If so, what have been the findings? b) The budget refers to an inspection scheme for solar panels (Budget paper 2, page 124). Has this started? c) The solar inspection scheme will be partially funded by a new increase in the fee for people who install solar panels (see Budget paper 2, page 124). The fee will increase more than five-fold, "from 8 cents to 47 cents". Is this per REC? Per watt? d) What would the fee be under the current 8 cent fee, for a 2kW solar system? And what would the fee be under the new 47 cent fee, for a 2kW system? e) Who will conduct these safety inspections? Has anyone been contracted to do this? What percentage of new installations will be inspected? 	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
159	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	STC Clearing House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When will the STC Clearing House start working? b) When will installers and retailers be able to get a price of \$40 per small-scale technology certificate (STC)? c) Who will provide the \$40 price per STC, via the Clearing House, when the spot market is as low as around \$25? d) How often is the Clearing House actually cleared? e) Is the ORER aware of the reported practice of energy retailers buying STCs on the spot market for around \$25 and parking them in the STC Clearing House, in the expectation they will sell them on for around \$40 when the Clearing House is cleared in perhaps 12-18 months time? Is such practice allowed? f) Is such profiteering acceptable to the Government? 	Written	08/08/11	25/08/11
160	ORER	ORER	Birmingham	Effective rebate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What would the RET-or SRES-funded rebate to householders be for a 2kW solar array under a Solar Credits multiplier of 5 with an STC spot price of \$26, if the retailer uses the spot market and not the clearing house? b) What would the RET- or SRES-funded rebates be in those circumstances with Solar Credits multipliers of 4 and 3 respectively? 	Written	29/06/11	07/07/11
161	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Freedom of	Has ORER received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11

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				Information requests				
162	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Reviews	a) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by ORER? b) When will each of these reviews be concluded? c) What reviews have been concluded FYTD? d) What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY? e) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? f) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? g) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
163	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Consultancies	a) Does ORER stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? b) Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. c) Are up to date with reporting requirements?	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11
164	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV	Does ORER subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11
165	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Newspapers	Does ORER subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
166	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Media Subscriptions – Magazines	Does ORER subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
167	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Social media	Has there been any changes to ORER 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 October 2010? If yes, please explain.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
168	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has ORER ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
169	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has ORER ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
170	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has ORER ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
171	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors –	Has ORER ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11

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173	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has ORER ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
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175	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has ORER ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
176	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has ORER ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
177	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>a) Has ORER paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)</p> <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	29/06/11	07/07/11
178	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Legal costs	<p>a) What sum did ORER spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b) What sum did ORER spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c) What sum did ORER spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d) What sum did ORER spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
179	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by the ORER, please provide the following information FYTD:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p>	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11

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					b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification d) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased from a provider, please provide: i) The name and nature of the service purchased ii) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based iii) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification iv) The total number of hours involved for all employees v) The total amount spent on the service A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the ORER's own premises, please provide: 1) The location used 2) The number of employees who took part on each occasion 3) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part 4) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
180	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Paid parental leave	Is ORER providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11
181	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Workpoint space	a) For the ORER please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person. b) Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain. I. If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were. 1. What savings did the ORER achieve by meeting the Guidelines? 2. How much of these savings has the ORER kept? II. If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister. 1. What funding has been taken from the ORER because they do not meet the Guidelines? 2. Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
182	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Staffing	a) How many permanent staff have been recruited this FYTD? b) What classification are these staff?	Written	27/06/11	07/07/11

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					c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? d) This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			
183	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts	a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? If so, where and at what classification? b) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. c) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
184	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Hospitality and entertainment	a) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. c) Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs. d) What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD? e) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	29/06/11	07/07/11
185	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Education expenses	Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for ORER. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
186	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Advertising	a) What communications programs has the department or any agency within the portfolio undertaken, or are planning to undertake FYTD? b) For each program, what is the total spend?	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
187	ORER	ORER	Fisher	Media monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the ORER FYTD? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
188	Corp	CSD	Fisher	Media monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department FYTD? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	24/06/11	07/07/11
189	LCAL	LCAL	Fisher	Media monitoring	a) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to LCAL FYTD? b) Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	03/08/11	25/08/11
190	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Fuel offsets	Mr Comley: Before I answer that question, just in case there is any risk of misinterpretation of what I am saying: you have asked a range of questions about what was the CPRS breakdown, and I think it is perfectly appropriate to talk about what that was. Questions that go to how a government may choose to meet the 50 per cent commitment is the question of policy that is currently under	EC18	22/09/11	13/10/11

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					consideration, which is not something that I would be speculating on. In terms of the breakdown in that table which was the fuel offset for the CPRS, I can take on notice any information we have on the more precise number; but roughly two-thirds of fuel offsets is something that benefits households. You get that number by looking at the fuel use by household and business type.			
191	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	HIP – Fire injuries	<p>Senator FISHER: Okay. Can you provide the committee on notice confirmation of injuries arising from fire incidents, using your language, that have happened under the home insulation program?</p> <p>Mr Bowles: We can provide you with what we know. We cannot provide you with a definitive list. Some people might have some minor injuries that we have no knowledge of. But, as I said, there is a small number of ones that have come to our attention that we have dealt with. That is about all we would be able to provide you, Senator.</p>	EC83	03/08/11	25/08/11
192	1.2	ESPD	Fisher	HISP Contracts	<p>Mr Bowles: Again, if the average is \$1,000, if you pick one case out, you might find that to be the case. But I really could not speculate. We have a contract with PricewaterhouseCoopers, who subsequently contracted UGL and PwC. But if over the entire contract we are actually seeing an average price of about \$1,000—I think it is actually a bit less than that—I would find it hard to believe that someone could be getting \$1,600, I think you said, in one particular case.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: That is the allegation.</p> <p>Senator Wong: It will be responded to, Senator.</p>	EC97	25/07/11	25/08/11
193	1.1	LD	Brown	Forest burns	Referring to the answer to question 118 from the February estimates climate change session, what is the total greenhouse gas emissions from all forestry activities in Tasmania and what is the total from all forest "regeneration" burns in Tasmania per annum?	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11
194	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Carbon tax modelling	Can the Government provide figures on the extent of trade exposed industry that is not energy intensive and that will therefore suffer under arrangements that potentially over-compensate households?	Written	23/09/11	13/10/11
195	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Carbon tax modelling	How will the Government ensure equity between emissions-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industry that use the revenue methodology and value add and what studies has Government done to ensure those industries are not disadvantaged by the proxy method adopted?	Written	22/09/11	13/10/11
196	1.2	REED	Heffernan	Wind farms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you please confirm the Department's total budgeted expenditure for the construction of Industrial scale Wind Turbine developments? Please confirm the Department's total budgeted allowance for corporate subsidies relating to the generation of Wind Energy? 	Written	25/07/11	25/08/11