

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – MAY 2012

BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY PORTFOLIO

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1	SBS	Ludlam	Base Government Funding	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Can you talk us through—and take this on notice if you like—your base government funding for each year, 2011-12 and across the forward estimates, as a proportion of the total funding so that we can get a sense of effectively what your fixed transmission and distribution costs are. Is that easy enough to break down?</p> <p>Mr Ebeid: Yes, that is easy enough.</p> <p>Mr Torpy: I think for the out years we would need to calculate that for you but the base for 2011-12 is \$137 million.</p>	Pg 100 (23/05/12)	15/08/12	23/08/12
2	SBS	Ludlam	Revenue from sources	<p>Senator LUDLAM: What is the basis of your estimates that those revenues are going to stay flat rather than falling?</p> <p>Mr Ebeid: To be honest, it is all based around our audience figures as well, particularly the younger demographic that a lot of the advertising is driven by. That is always a forecast number. It is the highest risk one, which is why we ran into trouble this year and last year. What gives us confidence in that? To be honest, I worry about that because it is a forecast. We cannot be sure.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I know that these budget papers force you to try to predict the future. You just have to do the best with what you have.</p> <p>Mr Torpy: I think we had some advice, too, from Deloitte giving us a forward projection that was flat last time we had them in looking at our revenue.</p> <p>Mr Ebeid: We take into consideration a whole lot of things. The industry forecast as a whole, what that is doing, what our audience numbers are doing—and there are a few other factors as well.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Could you take on notice to disaggregate those figures for us for the out years and come back to us with those.</p> <p>Mr Ebeid: Sure.</p>	Pg 101 (23/05/12)	15/08/12	23/08/12
3	SBS	Abetz	Television in Tasmania	Please outline the current status of television transmission to Binalong Bay, Tasmania.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
4	SBS	Abetz	Television in Tasmania	What criteria are used to determine the viability of a transmission service in small communities?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
5	SBS	Abetz	Television in Tasmania	Please list the identified transmission blackspots in regional Tasmania.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
6	SBS	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail how many hours of first release Australian content have been shown over the past year. How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
7	SBS	Birmingham	Australian	Please detail how many hours of news and current affairs have been shown over the past year.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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			Content	How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?			
8	SBS	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail how many hours of sport have been shown over the past year. How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
9	SBS	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail how many hours of foreign language content have been shown over the past year. How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
10	SBS	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail how many hours of indigenous oriented content have been shown over the last year? How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
11	SBS	Birmingham	Program Rights	What programs has SBS lost broadcast rights to over the last year?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
12	SBS	Birmingham	Program Rights	How does SBS budget for purchasing broadcasting rights to foreign produced content? Has this budget changed over the past 3 years? How?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
13	SBS	Fisher	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? b. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? c. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
14	SBS	Fisher	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
15	SBS	Fisher	Staffing	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details costs and what the training is.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
16	SBS	Fisher	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
17	SBS	Fisher	Government Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? b. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. e. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. f. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. g. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
18	SBS	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? 	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12

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				<p>Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>c. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>d. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>e. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>			
19	SBS	Fisher	Freedom of Information	<p>a. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>b. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>c. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p> <p>d. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
20	SBS	Fisher	Consultancies	<p>a. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
21	SBS	Fisher	Media Monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13?</p>	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12
22	SBS	Fisher	Social Media	<p>Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.</p>	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12
23	SBS	Fisher	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12

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				<p>2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
24	SBS	Fisher	Government Payment of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12
25	SBS	Fisher	Government Stationary Requirements	<p>What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p>	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12

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26	SBS	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12
27	SBS	Fisher	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
28	SBS	Fisher	Legal Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
29	SBS	Fisher	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost,</p>	Written	15/08/12 + 1 att't	23/08/12

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				cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.			
30	SBS	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The location used II. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) III. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) IV. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
31	SBS	Fisher	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased 	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			
32	SBS	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
33	SBS	Fisher	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? b. Where is the car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12
34	SBS	Fisher	Taxi Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written	23/07/12	23/08/12
35	SBS	Fisher	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
36	SBS	Fisher	Printing of	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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			Documents	yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost			
37	SBS	Fisher	Provision of Equipment	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
38	SBS	Fisher	Electricity Purchasing	a. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. b. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? c. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
39	SBS	Fisher	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. d. How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information: a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. d. How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
40	SBS	Fisher	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
41	ABC	Bilyk	<i>The Straits</i>	Senator BILYK: The story claims that the producers flew the dog owners to Cairns for a two-week all-expenses-paid stay at a five-star hotel and provided a chauffeur driven vehicle to transport Coco, the dog, from Brisbane to the Gold Coast. It also says that, the dog having finished her film commitments, the owner and her husband had to fly from Cairns to the Gold	Pg 103 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>Coast in order to appear at the Byron Bay Writers Festival. The only problem was that Qantas, the only airline that transports pets, did not fly into the Gold Coast from Cairns. So the TV producers came to Coco's rescue again, organising for tickets to fly them into Brisbane. There they were collected by a chauffeur, who installed Coco in the front seat of the stretch limousine. A plastic bowl of water was placed on the floor in front of her and the classical music on the radio was turned down. For the three-hour drive to Byron, the woman and her husband were relegated to the back seat. The issue is not that the woman and her husband were relegated to the back seat. My concern is that we have funding cuts going on. We have people losing jobs in production in Tasmania. I understand that this was a co-produced production but I am interested in knowing how much this might have cost?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I recall the story but it was published some months ago now and I do not have the details.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: It was 21 January.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes. It was 4-plus months ago now. I do not have the precise detail at hand. I think this was viewed as a humorous bit of writing and I think questions were raised as to what was presented. But I am happy to provide you with details of that on notice. I have nothing further to add to that story.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Can you provide on notice answers to how much it cost, what level of verification of budgets for the production of <i>The Straits</i> was undertaken by the ABC prior to the decision to commission the program, and whether the ABC is surprised that there would appear to be such a level of padding in the program's budget as to allow Matchbox Productions to appear to have been so profligate in its spending?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I can speak broadly to that, Senator. This is a co-production, but the ABC does sign off on budgets. There is a significant examination of that. Often these independent productions are independently audited at the end of their production. The books are audited. Then often our group audit function does a review. That is a standard format. So we are happy to give you details of that.</p>			
42	ABC	Bilyk	<i>Auction Room</i>	<p>Senator BILYK: Do you know how many shows might be in that second series?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I do not have that detail in front of me. I suspect it would be similar to the number of shows in the first.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Could you take that on notice and find out for me?</p> <p>Mr Scott: Certainly....</p>	Pg 104 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
43	ABC	Bilyk	News clip	<p>Senator BILYK: This is an ABC news clip that I have. I am not sure it was that private.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Which series was that? Is that <i>Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed</i>?</p> <p>Senator BILYK: It just says 'talking about a new historical factual program in Tasmania'. Is there any movement or anything on that?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I am not sure. I would have to check on that. That was one we were looking to that we would be making in co-production and would be doing some filming there. I would have to find out details on that.</p>	Pg 105 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>Senator BILYK: When did <i>Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed</i> start? That was last year, wasn't it?</p> <p>Mr Scott: At the end of last year, I think, yes. Let me find out some more.</p>			
44	ABC	Bilyk	Internal programming	<p>Senator BILYK: What percentage of the total production budget will be available for the production of the 75 per cent? What proportion is earmarked for the external component?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I do not have that figure in front of me, but it is fair to say that it is not 75 per cent. I will explain why. As you will have seen in the figures that we released in the answers on notice, say about <i>The Slap—The Slap</i> cost more than \$1 million an hour to make. The ABC was contributing around half of that. That is a great example of the leverage that comes with drama—contributions made by Screen Victoria, the state production bodies, Matchbox and others. But the genres that we are mainly involved in working in coproduction around are our most expensive genres. That is drama, documentary and key aspects of our children's slate on ABC3. So the percentage that we are spending on internal production does not represent 75 per cent, because an hour of television is not equal to an hour of television as far as cost is concerned because of the different genres.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Are you able to take that on notice and give some information to us?</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes.</p> <p>Senator BILYK: How much has the ABC earmarked for internal production in regional centres over each of the three years—2011, 2012 and 2013?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I can put that on notice and come back to you on that...</p>	Pg 105-106 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
45	ABC	Singh	Women's sport on the ABC	<p>Senator SINGH: But you are still open to looking at women's sport in Tasmania, for example? You talked last time about women's basketball, women's soccer, women's cricket and women's netball. These are areas that are not picked up by the commercials and areas that you have mentioned should be a focus for the ABC. We have all of those in Tasmania, so would you be looking now to fill that void of ABC coverage of the TFL with women's sport in Tasmania?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I do not have any further details than I have told you at the moment. I am happy to take that on notice. We currently have a series of contracts in place with the major women's sporting codes around the country. We are currently fulfilling those contractual obligations.</p>	Pg 112 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
46	ABC	Abetz	Coal seam gas	<p>Mr Scott: There are thousands of data points that we investigated and all the documents that we could find are on the record. As you know, the APPEA thought that there were the best part of 40 errors. We reviewed that material—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I am only talking about the seven—</p> <p>Mr Scott: About the ones that were upheld. We did that, Senator. I am not aware what the link was back to the documentation that was used as a source, but I can check that on notice for you.</p>	Pg 118 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
47	ABC	Fisher	Coal seam gas	<p>Senator FISHER: Mr Scott, does the ABC agree with Stuart Littlemore that you overstated the number of approved wells at 40,000?</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes, I think there was a distinction between approved wells and identified sites and that was an area that we corrected.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: When it was printed wrongly, did you get that wrong figure approved by or</p>	Pg 119 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>checked with the officers from the various state departments that you indicate to Senator Abetz that you check things with and one or more of your independent experts?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I will have to check on the precise process and the background to that one.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Did someone tick off on the mistake or did you just run with it anyway is what I am asking.</p> <p>Mr Scott: No, the 40,000 figure was a government estimate based on information that had been supplied by the industry. But it was not a statement around 40,000 coal seam gas wells that had been approved. The precise breakdown of how that happened I would have to take on notice. I would not be able to answer that tonight. But that was an issue that we reviewed and acknowledged and corrected on the record.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: You also agreed, didn't you, that your estimate of water consumption for coal seam gas production was perhaps up to four times more than the real figure?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I do not have that material here, Senator; I would have to take that—</p> <p>Senator FISHER: But you agree that was a mistake?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I think that was another error that we corrected.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Did you consult each of the state departments named and one or more of the independent experts about that claim before publication?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I will have to check that. We were using and interpreting official material that was on the record. But we can try and get more precise detail on it.</p>			
48	ABC	Fisher	Data journalism awards	<p>Senator FISHER: Has the ABC nominated itself for the data journalism awards that are run by the London based Global Editors Network?</p> <p>Mr Scott: There was an enormous amount of detail on the record about this, Senator—</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Have you?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I do not have the precise detail on that.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Have you nominated yourself?</p> <p>CHAIR: Order!</p> <p>Mr Scott: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: So you do not know?</p> <p>Mr Scott: Senator, there are hundreds of awards out there—I do not have the detail.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Fisher, Mr Scott said he would take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Scott: I will take it on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FISHER: Thank you. And, if so, who nominated you?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I will take that on notice.</p>	Pg 120 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
49	ABC	Abetz	Queensland building opening	<p>Senator ABETZ: I am sorry—that was not the question. I asked why wasn't a Christian ceremony thought of given that the vast majority of Australians identify as Christians and what is more even a greater percentage of Australian Aboriginals identify as Christian.</p> <p>Mr Scott: I am not sure what the origin of the ceremony was. It was a brief ceremony. Our staff, who had been through a lot, valued it. It was a symbolic event with a local Indigenous leader. Nobody who was there—</p>	Pg 120-121 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>Senator Conroy: I am sure if there are any more details Mr Scott could take that on notice and come back to you, Senator Abetz...</p> <p>... Senator ABETZ: Was any money paid for this? Can you take that on notice...</p>			
50	ABC	Abetz	Cheque paid to William Moss	<p>Senator ABETZ: All right. In relation to Ms Corby's case—and this is one of the random emails that one gets—</p> <p>Mr Scott: I have had some random emails.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: there is a cheque allegedly paid by the ABC to one William Moss. Are you able to—</p> <p>Mr Scott: That I am not aware of.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: It says, I assume, \$1,000. I do not even know whether it is a genuine article. Can you take that on notice. It is dated 12 April 2012.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Certainly. We do not draw many cheques like that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But was a deed of release entered into with one Mr Moss?</p> <p>Mr Scott: Sorry, I will have to take this on notice. There is a legal issue, so let me come back and look at that. It is a different matter.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: As I understand it, the settlement was for 'legal, court and administrative expenses' but I understand that Mr Moss was self-represented, so one wonders where the costs were that amounted to potentially \$1,000 or more.</p> <p>Mr Scott: There was a legal issue. Let me—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right, take that on notice...</p>	Pg 123-124 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
51	ABC	Abetz	Bitcoin incident	<p>Senator ABETZ: ... Can I quickly turn to the Bitcoin incident. Given that the intent was to use the computing power of visitors to an ABC website for personal gain, can you please advise if there were any public notifications on any ABC website about the potential impact of this code on visitors?</p> <p>Mr Scott: We did discuss this, I think, with you and your office last year. This was detected within minutes, I understand, of it being put there. It was not correctly installed and at no time was there any ever any risk to any of the people who came through to our site.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So did you display any news coverage about this incident?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I am not sure. There was a blogging reference to it and something else. I am not sure whether we did news coverage.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Can you take that on notice, please.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes, I will.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And let me know where it might be found on your website.</p>	Pg 124 (23/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
52	ABC	Abetz	Bitcoin incident	<p>a. Can you please provide a copy of the offending code (HTML/Javascript etc.) that would have been downloaded by visitors to the Grandstand website?</p> <p>b. How many pages on the Grandstand site were affected by the code injection?</p> <p>c. How many times were these pages accessed by unique machines while the code was publicly accessible?</p> <p>d. Was any external advice sought or any external investigation undertaken relating to the</p>	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				potential impact of this code on end users? e. What coverage or public notifications did the ABC publish about this incident and where can this be found on the ABC website?			
53	ABC	Abetz	ABC 774 Media Release	Reference is made to the media release issued by the ABC on 11 May 2012 (dated 11 August). Please provide all examples where the ABC issued a media release highlighting Labor Party powerbrokers breaking silence about former friends and political allies.	Written	10/09/12	20/09/12
54	ABC	Abetz	Marriage Feature	Reference is made to Question number 62 from the Additional Estimates. Please provide the result of inquiries made of the other States about the coverage in evening bulletins of demonstrations in favour of, and against, the definition of marriage.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
55	ABC	Bilyk	ABC Television Production Strategy	In the ABC Television Production Strategy, circulated in December 2011, it was stated that ABC TV would implement a new process for receiving and assessing projects put forward by ABC staff and that guidelines would be placed on the intranet. a. Has this occurred yet? if not can you please advise when this will be completed and made available to staff? b. Is it correct that there was to be a six week response on submissions and has this goal been met consistently? c. Can you please list how many times this goal was not reached and the total number of submissions received ?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
56	ABC	Bilyk	Staff production ideas	To date there appears to be no formal process for the assessment of staff production ideas. a. How has feedback been given to those production ideas put up by staff members (especially in relation to Tasmanian production staff)? b. What sort of ideas are you looking for considering none of the ideas from production staff in Tasmania have been deemed appropriate? c. When internal submission/pitches are considered how does the ABC approach the issue of lack of access to Producer offsets?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
57	ABC	Bilyk	Regional production	The December 2011 statement stated that the ABC is committed to regional production and that it had invested \$88M in regional productions. a. How much has the ABC earmarked for internal production in regional centres over each of the three years of the 2011, 2012, 2013 Production Strategy?. b. How many jobs were lost to data as a result of the decision to cut ABC programming in 2011? c. How many staff by classification and state were made redundant in 200-2011 and in the YTD FY? d. What is the anticipated number of redundancies for 2011-2012 by classification and state? e. What is the total cost of redundancy payments in 2010-2011 and YTD FY? f. What is the anticipated cost of redundancies for 2011-2012?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
58	ABC	Bilyk	Programming	What are the number of hours and costs of total programs commissioned for 2012 by genre, and by branch (excluding RAGE) shown by (i) hours and (ii) cost?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
59	ABC	Bilyk	Programming	What are the number of hours and costs of external (including co-produced) programs	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				commissioned for 2012 by genre, and by branch (excluding RAGE) shown by (i) hours and (ii) cost?			
60	ABC	Birmingham	Local sport	a. Is production of local sport done in house? b. Are there cheaper ways than the average \$1.6 million cost per competition per year? c. How have costs varied this year compared to previous years?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
61	ABC	Birmingham	Foreign Correspondents	Has there been any variation to the number of foreign correspondents the ABC employs (18)? Is there expected to be?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
62	ABC	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail, for each of ABC 1, ABC 2 and ABC 3, how many hours of first release Australian content have been shown over the past year. How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
63	ABC	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail, for each of ABC 1, ABC 2 and ABC 3, how many hours of news and current affairs have been shown over the past year. How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
64	ABC	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail, for each of ABC 1, ABC 2 and ABC 3, how many hours of sport have been shown over the past year. How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
65	ABC	Birmingham	Australian Content	Please detail, for each of ABC 1, ABC 2 and ABC 3, how many hours of foreign produced content have been shown over the past year. How does this compare with each of the last 4 years?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
66	ABC	Birmingham	Australian Content	Based on the approach outlined in Broadcasting Services Australian Content Standard, what is the drama score for all first release drama programs broadcast by the ABC overall in 2011? What is the score for all first release drama programs broadcast in prime time in 2011? How does this compare to the previous 3 years?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
67	ABC	Birmingham	Program Rights	What programs has the ABC lost broadcast rights to over the last year?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
68	ABC	Birmingham	Program Rights	How does the ABC budget for purchasing broadcasting rights to foreign produced content? Has this budget changed over the past 3 years? How?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
69	ABC	Cameron	Newsgathering project	In relation to the Newsgathering Project Update to staff from Director ABC News on 17 May 2012: (i) How will the restructure will be implemented and what it does it mean in practice including for example how and where staff allocations will be changed; the level and experience of staffing?; (ii) Can you provide assurances that there will be no loss of quality of news on any platform, no loss of experienced staff, diversity and localism?.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
70	ABC	Cameron	Editorial control	In relation to editorial control in outsourced program production, it has been reported that a defamation matter in relation to Paper Giants has been settled out of court. (i) Who pays for the cost of defending such actions and settlements – the private production company or the ABC itself? (ii) Is the ABC's editorial control and contractual arrangements sufficiently robust to protect the ABC's and hence the public interest?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
71	ABC	Cameron	<i>I can change your</i>	The ' <i>I can change your mind....about climate</i> ' program on ABC TV was promoted as a	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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			<i>mind...about climate</i>	documentary. Given the widely accepted science on global warming should it have been promoted as an entertainment program?			
72	ABC	Cameron	Infotainment	Is the ABC promoting the outsourced 'infotainment' programs more than the serious programs traditionally produced in-house? If so, why?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
73	ABC	Fifield	Real Time Audio Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) On what date will the trial commence? 2) What specific programming on ABC1 will be included in the trial? 3) Will the trial also be available where services are delivered via third parties such as Foxtel, TransACT, AUSTAR and VAST? 4) Who will be providing real time audio description services? Where will they be located? 5) Will there be a feedback option during the trial? 6) Through what mechanism can feedback be provided? 7) When will the ABC provide a report on feedback received during the trial? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
74	ABC	Fisher	Coal Seam Gas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who nominated the ABC 'Coal Seam Gas by the numbers' project for the 'Data-driven investigation, national/international award' at the London-based Global Editors Network Data Journalism Awards? b. When was the nomination submitted? c. At the time of nomination, had ABC covered, by way of data journalism, only coal seam gas or other issues as well? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If yes, please describe them. d. Was there either a nomination fee or resource cost in arranging and submitting the nomination together? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If yes, what was the total cost of the nomination? e. Did anyone from the ABC attend, or was the ABC represented at the awards ceremony in Paris on 30 May? f. If yes, what was the cost of sending or having a representative? g. Did the ABC get recognised in any way at the awards ceremony, or in the awards in general, and if so, how? What was the formal feedback about the ABC's entry? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
75	ABC	Fisher	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? e. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? f. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
76	ABC	Fisher	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
77	ABC	Fisher	Staffing	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details costs and what the training is.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
78	ABC	Fisher	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
79	ABC	Fisher	Government	a. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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			Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. e. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. f. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. g. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 			
80	ABC	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. c. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. d. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. e. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
81	ABC	Fisher	Freedom of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? c. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? d. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
82	ABC	Fisher	Consultancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
83	ABC	Fisher	Media Monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? c. Which agency or agencies provided these services? d. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
84	ABC	Fisher	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
85	ABC	Fisher	Contractors	For this financial year to date: 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).			
86	ABC	Fisher	Government Payment of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
87	ABC	Fisher	Government Stationary Requirements	What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
88	ABC	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
89	ABC	Fisher	Travel Costs	For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				the total costs of the lounge memberships. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.			
90	ABC	Fisher	Legal Costs	<p>a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
91	ABC	Fisher	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
92	ABC	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own</p>	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The location used II. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) III. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) IV. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			
93	ABC	Fisher	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
94	ABC	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
95	ABC	Fisher	Corporate Cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Where is the car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 			
96	ABC	Fisher	Taxi Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
97	ABC	Fisher	Credit Cards	<p>Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
98	ABC	Fisher	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
99	ABC	Fisher	Provision of Equipment	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
100	ABC	Fisher	Electricity Purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. b. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? c. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
101	ABC	Fisher	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. d. How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 			
102	ABC	Fisher	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
103	ABC	McKenzie	Regional content	<p>In 2011, the Senate Environment and Communications committee recommended following a review of ABC content and production that “the ABC publish annual targets of regional content on ABC television against which it reports”.</p> <p>How does the ABC evaluate its engagement across all media platforms (ie television, radio and internet) in regional areas? Please provide a breakdown of any figures.</p> <p>Is local content part of that evaluation process? If so, how?</p> <p>When will there be a response to this recommendation?</p>	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
104	ACMA	Birmingham	Investigations on media platforms	<p>Ms McNeill: Those are the numbers of investigations currently open, but in the period up to 30 April from 1 July last year we have finalised 105 investigations.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: How does that mix sit across the media platforms?</p> <p>Ms McNeill: Predominantly they are commercial television, commercial radio and some national broadcaster investigations. I do not have the breakdown at the moment, but I am happy to give you that information on notice.</p>	Pg 128 (23/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
105	ACMA	McKenzie	Outreach Program	<p>Ms Wright: With our outreach program, initially when we offered the training to teachers with the day-long workshop it would have four modules in it. Now, because there are different levels of learning in schools and differing levels of sophistication, we are redesigning that package to have a core module and then multiple modules, of which a school can nominate three that they would like on the day to meet their particular needs. So we are building more modules and providing more choice as the needs become more sophisticated in the schools, and indeed the issues facing young people.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Absolutely. And that is part of 5.3?</p> <p>Ms Wright: That is right.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Sorry—is that to go into primary schools as well secondary?</p> <p>Ms Wright: It is open to all teachers.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Thank you. Continue with the list.</p> <p>Ms Wright: We have allocated this financial year \$2.4 million for what we call the outreach</p>	Pg 132 (23/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12

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				program to schools. The remaining \$2.9 million is spread across the development and maintenance of other Cybersmart activities and resources. You may be aware that since January 2009 the ACMA has launched 19 major program initiatives in this area. I suspect we do not have time to take you through them all, but I would like to. Senator McKENZIE: Maybe on notice.			
106	ACMA	Birmingham	Self-help licence holders	Senator BIRMINGHAM: How many applications have been received from self-help licence holders seeking to upgrade their facilities since the ACMA guidelines were released on 24 April? Mr Chapman: I am glad you asked that question, because Mr Tanner can get paid for the night. Senator Conroy: We have a very strict rule: if you do not on, no payment! Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can he get some notes from Mr Bean and Ms Cahill just to help them out as well? Senator Conroy: Mr Bean and Ms Cahill are in trouble now! Mr Chapman: He will take that on notice! Senator BIRMINGHAM: Mr Tanner featured in a very amusing tweet by somebody that I saw the other day that suggested he was part of estimates folklore in terms of questions from Senator Macdonald about broadcasts into Townsville. But he is not here tonight. Mr Tanner: I am afraid I was not able to be as helpful to Senator Macdonald as I had hoped to be, so that is a source of sorrow to me. I do not have that statistic. We have actually licensed services at 18 sites and I believe that to be at least a majority of all applications we have received. But I would really have to check what that number of applications we have received is.	Pg 132-133 (23/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
107	ACMA	Birmingham	Spectrum	Please provide an update on the process of allocating spectrum resulting from the digital TV switchover.	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
108	ACMA	Birmingham	Spectrum	In setting reserve prices for upcoming spectrum options – why will the ACMA consider which parties might participate in the auction? What parties participating would push up the reserve price? When will the reserve price be determined?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
109	ACMA	Birmingham	Spectrum	Has the ACMA finalised limits on the amount of spectrum any one participant can purchase? What are these limits?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
110	ACMA	Birmingham	Al Manar	Given that the new anti terrorism standards commenced on July 1, 2011 - why is ACMA not investigating whether Al Manar Television breaches these new standards?	Written	27/09/12	11/10/12
111	ACMA	Birmingham	Al Manar	How is the ACMA monitoring that that Al Manar Television is complying with Australian regulation, given that the 2010 report in its key findings stated that Al-Manar Television committed the following regulatory breaches: “breached clause 1.2 of the Open Narrowcast Code by broadcasting the current affairs program, With the Viewers, on 15 November 2009, as the program was not presented fairly; breached clause 1.3 of the Open Narrowcast Code by broadcasting the current affairs	Written	27/09/12	11/10/12

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				program, With the Event, on 28 February 2009, as the program was likely to gratuitously vilify a group on the basis of ethnicity and religion.”			
112	ACMA	Birmingham	Al Manar	In February, you stated that ACMA had no outstanding complaints against al-Manar - could this be the result of the fact that past complaints, even when upheld, had no real world consequences?	Written	27/09/12	11/10/12
113	ACMA	Birmingham	Al Manar	The 2010 report noted that “a large volume of programming material assessed during the period under review was dedicated to Hizbullah, its resistance, Shi’a religious teaching and hostility against Israel”. Given that Hizbullah and a number of its associated entities are listed on Australia’s terrorist lists, doesn’t Al Manar Television’s links with and support for Hizbullah and its actions contravene the 2011 anti-terrorism standards?	Written	27/09/12	11/10/12
114	ACMA	Fisher	400 mHz waveband	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many operators currently use the 400 mHz waveband? b. What is the estimated revenue the government will receive through the proposed increase in apparatus license taxes to \$199 per kHz over the next five years? c. How has this decision to increase the tax been communicated to operators on the 400 mHz waveband? d. Will the change in pricing affect operators of UHF CB Repeaters? e. Is there any plan to introduce a licensing system for all operators of UHF CB equipment? f. Will operators who own boats for recreational purposes, and Marine Rescue Groups, incur increased costs as a result of proposals for a new approach to certification contained in the consultation paper: <i>A new approach for recreational boaters who operate VHF marine radios</i>? g. Can you provide an update on the state of the VHF Recreational Boating Service and it’s review of the operation on both VHF International Distress Channel 16 and 67- relating to interference in each of the States? Can the Authority confirm that Field Officers have started in Victorian waters? 	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
115	ACMA	Xenophon	Breaches of the Interactive Gambling Act 2001?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many websites has the ACMA referred to the Australian Federal Police for breaches of the <i>Interactive Gambling Act 2001</i>? b. How many investigations by the AFP have ended in prosecution? c. How much has been collected in fines under the provisions of the Act since 2001? 	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
116	ACMA	Fisher	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? b. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? c. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
117	ACMA	Fisher	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
118	ACMA	Fisher	Staffing	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details costs and what the training is.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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119	ACMA	Fisher	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
120	ACMA	Fisher	Government Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? b. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. d. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. e. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. f. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. g. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
121	ACMA	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. b. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. c. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. d. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. e. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved? 	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
122	ACMA	Fisher	Freedom of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? c. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? d. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date? 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
123	ACMA	Fisher	Consultancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				include total value for all consultancies. b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
124	ACMA	Fisher	Media Monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13?	Written	17/07/12	23/08/12
125	ACMA	Fisher	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
126	ACMA	Fisher	Contractors	For this financial year to date: 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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				work undertaken and the cost). 9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).			
127	ACMA	Fisher	Government Payment of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
128	ACMA	Fisher	Government Stationery Requirements	What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
129	ACMA	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	17/07/12	23/08/12
130	ACMA	Fisher	Travel Costs	For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p>			
131	ACMA	Fisher	Legal Costs	<p>a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
132	ACMA	Fisher	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
133	ACMA	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>I. The location used</p> <p>II. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>III. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>IV. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
134	ACMA	Fisher	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
135	ACMA	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	<p>a. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>b. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
136	ACMA	Fisher	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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				2012): a. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? b. Where is the car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?			
137	ACMA	Fisher	Taxi Costs	a. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
138	ACMA	Fisher	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
139	ACMA	Fisher	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
140	ACMA	Fisher	Provision of Equipment	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
141	ACMA	Fisher	Electricity Purchasing	a. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. b. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? c. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
142	ACMA	Fisher	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. d. How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>each employment classification.</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <p>a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?</p> <p>b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.</p> <p>c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken.</p> <p>d. How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>			
143	ACMA	Fisher	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
144	Corporate & Business	Fisher	QoN 223	<p>Senator FISHER: Thanks very much for telling me that your stationery requirements cost 10c an envelope and 77c per business card for 2011-12. But my question was: how much was the spend by the department on government stationery requirements this financial year to date? I think it is quite clear. Is it all that hard to give a total cost figure?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: We will take that on notice and see if we can provide you with some further information.</p>	Pg 3 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
145	Corporate & Business	MacDonald	Contractors	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Perhaps I will rephrase the question. Can you give me on notice a list of former officers of the department who are currently not fully employed by the department but are under some sort of contractual relationship with the department to provide services?</p> <p>Mr Harris: I think that that will make it a lot easier to answer.</p>	Pg 10 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
146	Corporate & Business	Di Natale	Access and Equity	How does your Department ensure that the Government's Access and Equity Strategy is implemented in its entirety and in relation to all Departmental activities? How does your Department acknowledge the multicultural character of the Australian society, in terms of the services and programs you provide?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
147	Corporate & Business	Di Natale	Access and Equity	How do you measure your success against Access and Equity goals? What evidence do you have that the Department is actively implementing the Government's Access & Equity policy?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
148	Corporate & Business	Di Natale	Access and Equity	What changes will you implement over the next financial year to ensure your programs and services are more accessible to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
149	Corporate & Business	Di Natale	Access and Equity	What is your Department doing to ensure it has a culturally competent workforce?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
150	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Staffing	<p>a. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>b. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date?</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				What classification are these staff? c. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?			
151	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
152	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Staffing	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details costs and what the training is.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
153	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
154	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Freedom of Information	a. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? b. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? c. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? d. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
155	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Media Monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13?	Written	17/07/12	23/08/12
156	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
157	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Government Stationery Requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
158	Corporate	Fisher	Media	1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional	Written	17/07/12	23/08/12

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	& Business		Subscriptions	<p>Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>			
159	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
160	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The location used 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>II. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>III. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>IV. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
161	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
162	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? b. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments. 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
163	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister</p>	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12

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				and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.			
164	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): a. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? b. Where is the car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
165	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
166	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): a. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
167	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Electricity Purchasing	a. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. b. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? c. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
168	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>could not be undertaken.</p> <p>d. How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <p>a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?</p> <p>b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.</p> <p>c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken.</p> <p>d. How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>			
169	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
170	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Board Appointments	List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
171	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Community Cabinet Meetings	What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
172	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many Reviews are being undertaken? What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 			
173	Corporate & Business	Fisher	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
174	Corporate & Business	McKenzie	Carbon Tax	<p>Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not?</p>	Written	17/07/12	23/08/12
175	Corporate & Business	McKenzie	Electricity costs	How much electricity does the department use? How much does the department spend on electricity?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
176	Corporate & Business	Abetz	SE QoN 74 – Additional Estimates	<p>Senator ABETZ: In fact I have here that it was. I am not asking the ABC this, but I am asking you, Minister. It is quite obvious that this answer must have been prepared before 24 February to have included in it that the third investigation is yet to be finalised. Clearly it was finalised on 24 February. But we did not receive the answer to the question on notice until 30 April—some full two months plus later. What is the story here? Why was this sitting in your office for over two months before we were given the answer?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: I would have to check that and come back to you, Senator Abetz.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Take it on notice</p>	Pg 117 (23/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
177	CFO Group	MacDonald	Efficiency Dividend and Terminating programs	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could you take that on notice just to check that there are no other terminating programs that you could tell us about? And could you also on notice indicate the savings that you hope for out of the cessation of the Australian Broadband Guarantee, for example, or all of the ones that you identify? So if you can give an indication of what savings there are from the termination of all of those programs.</p> <p>Mr Harris: Yes. ‘Savings’ is probably not the right way to characterise it. The government funds for periods, as you know, having been a minister—for two years, three years or four years, just depending on the circumstances. Budget policy requires that if it is a terminating program, offsetting savings are found to continue it. And, of course, if you are a shrinking small portfolio you do not have any offsetting savings so you cannot continue. So we would not call it a saving; we would simply describe it as a terminating program. I can therefore give you a quite clear and effective answer on the size of the reduction in the departmental budget as a result of terminating programs, and I think that will answer your question. I just want to be sure when I provide it that it does.</p>	Pg 10-11 (24/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12

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				<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: It was a question about trying to find out what area the \$4 million of savings are coming from.</p> <p>Mr Harris: These are in addition to the \$4 million. We have separated the efficiency dividend and the terminating programs. Jointly they have an impact on staffing across the department, but there are two quite different effects, and the larger effect of the two, as I said in an earlier part of the answer, is from terminating programs in the case of our portfolio. The smaller but still significant effect is from the efficiency dividend.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay. I am really only interested in the efficiency dividend, and you are saying that your \$4 million is not coming from terminating programs. I thought earlier you said it was.</p> <p>Mr Harris: No, I said it was quite separate.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Macdonald, you have had a really good run this morning, and I have other senators—</p> <p>Mr Harris: I can answer this for Senator Macdonald. If you are interested in where the \$4 million comes from, I can give you an answer to that.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: That is really what I was after. You did say it was from terminating programs, earlier, but if you are now saying that it is not then tell me where it is from and I will be happy.</p> <p>Mr Harris: I will be happy to review the record, but I was trying to tell you that the larger impact was terminating programs.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: No, you listed legal expenses, travel—</p> <p>CHAIR: Order, Senator Macdonald!</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: consultancy, reducing contracts and terminating programs. Have a look at the record. Anyway, it is a moot point. As long as you tell me where the \$4 million comes from, that is all I am interested in.</p>			
178	CFO Group	Abetz	Portfolio Budget Statements	<p>Reference is made to the Portfolio Budget Statement accessible at: http://www.dbcde.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/148204/201213_BCDE_Portfolio_Budget_Statement_with_corrections-22_May_2012.pdf</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What changes and corrections were made to the original Statement and how does it differ from the revised version, dated 22 May 2012? 2. Why were these changes made? 3. Who authorised these changes? 4. Was the Minister provided with a briefing on the changes? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, can the briefing be provided? 	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
179	CFO Group	Fisher	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? b. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. c. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the 	Written	24/08/12	20/09/12

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				<p>advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>d. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>e. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>f. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>g. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>			
180	CFO Group	Fisher	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
181	CFO Group	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>b. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>c. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>d. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>e. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>f. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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				<p>being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>g. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>h. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>i. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>			
182	CFO Group	Fisher	Consultancies	<p>a. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
183	CFO Group	Fisher	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the 	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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				work undertaken and the cost). 9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. 10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).			
184	CFO Group	Fisher	Government Payment of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
185	CFO Group	Fisher	Taxi Costs	a. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
186	CFO Group	Fisher	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
187	CFO Group	Fisher	Discretionary Grants	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
188	Legal Group	Fisher	Legal Costs	a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>			
189	Program 1.2	Xenophon	Live Odds	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Minister, the government is still committed to outlawing the broadcasting of live odds during games—is that right?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure. That seems to be inconsistent with reports that have appeared in a number of News Limited papers this morning in relation to the potential liberalisation of online gambling, especially in-play gambling. In particular, the report by Patrick Lion makes reference to a briefing at an online gambling symposium between the government and a number of online gambling providers. Can you confirm whether that meeting took place?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: I can take that on notice. I only saw the report this morning.</p>	Pg 12 (24/05/12)	28/06/12	23/08/12
190	Program 1.2	Xenophon	Stakeholder consultation – interim paper	<p>Senator XENOPHON: But there have been discussions in relation to the interim paper with a number of online gambling providers?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: As I said, I saw the report that that was the case. I cannot confirm that yet. I might be able to confirm for you in a moment.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Would that include Mr Packer's company?</p> <p>Mr Rizvi: There have been consultations on the development of the review and issues associated with the review with a range of stakeholders over the last six months.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you provide a list of those stakeholders on notice?</p> <p>Mr Rizvi: We can provide on notice a list of the stakeholders that we have consulted with.</p>	Pg 13 (24/05/12)	28/06/12	23/08/12
191	Program 1.2	Bilyk	Stay Smart Online	<p>Senator BILYK: This is third time lucky for this question. I might actually have the right area. I am interested in the ways that Stay Smart Online will be promoting cybersafety and cybersecurity during Cyber Security Awareness Week in June this year. I am particularly interested in whether there are any particular messages that we might convey to senior Australians, bearing in mind that the Joint Select Committee on Cybersafety is currently undertaking an inquiry into cybersafety among senior Australians. I am not saying that the young and cybersafety is not an important issue. I am wondering if there is anything specific as well.</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: Taking your second question first, yes, we develop for the purposes of awareness week a series of tips each year which, I suppose, are very short, pithy summary of some key steps people can take to help protect themselves online. They are appropriate both for the sorts of things older Australians do online as well as what others do online. We will pull them out for you and can make them available...</p>	Pg 35 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
192	Program 1.2	Bilyk	<i>Good Game</i>	<p>Senator BILYK: Do you have any idea how many people actually viewed the show?</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: View the <i>Good Game</i> show?</p> <p>Senator BILYK: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Windeyer: I do not, but I can take that on notice and see what we can find out.</p>	Pg 36 (24/05/12)	28/06/12	23/08/12

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193	Program 1.2	Abetz	Media Inquiry	<p>Senator ABETZ: Who takes the final responsibility, this group or the minister?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: It was ticked off by the group.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: The nameless and faceless group.</p> <p>Senator Conroy: If I am able to give you more details without breaching cabinet processes, I am happy to provide that information for you.</p>	Pg 41 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
194	Program 1.2	Abetz	Media Inquiry	<p>Senator ABETZ: In program 1.3 we talk about issues such as media ownership and also transfer to digital and, of course, that was part of the terms of reference of the Finkelstein inquiry. Therefore, I inquire in relation to the Finkelstein inquiry as to how many names were considered for appointment.</p> <p>Senator Conroy: I will take that on notice. I just do not have it off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you can tell us how many names—</p>	Pg 46 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
195	Program 1.2	Birmingham	Convergence Review	<p>Mr Windeyer: Just bear with me and I will get the information. The Convergence Review committee members were paid \$3,000 per day and the total fee amounts between the individual members, because individual members made different claims for daily work, was \$237,600 to \$316,800.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Perhaps you could table for us or provide on notice, Mr Harris, the individual breakdowns there as to—</p> <p>Mr Harris: I would want to take advice on whether it is appropriate to identify the people. I have tried to give you the estimates or, quite clearly, the numbers. I think identifying the individual persons is potentially—it is one of those areas of privacy that I—</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Take it on notice and provide an appropriate response there.</p> <p>Mr Harris: We will examine it, and if it is legitimate to do it I will provide it.</p>	Pg 49 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
196	Program 1.2	MacDonald	Media Inquiry	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: How many days did he work?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: And on an hourly rate we got him cheap.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: How many days did he—</p> <p>Senator Conroy: I would have to take that on notice. The information is available and I am happy for it to be made available, but I could not tell you off the top of my head.</p>	Pg 51 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
197	Program 1.2	Birmingham	NBN Community Hubs	How many people have used the services of these hubs? How many people have taken up a NBN service as the result of visiting a hub? How many further hubs are planned? At what cost?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
198	Program 1.2	Birmingham	Internet Filtering	<p>a. Following the release of the Australian Law reform Commission's report Classification – Content Regulation and Convergent Media, what progress has been made on progressing the mandatory internet filter?</p> <p>b. How does the Government intend to progress this policy? What is the current timeline for implementation?</p>	Written	27/09/12	11/10/12
199	Program 1.2	Birmingham	Spectrum sale	<p>a. What progress is being made progressing the sale of spectrum known as the 'digital dividend'?</p> <p>b. What price and budgetary assumptions have been made in relation to this sale?</p> <p>c. Are revenue predictions for the renewal of existing spectrum and for the 4G spectrum?</p> <p>d. How do these revenue projections compare to spectrum sales internationally?</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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200	Program 1.2	Birmingham	Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will the Government respond to the Finkelstein Review? b. When will the Government respond to the Convergence Review? c. Will the Government respond to the Finkelstein and Convergence Reviews at the same time or separately? d. Are there any recommendations of the Finkelstein Review that the Government rules out implementing? e. Are there any recommendations of the Convergence Review that the Government rules out implementing? 	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
201	Program 1.2	Williams	Online safety	Is the government committed to exploring new ideas and technologies to protect children and young people in the online environment?	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
202	Program 1.2	Williams	Online safety	Is the government actively trialling and testing new systems and technologies for security online?	Written	10/07/12	23/08/12
203	Program 1.2	Williams	Online safety	Is the government aware that a program has been developed that allows children and young people to chat online but in a completely safe environment?	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
204	Program 1.2	Williams	Online safety	If an Australian inventor has developed a system where children could use the same online instant messaging systems as adults in a safe environment, where agency would be best to approach to assist this person in further development and commercialisation of the program?	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
205	Program 1.2	Xenophon	Interactive Gambling Act	<p>I refer to the 2011 review of the Interactive Gambling Act – interim report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why was the decision made to enable social media services, mobile content providers, console providers and online game developers to self-monitor the impact of their user policies regarding the provision of online gambling services, as per Recommendation 29? b. What representations, if any, did the Department receive from social media services, mobile content providers, console providers and online game developers prior to making this recommendation? 	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
206	Program 1.2	Xenophon	QoN Additional Estimates	<p>I refer to the responses to my Questions on Notice from February 2012. The response stated a number of television networks breached their licensing conditions by advertising interactive gambling services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many television networks breached the licensing conditions? b. How many separate breaches were there? c. Given there were breaches, why was there no prosecution by the AFP and no fines issued? 	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
207	Program 1.2	McKenzie	Joint select committee on cybersafety: interim report High Wire Act	Can the department please detail any actions taken further to consultation with the Consultative Working Group (CWG) and Youth Advisory Group (YAG) on Cybersafety, in relation to recommendation 27?	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
208	Program 1.2	McKenzie	Joint select committee on	In the current financial year, how much money has been allocated and expended on targeted media campaigns with a cybersafety message? Allocation for 2012-13?	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12

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			cybersafety: interim report High Wire Act				
209	Program 1.2	McKenzie	Joint select committee on cybersafety: interim report High Wire Act	How many police officers in each state/territory have under taken cybersafety training as a result of recommendation 21? What were the costs of developing and delivering this training and what percentage of this was borne federally?	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
210	Program 1.2	McKenzie	Joint select committee on cybersafety: interim report High Wire Act	As per recommendation 23 – that the Attorney General, in conjunction with the National Working Group on Cybercrime undertake a review of legislation in Australian jurisdictions relating to cybersafety crimes - has a review commenced and what is the due date for reporting?	Written	28/06/12	23/08/12
211	Program 1.2	McKenzie	Joint select committee on cybersafety: interim report High Wire Act	In response to recommendation 25 – that the consultative working group on cybersafety investigate possible improvements to the information provided to parents at the point of sale of computers and mobile phones - the Dept advised that the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA) agreed to investigate the possibility of pre-loading the cybersafety help button on smartphones via carriers and manufacturers. What action has the department taken to support this investigation and the CWG's exploration of "other means" of improving provision of cybersafety information to parents?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
212	Program 1.3	MacDonald	Regional Radio funding	Senator IAN MACDONALD: Absolutely. The context of my letter, which may or may not have got to your desk yet, was: is there any way that these radio stations could get some funding to assist them through the difficulties? There are a number of reasons why there are difficulties and, as I say, I have written to you recently about that. Senator Conroy: I will have that chased up. I will take it on notice now and try and get you a comprehensive response, if possible.	Pg 52 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
213	Program 1.3	Smith	Digital Switchover	Senator SMITH: Just turning specifically to Western Australia; it is mentioned that there are 652 radio services, 360 transmission sites and 60 studio sites. Can you give me a breakdown in terms of how many of those are in Western Australia? I am happy to take that on notice. Ms O'Loughlin: I think I will need to take that on notice. Senator SMITH: Specifically, are there any delays being experienced in Western Australia around the transition?	Pg 54 (24/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
214	Program 1.3	McKenzie	Self-help licence holders	Senator McKENZIE: My questions are around the self-help licence holders. How many applications have been received from self-help licence holders seeking to upgrade their facilities to digital since the ACMA guidelines for applications were released on 24 February? Ms O'Loughlin: As at 27 April, 16 Queensland councils and three New South Wales councils have applied for licences from the ACMA to retransmit their licensed area television services. Senator McKENZIE: Of those, how many applications have been approved? Ms O'Loughlin: I do not believe I have that detail with me, as it is probably better addressed to	Pg 57 (24/05/12)	27/09/12	11/10/12

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				the ACMA, but I can certainly find that information for you. Senator McKENZIE: Is it possible to get that this afternoon? Ms O'Loughlin: If I count up what is here then I may be able to give it to you. That is the full amount, so I will have to take that on notice...			
215	Program 1.3	McKenzie	Self-help towers	Senator McKENZIE: You might want to take this one on notice. Please list all self-help towers not expected to be upgraded by the broadcasters. Ms O'Loughlin: Self-help towers, by their nature, are usually run by councils, progress associations and a variety of others. Perhaps I can let you know how many have decided to date, but in future areas the councils are only asked to make a decision as we come into that area. There are some who have not been asked to make the decision as yet. I do not have it by council. I have it by towers in the areas that we have been in, to date. The total number of self-help towers in Queensland was 110 and, of that, 20 towers were opted out of SSS, which means 20 towers were going to be converted by councils out of the 110. In remote South Australia there were 46 self-help towers and only two towers in remote South Australia are opting out. From memory, I think at least one of those is owned by the Department of Defence and serves Woomera. In southern New South Wales there are 20 self-help towers and no councils are upgrading.	Pg 58 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
216	Program 1.3	McKenzie	VAST	Senator McKENZIE: Can you advise, on notice, how many installations have been carried out under the VAST SSS broken down by electorate? Senator Conroy: I do not think the department keeps a breakdown by electorate. We can give it to you by state. Ms O'Loughlin: We may not, but we could take it on notice. Senator Conroy: We could do it by state quickly. Senator McKENZIE: Electorate would be fantastic if you have that data.	Pg 58 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
217	Program 1.3	Cameron	VAST	Senator McKENZIE: Through the minister, is the government aware of how many VAST STBs or satellites have been returned to contractors due to faults? Ms O'Loughlin: I have the information. We have had a very low complaint rate on our programs, both the HAS program and the SSS program. In general, our complaint rate has been under one per cent of installations. Mr Harris: That does not necessarily answer your question. I think you asked about equipment failure. Senator McKENZIE: How many returns have there been to contractors due to faults? Ms O'Loughlin: I would probably have to take that on notice.	Pg 59 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
218	Program 1.3	McKenzie	VAST	Ms O'Loughlin: Yes. That is what is called the safe work methods. They have to comply with state and territory occupational health and safety requirements. CHAIR: Can you table them? Mr Harris: We can get a copy. If we can get a copy up here before tonight, which I am sure we can, we will table them. If not, we can supply you with a copy directly. They form part of our revised contractual arrangements. As I said, we had to solve the problem, which is why we	Pg 59 (24/05/12)	10/07/12 + 1 att't	23/08/12

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				came to the committee last year, as much as anything, to say that there is this problem and we are going to have to suspend while we solve it. CHAIR: All senators are concerned about asbestos. There are a couple of senators on this committee who have had a long involvement and experience in relation to that. I would like to see how it is being carried out.			
219	Program 1.3	McKenzie	HAS	Senator McKENZIE: Can you tell me how many installations have been carried out under the HAS? Ms O'Loughlin: To date just over 100,000 installations have been completed under the Household Assistance Scheme. We are currently in southern regional and remote New South Wales. That is underway at the moment. There have been around 25,000 installations under that to date. It is around 100,000 that have opted in and about 96,000 where the installations have actually been completed. Senator McKENZIE: Do you also have that data by electorate? Ms O'Loughlin: Dr Kelleher and I have been looking at each other because I think that has been provided previously in question on notice No. 199 from the last estimates, but we are happy to provide that again.	Pg 60 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
220	Program 1.3	McKenzie	HAS	Senator McKENZIE: Regional Victoria is a big place. Other than Mildura there are a lot of different areas and if you do not do it by electorate, maybe you could do it by north-east or Gippsland. Senator Conroy: I have been there. Senator McKENZIE: That is good to hear. Ms O'Loughlin: I will take a stab at this. In question on notice No. 199 examples would be Ballarat at 3,300, Bendigo with 4,122 and Gippsland with 4,130. Senator McKENZIE: The percentage of potentials probably gives us a better indicator. Senator Conroy: I am confused. Ms O'Loughlin: I would not have that. Senator McKENZIE: Of the number of potentially eligible households what percentage took up the HAS program. Senator Conroy: Per region? Ms O'Loughlin: Yes. Senator McKENZIE: Just something smaller than regional Victoria. Ms O'Loughlin: We may be able to break it down.	Pg 61 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12
221	Program 1.3	McKenzie	HAS	Senator McKENZIE: That would be good. What is the average payment made to contractors by the government, if not broken down by electorate then broken down by a similar boundary? Senator Conroy: This has been canvassed at considerable length both here and in the media previously. I think all of the answers have been made public previously. Senator McKENZIE: Then it will not be an issue. Senator Conroy: It will not be an issue for you to go and look up <i>Hansard</i> or the front page of a number of papers.	Pg 61 (24/05/12)	10/07/12	23/08/12

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				<p>Mr Harris: I might need to provide some advice to the committee. While we will look at distributed take-up rates into a subregional option, the contractor payment arrangements will be quite complex to try to structure that way, as I am advised, and it may not be practical. If we can say, 'Yes, we will provide take-up rates', and we will need to give you what we can do, but as you would appreciate, the contractors are often PO Box X or that sort of thing.</p> <p>Senator McKENZIE: Or located in one space and operating in another?</p> <p>Mr Harris: Yes.</p> <p>Ms O'Loughlin: It would be very complicated for us because we would have to match up every single installation against every single area and then total those costs. That is not something that we could do automatically or easily.</p> <p>Mr Harris: Resourcing for this program is dedicated to delivering. As you know, we are coming into a period where we are going to do a large number together, so I would be concerned about the diversion of resources if we have to do a major exercise for data development. We will try. This is not a rejection. It is just a question of trying, but if it looks like it is hideously complicated then we are going to have to come back and tell you that it is hideously complicated.</p>			
222	Program 1.3	Birmingham	Forward estimates – budgeting for broadcasters	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Last point from me on this—what is built into the forward estimates? Is there a contingency hidden that I cannot see in this regard or is it in fact built into the forward estimates?</p> <p>Senator Conroy: No. The government have had to make individual decisions each time, as we have waited for the Convergence Review report. I do not think there is—</p> <p>Mr Harris: It is a matter better left to the minister of finance than us, anyway. We do not get told what they have—</p> <p>Senator Conroy: If it is in the Convergence Review, they have not told us. We are unaware.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: Perhaps you could take on notice for me if there was anything you can add to that.</p> <p>Senator Conroy: Yes, fair enough. I would not want to mislead you or give you confusing advice.</p>	Pg 65 (24/05/12)	27/09/12	11/10/12
223	Program 1.3	Birmingham	HAS	<p>a. Please detail how many occasions and by which region contractors have had to make return visits to Houses.</p> <p>b. What is the total cost of invoices received and invoices paid by the Department to contractors to date?</p> <p>c. What is the value of invoices received and paid for terrestrial STB's versus satellite STB's to date?</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
224	Program 1.3	Birmingham	Licence fees	<p>a. Will the Government envisage an extension to the licence fee rebate beyond 2012-13?</p> <p>b. Has this been budgeted?</p> <p>c. Does this mean that as of 1st July free-to-air broadcasters will be paying the full 9% of annual gross revenues?</p> <p>d. What is the Government's expectation for the future of licence fees?</p>	Written	27/09/12	11/10/12

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				e. What certainty for bidders of the digital dividend spectrum is there in regards to their obligations as holders of this spectrum? What obligations will there be regarding Australian content and will these matter be made clear before the auction?			
225	Program 1.3	Fifield	Real Time Audio Description	Minister Conroy indicated in his press release on 22 February 2012, the trial will begin in August 2012, however the government response to the final report on Media Access indicated the technical trial was originally scheduled for 2011. a) Why has there been a delay to the commencement of the trial? b) On what date was the trial originally scheduled to commence? c) Have there been any additional costs incurred as a result of the delay in the trial? d) What date will the trial commence? e) Is there a change to the schedule of the trial as set out by the Minister's Press Release? For how long will the trial be conducted?	Written	13/07/12	23/08/12
226	Program 1.1	Birmingham	NBN advertising campaign	Senator BIRMINGHAM: So, the \$20 million campaign that the government has run 'to improve public understanding, address misconceptions and provide updated information about the National Broadband Network'. When was a decision made to embark on this \$20 million campaign? Mr Quinlivan: I would have to take on notice the precise date, but it was somewhere in March, I think.	Pg 70 (24/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
227	Program 1.1	Birmingham	NBN advertising campaign – Market research	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can you table the market research? Senator Conroy: At this point in time I am not in a position to comply. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Mr Harris appears to be flicking through it at present. Senator Conroy: I will take it on notice and see what information we can provide to you.	Pg 72 (24/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
228	Program 1.1	Birmingham	NBN advertising campaign	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can I get a split down of the \$20 million, please? Senator Conroy: I think there is a social media component and there is a newspaper— Ms McCormick: There is a print component. Senator Conroy: and print component. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can I get a breakdown of it? Senator Conroy: We are happy to provide that on notice.	Pg 74 (24/05/12)	17/07/12	23/08/12
229	Program 1.1	Birmingham	Retail Price Controls	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Does the legislation provide capacity to fix some capacity for local calls beyond Telstra at present, or would the legislation require amending were the review to recommend some changes there? Mr Buettel: Under the Telecommunications Act as it stands at the moment untimed local calls are required to be provided by all carriage service providers that are providing a standard telephone service, so the current untimed local calls obligation does extend beyond Telstra, but the price controls set a price cap in relation to Telstra's provision of untimed local calls. Senator BIRMINGHAM: Will the provision of basic telephone services via the NBN be captured under that legislation? For those customers who choose not to get a broadband package and not to connect in that sense, but ultimately who still have to switch their phone over, is that covered within the legislation? Are they carriage service providers for the purposes of the	Pg 80 (24/05/12)	19/09/12	11/10/12

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				legislation if it is delivered by the NBN, as against delivered by the copper network? Mr Buettel: The questions you are raising are legal questions in relation to the interpretation of the current legislation. It is probably preferable that I take that on notice.			
230	Program 1.1	Birmingham	Battery backup	Senator BIRMINGHAM: How much is it costing to install each battery? Senator Conroy: I would have to— Mr Harris: Mr Quinlivan might be better off—noting that you have asked the question, we will try and see if we can make sure he has got an answer. The numbers are available, I am sure. Senator BIRMINGHAM: If you could do that, that would be great...	Pg 83 (24/05/12)	19/09/12	11/10/12
231	Program 1.1	Birmingham	Copper lines	When does NBN Co or DBCDE expect payments to Telstra for the decommissioning of the copper Network to start? On what basis are these payments made (ie \$ per premise)? How much is expected to be paid by the end of 2012? How much by the end of 2013? How many premises does this equate to in 2012 and 2013?	Written	19/09/12	11/10/12
232	Program 1.1	Birmingham	NBN information packs	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Excellent. Mr Harris, how many of these information packs has the department sent out and how many are you seeking to send out? Mr Harris: We are seeking 150. I do not know how many we have sent out to date. The one I know best is the non-English-speaking background program that is underway. I cannot give you a number as to how many we have toward that 150 total but we can provide that to you on notice.	Pg 128 (24/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
233	Program 1.1	Birmingham	NBN information packs	Senator BIRMINGHAM: So a PR company is doing the targeting. And what specifically is being asked of your 150 NBN advocates? Ms O'Shea: I would need to provide that in detail separately on notice. But at this point in time we are asking them whether they are interested in receiving more information about the NBN.	Pg 128 (24/05/12)	13/07/12	23/08/12
234	Australia Post	Abetz	Bonuses	Senator ABETZ: In the previous financial year, were any bonuses paid? Mr Fahour: Yes. Senator ABETZ: How many? Mr Fahour: They are in the annual report, which I do not have here in front of me. I am happy to take that on notice and provide you the exact number.	Pg 16 (24/05/12)	10/09/12	20/09/12
235	Australia Post	Abetz	Sign-on Bonuses	Senator ABETZ: How many people have you been able to attract to Australia Post from other businesses—at a relatively high level within Australia Post—with, for want of a better term, sign-on bonuses? Mr Fahour: Can I take that on notice? I do not have the specific information. But there have been some people who report to me who have come from other organisations; that is correct. Senator ABETZ: And have some of them been enticed with the holding out of a payment such that, if they were to switch above and beyond the salary that they would be paid on an annual basis, they would get an upfront fee? Mr Fahour: I am sure that in any normal compensation arrangement you would be looking at what their salary is, what their bonus is and if there is any relocation required. If you are employing somebody, you would use all sorts of techniques in a commercial world to employ people.	Pg 17-18 (24/05/12)	06/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>Senator ABETZ: Does that include paying them an upfront fee?</p> <p>Mr Fahour: I am not sure 'upfront fee' is a word or a term that I understand very well. Do you mean—</p> <p>Senator Conroy: Do you mean a sign-on bonus or something like that?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: A sign-on bonus. I think we all know the general thing I am talking about...</p> <p>... Senator ABETZ: What is the highest of those sign-on bonuses, to your knowledge?</p> <p>Mr Fahour: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Are we talking \$1,000, \$100,000 or hundreds of thousands of dollars?</p> <p>Mr Fahour: Again, rather than speculate, Senator, I would prefer to give you an accurate answer. But I can assure you this is all disclosed. You can go through our annual report. I do not think—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Are sign-on bonuses disclosed?</p> <p>Mr Fahour: I think all of the compensation for senior executives has to be disclosed in our annual report.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Have any of those sign-on bonuses been by way of, if you like, side deals and described as consultancies?</p> <p>Mr Fahour: I do not think so, but I can check.</p>			
236	Australia Post	Abetz	Number of LPO's	<p>Senator ABETZ: Is the number of licensed post offices increasing or decreasing?</p> <p>Ms Corbett: I am happy to take the specifics for licensed post offices. As I am sure you would appreciate, with the size of our network, there are a mix of corporate outlets, licensed outlets and community postal agents. There is movement obviously each month with regard to that. If I look at it year on year, our total number of outlets has actually remained relatively static.</p>	Pg 19 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
237	Australia Post	Abetz	Carded parcels	<p>Ms Corbett: Indeed. So we have introduced an oversize network in each of the states to accommodate some of those. We have also introduced a system for licensees where we have a bypass network, so a licensee can let us know when they are at that parcel storage capacity and then those carded parcels can be redirected to the next outlet that would be able to provide the storage space. There are a lot of these operational issues. In order to be able to come up with what, then, is the right volume of parcels that we are compensating for, we needed to address the operational issues. That being said, as to the actual payment, I think I said at one previous estimates hearing that we have actually had two increases to the carded rate in the last couple of years. There was a 10 per cent increase in 2008 and a nine per cent increase in 2012 that we are actually looking at at the moment. For all licence—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Wait a minute. Looking at at the moment?</p> <p>Ms Corbett: There is a nine per cent—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: It is being looked at or has been delivered?</p> <p>Ms Corbett: No, in 2012.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Which has been delivered?</p> <p>Ms Corbett: My understanding is that that has been delivered.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So you are not looking at it; you have delivered it. When was that?</p>	Pg 20 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12

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				<p>Ms Corbett: In 2008. I will get the exact date for you. I will take it on here.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: The information I have—it is from May 2012—might be old if there has been that increase. But what has been put to me is that, even on the figures we have been given this morning, if there is a decrease of six per cent in letters but an increase of 7.2 per cent in parcels, the workload will be substantially different, basically because throwing letters into a post office box or whatever is very quick, whereas parcels have to be signed off.</p> <p>Ms Corbett: That is why it is important for us to focus on some of those operational considerations first, before we look at some of the payment mechanisms. The work associated with parcels is what we are trying to streamline and make simpler, easier and more efficient for a licensee with regard to parcel-handling movements. So that has been our priority focus. But let me take the specifics on notice. There was certainly a 10 per cent increase in 2008. I will get back to you with confirmation of when that second increase happened.</p>			
238	Australia Post	Abetz	Use of Clause 22	<p>Senator ABETZ: I am not blaming you, Chair. I am blaming the deputy chair. For coalition harmony, we agreed on some timing among ourselves. Clause 22, termination without cause, seems to have been used a lot more in recent times. How often has it been used? Do we have any statistics as to how often clause 22 has been invoked, let us say, over the past three years?</p> <p>Mr Fahour: Would you like us to take that on notice so we can give you the specific number over three years?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I assume you will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Mr Fahour: We will give you the specifics.</p>	Pg 20 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
239	Australia Post	Fifield	Cheque Fees	<p>Senator FIFIELD: I have a few questions about the issue of cheque fees for organisations, particularly not-for-profits, who continue to seek to make payments by cheque for their credit accounts with Australia Post. I understand that it has been a policy of Australia Post over time to encourage its business and not-for-profit clients to migrate to other means of payment—electronic means of payment. I think that this new fee came into effect on 1 January but that there was a six-month amnesty for not-for-profit organisations until 1 July this year. I am interested in how many not-for-profit organisations continue to choose to pay by cheque rather than electronic means. I just want to get a handle on how many organisations will be subject to the \$100 annual fee.</p> <p>Mr Fahour: Senator, I will take on notice the specific aspect of your question, which is how many, and we will get that answer back to you...</p>	Pg 22 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
240	Australia Post	Birmingham	Parcel Prices	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: And your parcels business domestically is quite profitable?</p> <p>Mr Fahour: No, the domestic stamp price. The UPU do not care about your parcels. They care about your stamp price—the 60c stamp price. That is No. 1. No. 2 is that we have the second cheapest stamp in the OECD. We have one of the best services in the OECD and the second cheapest price.</p> <p>CHAIR: Who is the cheapest? An obvious question.</p> <p>Mr Fahour: I was going to say something, but I will check.</p>	Pg 25 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
241	Australia	Birmingham	Parcel Prices	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: You are losing approximately \$50 million on small parcels that are</p>	Pg 25	12/07/12	23/08/12

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	Post			imported? Mr Fahour: Under the UPU arrangements. Senator BIRMINGHAM: And how much is that category growing per annum? Mr Fahour: Of course it varies month by month. But in the year 2010-11 it was double digit. I can take on notice for the year 2010-11 and give you the specific answer. But it was double digit.	(24/05/12)		
242	Australia Post	Williams	Semitrailers	Senator WILLIAMS: So how many semitrailers does Australia Post own? Mr Fahour: Can I take that on notice? Senator WILLIAMS: You can. Is there any talk about selling your trucks and leaving it all to the private sector? Has that been considered?	Pg 32 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
243	Australia Post	McKenzie	Missing mail	Senator McKENZIE: My question goes to an incident in north-east Victoria in a town called Castlemaine last year involving an Australia Post worker. It was an isolated incident where the mail was alleged to have gone missing for six years. He was eventually discovered and it is all under control. Mr Fahour: Where did they find it after six years? Senator McKENZIE: The stuff was, I think, on his property. But over \$60,000 worth of property was seized. Senator FISHER: Over a six-year period. Senator McKENZIE: In a six-year period, the stuff was garnered through the mail and his role with Australia Post. I have two questions. Why was it not detected for so long? Probably the second one, which is more pressing, is: what processes does Australia Post have in place in relation to staff mail threats? Are these being reviewed in light of that particular incident? Mr Fahour: Senator, I will take both those questions on notice. In the specific circumstances I want to be careful, obviously, about what we say and what is in there. I really appreciate you saying what you are saying, which is that this is an isolated incident. I can assure you that the workers and the posties take huge, huge pride in what they do. If they know one of their own is doing something, they will call them out. Clearly this one person had figured out a way to take advantage of the situation. We will give you the details as you wish. Senator McKENZIE: Just around the processes. Mr Fahour: Around the processes—that is what I mean. We will give you the exact process on that and on notice. Thank you very much, Senator.	Pg 33 (24/05/12)	07/09/12	20/09/12
244	Australia Post	Fisher	Charge for certifying documents	Senator FISHER: Sure. Or individual purposes. How long have you been rendering that charge? How much income does it generate for Australia Post? Mr Fahour: I will take that on notice, but it is approximately in the last four years. Senator FISHER: And how much income it is generating. Thank you. Mr Fahour: I will come back to you on that.	Pg 35 (24/05/12)	12/07/12	23/08/12
245	Australia Post	Abetz	Electronic point-of-sale facilities	Has Australia Post made any plans to extend electronic point-of-sale facilities to Licensed Post Offices that currently do not have access to Australia Post's online point-of-sale system? If so, has Australia Post developed a timetable for implementation?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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246	Australia Post	Abetz	State LPO conferences	What is the cost to Australia Post of holding its State LPO Conferences? Please include all costs: including conference organisers, venue hire, catering, audio-visual costs, speakers, travel, accommodation for Australia Post staff and any other Australia Post staff time spent on the LPO Conferences.	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
247	Australia Post	Abetz	State LPO conferences	Do the State LPO Conferences generate any income for Australia Post? How much does Australia Post charge exhibitors to attend LPO Conferences?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
248	Australia Post	Abetz	State LPO conferences	How does Australia Post select the exhibitors invited to take part in State LPO Conferences?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
249	Australia Post	Birmingham	Parcel Revenue	a. Please provide current projections for letter volumes and parcel volumes by weight category. b. Please provide current projections for letter revenue and parcel revenue by weight category. c. Please outline profitability at different letter and parcel weight categories.	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
250	Australia Post	Birmingham	Superstores	Where will superstores with 24 hour zones be located? How have they been selected? What is the cost of establishing this service? What are the ongoing costs of running this service? What revenue streams are available?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
251	Australia Post	Birmingham	Closures	a. How many Post offices have closed in 2011/12? Please provide detail of each closure. b. Are Post office closures expected in 2012-13? Please provide details.	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
252	Australia Post	Birmingham	Delivery Points	a. Please outline the trend in the number of deliver points serviced by Australia post each week day? b. Please outline the trend in the average number of letters and parcels delivered to each delivery point each day, week and year (Or whatever metric Australia Post is best able to provide)?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
253	Australia Post	Birmingham	Digital Mailbox	a. What is the timeline for the rollout fo the digital mailbox? b. What Key Performance Indicators have been set for the service? c. What are the expected revenue streams of the service?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
254	Australia Post	MacDonald	QoN 3 – Additional Estimates	We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 3 from Additional Estimates February 2012. We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that 94% of Australia Post deliveries comply with prescribed performance standards. 1. Please provide details of the method for measuring the 94% prescribed performance standard across on-time delivery assessments? 2. What assessment has been made of failures to maintain the standard – the remaining 6% - in terms of these failures highlighting fatal systemic and infrastructure issues? 3. As the prescribed standard is substantially achieved, what resources are devoted to remediating the issues highlighted by the remaining 6% of deliveries? 4. Can the Department explain the consistent disappearance of C5 size parcels from mail into Townsville experienced by our constituent? 5. Can the department explain the consistent and persistent damage to merchandise that is being sent via Australia Post?	Written	12/07/12 + 1 att't	23/08/12

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				<p>6. Can the Department explain why it is that customers are being refused compensation for such damage?</p> <p>7. Can the department explain a delivery time of twelve (12) working days from TVE – BNE?</p> <p>8. Can the department explain a twenty-five (25) working day delivery time from Perth to Townsville?</p> <p>9. Will the department be offering compensation for penalties paid and for lost business as a result of these failed service standards?</p>			
255	Australia Post	MacDonald	QoN 5 – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 5 from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that Australia Post has indicated that the residents of Innot Springs were provided the option of having a post office box at Mt Garnet (15km away) or a two-day-a-week postal delivery service following the closure of CPA services in Innot Hot Springs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department advise the manner in which these choices (post office box at Mt Garnett vs. two-day-a-week postal delivery service) were communicated to the local residents? 2. Can the Department advise the count – how many people voted for a delivery service and how many for a box at Mt Garnet, and how many voted in total? 3. What permanent resident population would be required for Australia Post to provide a full-time service at a location like Innot Hot Springs? 	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
256	Australia Post	MacDonald	QoN 40 – Supplementary Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to Supplementary Estimates answer to QON 40, Hansard pp 68-9 regarding the Nabilla Post Office Boxes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Australia Post conducted the promised ‘early 2012’ survey into the provision of mail delivery services in the Marian area? 2. How long will it take and how much will it cost to implement delivery services to these 800 residents? 3. Has Australia post formulated a plane to institute these services? 	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
257	Australia Post	Fisher	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? b. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? c. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
258	Australia Post	Fisher	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
259	Australia Post	Fisher	Staffing	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details costs and what the training is.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
260	Australia	Fisher	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12

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261	Australia Post	Fisher	Government Advertising	<p>a. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>b. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>c. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>d. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>e. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>f. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>g. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
262	Australia Post	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>b. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>c. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>d. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>e. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
263	Australia Post	Fisher	Freedom of Information	<p>a. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>b. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>c. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p> <p>d. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
264	Australia Post	Fisher	Consultancies	<p>a. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12

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				include total value for all consultancies. b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
265	Australia Post	Fisher	Media Monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13?	Written	17/07/12	23/08/12
266	Australia Post	Fisher	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
267	Australia Post	Fisher	Contractors	For this financial year to date: 1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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				<p>work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
268	Australia Post	Fisher	Government Payment of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
269	Australia Post	Fisher	Government Stationery Requirements	<p>What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
270	Australia Post	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	<p>1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	17/07/12	23/08/12
271	Australia Post	Fisher	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p>			
272	Australia Post	Fisher	Legal Costs	<p>a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
273	Australia Post	Fisher	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
274	Australia Post	Fisher	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service 	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>I. The location used</p> <p>II. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>III. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>IV. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
275	Australia Post	Fisher	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
276	Australia Post	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	<p>a. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>b. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
277	Australia	Fisher	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12

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	Post			2012): a. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? b. Where is the car/s located? c. What is the car/s used for? d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?			
278	Australia Post	Fisher	Taxi Costs	a. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. b. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	12/07/12	23/08/12
279	Australia Post	Fisher	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b. How is corporate credit card use monitored? c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
280	Australia Post	Fisher	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
281	Australia Post	Fisher	Provision of Equipment	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
282	Australia Post	Fisher	Electricity Purchasing	a. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. b. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? c. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
283	Australia Post	Fisher	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. d. How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <p>a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?</p> <p>b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.</p> <p>c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken.</p> <p>d. How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>			
284	Australia Post	Fisher	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
285	Australia Post	McKenzie	Castlemaine Post Office	In reference to the recent case of alleged staff theft at the Castlemaine Post Office, that was not uncovered for six years. Why did it take so long? What is the complaints handling process in relation to lost mail? Do you keep statistics on customer complaints of lost mail? What do you do with the statistics? Were there any such complaints in Castlemaine? What was done about these complaints? How often do incidents like this occur?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
286	Australia Post	Abetz	Mail Contracts	Does Australia Post give consideration to Licensees who apply for Mail Contracts? Are Licensees given any preference when tendering for a mail contract?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
287	Australia Post	Abetz	Mail Contracts	What Australia Post mail contract management manuals contain reference to any preference to be granted to Licensees when tendering for a mail contract?	Written	07/09/12	20/09/12
288	NBN Co	Ludlam	NBN Revenue	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Before I send you off on a wild goose chase, my question before when I asked you about the cost of providing the services as opposed to the revenue that you are getting per customer and you put to me that you have cost allocation issues and overheads right across the whole company—what I am asking for is an estimate of what proportion of customers will cover the marginal cost by the third quarter of next year. Does that help?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: Not much. But let us take it on board and see what we can do. It could be quite a difficult question to answer.</p>	Pg 100 (24/05/12)	18/09/12	20/09/12
289	NBN Co	Birmingham	2010 model	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: On the 2010 model, what is the interest or cost of the debt?</p> <p>Mr Quigley: I cannot remember what the interest rate was on the 2010 plan.</p> <p>Senator Conroy: We can grab it for you and let you know; otherwise we will take it on notice.</p>	Pg 107 (24/05/12)	18/09/12	20/09/12
290	NBN Co	Cameron	Communication in relation to towers	CHAIR: We have just gone through an inquiry that Telstra made submissions to in relation to towers and the issues associated with them. Community consultation was one of the recommendations from that committee. So could you maybe take it on notice and provide a broad outline of the process of communications in relation to your towers? It is a very important community issue.	Pg 115 (24/05/12)	05/09/12	20/09/12

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				Mr McLaren: And we are working, as I said, on a pre-consultation plan with all of the communities where we start the planning process. In advance of that we will be going into the community, talking about the benefits of the fixed wireless network, describing the types of towers and poles that will be needed and the approximate locations of those and then working with the community and the local council. So we are already putting them in place and we can certainly provide more detail.			
291	NBN Co	Fisher	Notice provisions	Senator FISHER: What are the minimum and maximum notice provisions? Mr Quigley: There is quite a range. They probably range from six months down to some weeks, depending on the level of the person in the company. Senator FISHER: You think, or you know? Mr Quigley: That is what I believe. I will check for you.	Pg 117 (24/05/12)	06/09/12	20/09/12
292	NBN Co	Fisher	Ribbon fibre	Senator FISHER: Do you know of any other communication carrier in Australia using ribbon fibre? Mr McLaren: This is certainly new technology in Australia, but we have been working with our suppliers and seeing this being used for the types of networks that we are deploying, which is obviously substantial fibre that is being deployed in other markets. We have not seen this used in Australia because we have not used this number of fibres in a cable. Mr Quigley: Last time I saw the number of fibre to the prem, the number I remember off the top of my head—and we can certainly get it for you—is that 20 million premises are being covered by ribbon fibre. Mr McLaren: We would obviously need to check that. Mr Quigley: Yes, we can check that, but it is something like that. But it is for large-scale fibre rollout.	Pg 121 (24/05/12)	04/09/12	20/09/12
293	NBN Co	Birmingham	NBN Co print campaign	Senator BIRMINGHAM: Can I come to NBN Co's specific print campaign. Your campaign to date has been only a mixture of print and radio? Mr Cooney: And online. Senator BIRMINGHAM: And online of course. Perhaps on notice you can provide us with the split between those media...	Pg 125-126 (24/05/12)	19/09/12	11/10/12
294	NBN Co	Bushby	NEC boxes	Senator BUSHBY: Does the \$1.2 million estimated cost to retrofit them include the total cost of the boxes and also the labour of fitting them? Mr Quigley: I believe so. We will check on that but I believe that it does.	Pg 130 (24/05/12)	04/09/12	20/09/12
295	NBN Co	Birmingham	Roll out	Will NBN Co prioritise the rollout to public buildings such as schools and hospitals? Or will those buildings have to wait, at the very least, until the are part of a Fibre Serving Area at various stages of the rollout?	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12
296	NBN Co	Birmingham	Roll out	In October 2010, NBN Co announced that it would take responsibility to rewire multi dwelling units, or apartment blocks throughout the country ¹ . Is this an accurate representation of the NBN Co's policy?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12

¹ <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/archive/business-old/nbn-co-to-foot-the-bill-in-linking-up-apartments/story-e6frg9hx-1225943448119>

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297	NBN Co	Birmingham	Roll out	Is NBN Co currently in negotiations with electricity distributors to utilise electricity poles for aerial deployment of the network?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
298	NBN Co	Birmingham	Roll out	Has NBN Co, or any of its contractors, been liable for any damage or loss of property as a result of NBN installers accessing the property of residents to date? If so, please provide details of all instances.	Written	16/10/12	01/11/12
299	NBN Co	Birmingham	Roll out	How many actual premises will be physically passed by January 2015?	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
300	NBN Co	Birmingham	Roll out	Does NBN Co accept that premises passed and construction commencing in an area are completely different things? Has NBN Co attempted to correct erroneous media reports which have confused NBN Co's announced targets – which previously have been found to be neither reasonable nor valid – with actual targets for premises physically passed?	Written	14/09/12	20/09/12
301	NBN Co	Birmingham	Roll out	Is it correct that about a third of Australians would be in the vicinity of areas where the broadband roll out would be underway by the next election? Is the roll out plan a political plan aimed at fooling people into falsely believing that the NBN will be coming to them sooner than it actually is?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
302	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	An NBN document states that in greenfields MDUs, the builder will be responsible for providing in-building conduits and those conduits must be 25mm in width, have bends of radius no less than 100 mm with total cumulative bend angles not exceeding 270 degrees, and individual bends no more than 90 degrees ² . Who is responsible for providing these conduits in brownfields MDUs?	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
303	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	From trial sites, how many MDUs have contained adequate in-building conduits? Who was responsible for retrofitting buildings in MDUs where the conduits were inadequate?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
304	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	Are you aware of problems encountered by OpenNet in Singapore, where it was reported that as of November 2010 about 90% of management/corporation-strata title (MCST) owners of MDUs contacted by OpenNet had rejected OpenNet's offer to install FTTH connections inside their buildings? ³	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
305	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	What percentage of building body corporates have consented to NBN wiring inside the building?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
306	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	Who is legally responsible for any damage occurred in retrofitting conduits and wiring inside MDUs?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
307	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	Has the NBN contacted any Hong Kong infrastructure providers such as HKBB or PCCW for advice or consultancy work in dealing with MDUs? If so, what differences in legal structure between Hong Kong and Australia has the NBN identified in relation to wiring MDUs?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
308	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	Will the NBN Co be installing the Premises Connection Device on MDUs inside or outside the building?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
309	NBN Co	Birmingham	MDU's	Is the NBN Co aware of the approach taken by other telcos in the region in relation to MDUs,	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12

² <http://www.nbnco.com.au/assets/documents/preparation-and-installation-guide-for-sdus-and-mdus.pdf>,

³ <http://blogs.informatandm.com/3553/singapore%E2%80%99s-nbn-glitches-could-be-a-harbinger-of-trouble-for-australia%E2%80%99s-nbn/>

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				where an MSAN or Multi Service Access Node is installed at the basement of MDUs which can connect to existing in-building wiring and can handle upgrades if the body corporates decide to upgrade in-building wiring at a later date?			
310	NBN Co	Birmingham	Consultants	Has the NBN Co at any time hire the Canadian based company Telesat for consultancy work? If so, can you please describe the nature of that consultancy work?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
311	NBN Co	Birmingham	Telstra	A Telstra shareholder note notes that in the Definitive Agreements signed between NBN and Telstra in June 2010, the Implementation and Interpretation Deed (IID) included: <i>"various interim arrangements to enable NBN Co to obtain immediate access to Telstra infrastructure before the other Definitive Agreements become binding"</i> ⁴ . Given that you have had access to Telstra's infrastructure for almost a year, can you explain how the delays in Telstra shareholders approving the agreement with NBN held up the rollout of the NBN?	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12
312	NBN Co	Birmingham	Advertising	Is there or has there been an advertisement in the Los Angeles airport terminal for the NBN? If so: a. What was the cost of placing this advertisement? b. How long has the advertisement been on display? c. What other international airports have advertisements for the NBN? d. What are the costs for these advertisements? e. What other locations outside of Australia have advertisements for the NBN and what are the costs of these advertisements?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
313	NBN Co	Birmingham	Communications	Please provide a breakdown of the 4.8million spent on external communications in 2011. How much was spent on demonstration facilities and please define these demonstration facilities. How much was spent on each advertising campaign and with which media outlets?	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
314	NBN Co	Birmingham	Communications	Please provide a breakdown of external communications spending to date for 2011/12.	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
315	NBN Co	Birmingham	Communications	How much has NBN Co spent on photography services?	Written	19/09/12	20/09/12
316	NBN Co	Birmingham	Communications	How much has NBN Co spent on talent for its advertisements?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
317	NBN Co	Birmingham	Communications	How much has NBN Co spent on graphic design services?	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
318	NBN Co	Birmingham	Liabilities & prospective outlays	What are the five largest outstanding contracts projected to be at the end of calendar 2013?	Written	09/10/12	11/10/12
319	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	Please detail progression of SAU. What feedback has been received from industry? How has NBN Co taken this on board? Has it altered its plans in any way?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
320	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	Why has NBN Co adopted a set of principles as its SAU instead of solid commitments?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
321	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	a. Does NBN Co expect that this approach will limit telco's recourse to the ACCC? This essentially removes the fall back position which is how the SAU has operated under Telstra	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12

⁴ <http://www.telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/download/document/2011-definitive-agreements-telstra-nbnco.pdf>, p.28

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				<p>does it not?</p> <p>b. Does NBN Co agree with Macquarie Telecom's characterisation of the SAU that the regulator, being the ACCC, is prevented from exercising on-going supervision of the activities of NBN Co?</p> <p>c. Does NBN Co accept AAPT's statement that the SAU seeks to implement the Regulatory Heirachy in way that substantially narrows the circumstances in which access seeker can seek regulatory recourse to the ACCC via an AD or BROCC? A Framework where there is insufficient regulatory oversight of disputes arising during negotiations or from existing terms of the SAU would clearly be unworkable.</p> <p>d. Does NBN Co agree with Optus who state that the arrangement outlined in the SAU amount to a model of self-regulation whereby NBN Co largely retains discretion to determine the rules of engagement with access seekers and then self-polices compliance with those rules. It is an inadequate model of regulation for an entity that will have such an unprecedented level of market dominance.</p>			
322	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	<p>What are the service descriptions offered under the SAU?</p> <p>Does NBN Co agree with Macquarie Telecom's characterisation of the SAU that the detailed description of the NBN access service is not contained within the SAU and is therefore outside the purview of the ACCC's scrutiny?</p>	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
323	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	<p>What commitments on price are offered under the SAU?</p>	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
324	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	<p>What service provision timeframes are offered under the SAU?</p> <p>Does NBN Co agree with Macquarie Telecom's statement that the SAU does not contain any detailed descriptions of the ancillary services? Accordingly, such descriptions are not subject to the ACCC's scrutiny? Does NBN Co further accept Macquarie Telecom's concern that the absence of details concerning ancillary services is likely to impact the setting of appropriate charges for these services?</p>	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
325	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	<p>What actual service standards does NBN Co have to meet under the proposed MOU?</p>	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
326	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	<p>Has NBN Co considered committing to basic service standards for base level services to give certainty to RSPs?</p>	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
327	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	<p>e. Does the SAU allow for CBC charges – the usage component- to be increased over time?</p> <p>f. Does NBN Co accept Optus' statement that the CVC charge as proposed is firstly, designed to recover NBN Co's investment costs and secondly, will force prices higher and deter take up of higher speed access plans?</p> <p>g. Does NBN co agree with Optus that a large variable component which has only a tenuous link to costs of supply can have damaging effects in markets downstream by discouraging the adoption of high speed plans and the take up of data rich services and applications?</p>	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
328	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	<p>a. NBN Co has stated that the CVC price will decline over time and forecasts a decline from \$20/mbps/month to \$8.75 a month between 2011/12 and 2024/25.</p> <p>b. Why does the maximum charge NBN Co would be permitted to charge dramatically increase over the period to 2024/25?</p>	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12

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329	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	a. Why does this SAU have a proposed life of 30 years as opposed to the 3-5 year SAUs offered by Telstra? b. Does NBN Co accept that far from increasing certainty for RSPs a 30 year term would actually create significant regulatory uncertainty.	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
330	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	What limitations or requirements does the SAU place on NBN Co regarding the withdrawal or development of products? Does NBN Co agree with the statement by Adam Internet, iiNet, Internode, Primus Telecom and TransACT that NBN Co's discretion to develop or withdraw products is unfettered?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
331	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	Does the SAU provide any clause or commitment to the effect that NBN Co will provision services and rectify faults in a manner that allows customers to comply with their obligations under the Customer Service Guarantee or any other similar standards or legislation?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
332	NBN Co	Birmingham	SAU	What impact would a rejection of the proposed SAU by ACCC have on NBN Co?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
333	NBN Co	Birmingham	Satellite	a. Does NBN Co agree with satellite expert Dr Graeme Shaw that the process of ordering a satellite without securing the slots was risky and highly unusual? Was risk mitigation plans have been developed for the possibility that an orbital slot is not available? b. When does NBN Co expect its satellites will be in orbital spots? And fully operational? What impact would a one year delay have on the rollout? On NBN Co's finances?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
334	NBN Co	Birmingham	ISS	Does NBN Co monitor what speeds and services those on the free trial period are using? If so, what are they? If not, why not?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
335	NBN Co	Birmingham	Huawei	a. Did NBN Co internal processes endorse or recommend Huawei as a major supplier? b. Had NBN Co staff visited Huawei prior to this? At whose expense? c. How was NBN Co informed that Huawei could not be used? By whom? When? d. What discussions have occurred between NBN Co and ASIO or PM&C or DBCDE regarding Huawei?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
336	NBN Co	Birmingham	Retail Customers	How many retail customers access NBN services through each of Satellite, Wireless and Fibre? How many through each RSP? How many are full paying customers? Please break down by state.	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
337	NBN Co	Birmingham	Copper	How many households will have their copper lines switched off by the end of 2012? How many by the end of 2013? When does NBN Co expect decommissioning of the copper network to start?	Written	14/09/12	20/09/12
338	NBN Co	Birmingham	Copper	When does NBN Co or DBCDE expect payments to Telstra for the decommissioning of the copper Network to start? On what basis are these payments made (ie \$ per premise)? How much is expected to be paid by the end of 2012? How much by the end of 2013? How many premises does this equate to in 2012 and 2013?	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12
339	NBN Co	Birmingham	Financial Performance	How much has NBN Co billed for its services to date? To how many retailers?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
340	NBN Co	Birmingham	Greenfields	Are there occasions where NBN Co has failed to deliver services to Greenfields estates before the first occupancy date advised by the developer?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12

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341	NBN Co	Birmingham	Greenfields	What is the ideal time in terms of cost effectiveness and ease of construction to roll out fibre in Greenfields developments? How does this compare to costs involved in rolling out fibre just prior to occupancy?	Written	11/09/12	20/09/12
342	NBN Co	Birmingham	Demonstration Facilities	Where has the truck visited? Please break down by electorate.	Written	14/09/12	20/09/12
343	NBN Co	Birmingham	Demonstration Facilities	How much did the Discover Centre cost to establish? What are its ongoing costs? How many staff are employed to work in the Centre? How many people have visited the centre? How many people have taken up NBN services as a result of visiting the centre?	Written	14/09/12	20/09/12
344	NBN Co	Birmingham	Demonstration Facilities	How much did the Discovery truck cost to establish? What are its ongoing costs? How many staff are employed to work in the Centre? How many people have visited the truck? How many people have taken up NBN services as a result of visiting the truck?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
345	NBN Co	Birmingham	Demonstration Facilities	Are there any plans for further Discovery centres, trucks or facilities of any other kind?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
346	NBN Co	Birmingham	FOI	How many FoI requests have been received by NBN Co this financial year? Does NBN Co believe this level of requests is onerous or unduly burdensome?	Written	08/08/12	23/08/12
347	NBN Co	Birmingham	FOI	What discussions has NBN Co had with the Minister, the Attorney-General's Department or the Attorney-General in relation to FOI requests? How has NBN Co identified the need for and scope of any changes to how FOI laws apply to NBN Co? What role does NBN Co have in the review of NBN Co's compliance with and requirements under the FOI Act?	Written	08/08/12	23/08/12
348	NBN Co	Bushby	Cost of NBN Co offices	Could you please outline: 1. The addresses of NBN Co office locations in Tasmania; 2. The cost associated with renting/leasing these locations; 3. Details of agreements made with vendors (ie. the length of rental agreement/contract); 4. What other locations were examined prior to deciding on the site/s and how they compared price-wise. 5. How many staff they accommodate. 6. If they have been re-fitted in any way and if yes, in what way and at what cost? 7. Could you please detail the above with respect to office locations in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
349	NBN Co	Bushby	Tasmanian NBN Co	1. Last Estimates NBN Co was queried about Tasmanian NBN Co. Can detail please be provided on the operations of TNBN Co and its functions? 2. When was TNBN Co formed? 3. Does it still have a board? If so, who is on the board? 4. Can you please detail the salary packages of each board member? 5. Does TNBN Co have a website? If yes, what is its address? 6. Does TNBN Co have to produce an annual report, or contribute to NBN Co's annual report? 7. Is its performance measured in any way? 8. Does it have a firm end date?	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12

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350	NBN Co	Bushby	Cost of NBN roll out	<p>Could you please outline:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When construction started on sites in the 2nd round of Tasmanian locations set to receive the NBN (Kingston Beach, Deloraine, George Town, Sorell, South Hobart, St Helens & Triabunna); 2. When construction finished or is scheduled to finish in each of the towns; 3. Whether there are any anticipated delays and if so, by how long; 4. The name of the company/ies contracted to undertake the roll-out in these locations; 5. How much each contract is worth; 6. How many people are working on the construction roll-out in each location; 7. Whether the company/ies has a policy or is encouraged to employ Tasmanians; 8. Does NBN Co have any agreement with the company/ies to provide accommodation to its employees, and if yes, please outline the terms of that agreement. 	Written	19/09/12	11/10/12
351	NBN Co	Bushby	Different platforms in Tasmania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What communication has NBN Co had with Telstra about what NBN-related services it is offering in Tasmania? 2. What is NBN Co's current understanding of those services? 	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
352	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 302 (b) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 302(b) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has identified that 'processes in train' (such as procurement of customer equipment) have not yet been concluded. As such, the department was not able at the time of Additional Estimates Hearings in February 2012 to provide a cost-per-household estimate of providing alternative (wireless and satellite) network services to regional and remote customers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the procurement process referred to in answer to QON 302(b) been concluded since last estimates (Feb 2012)? 2. If not, when does NBNC Co expect that this process will be concluded, and it will in fact be able to provide an indication of the cost-per-household of providing alternative network service to regional and remote customers? 3. What impact has this costing uncertainty has on compilation of the next version of the Corporate Plan that is expected by 31 May, 2012? 4. If the relevant procurement processes have in fact been concluded, can NBNC Co now provide a detailed cost analysis for the provision of services across wireless and satellite technologies to customers outside of metropolitan areas? 5. Can the NBNC Co now provide an accurate cost-comparison between metropolitan and regional service provision? 6. Can the NBNC Co provide an accurate cost-evaluation of the number of metropolitan service connections that will be required to fund the provision of both wireless and satellite services in regional and remote areas.? 	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12
353	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 302 (e) – Additional	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 302(e) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p>	Written	14/09/12	20/09/12

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			Estimates	<p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has identified that the cost of providing satellite infrastructure and procurement subsidy cannot be determined due to a ‘...procurement process which has not concluded.’</p> <p>As such, the department was not able at the time of Additional Estimates Hearings in February 2012 to provide an accurate account of providing satellite service (infrastructure and procurement) subsidy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the procurement process referred to in answer to QON 302(e) been concluded since Additional Estimates in February 2012? 2. If not, when does NBNC Co expect that this process will be concluded, and it will in fact be able to provide an indication of the cost of providing satellite services (infrastructure and procurement) subsidy? 3. What impact has this costing uncertainty has on compilation of the next version of the Corporate Plan that is expected by 31 May, 2012? 			
354	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 302 (g) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 302(g) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has identified that wholesale customers of the NBNC Co will be required to satisfy the “Access Seeker On-Boarding” programme requirements in order to do business with NBNC Co.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At what locations and how frequently will NBNC Co be conducting training and testing phases of on-boarding? 2. What cost imposition does NBNC Co expect potential wholesale customers to absorb in order to participate in the on-boarding process? 3. To what extent does the Access Seeker On-Boarding programme make provision for ISPs who do not intend to provide services via alternative Wireless and Satellite technologies? 	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12
355	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 302 (h) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 302(h) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has indicated that Priority Assistance service guarantees only apply to standard telephone services, NOT to wireless and satellite services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the \$11bn de-commissioning of the Telstra Copper Network, what proportion of standard telephony services will be provided in Australia across the NBNC Co network? 2. To what extent in regional, rural and remote areas, where the fibre network is not being deployed, will telephony services be provided via satellite and wireless technologies? 3. Based on your answer to QON 304(h) does this mean that NBNC Co does not intend to provide Priority Assistance support to customers outside the fixed-fibre footprint? 	Written	09/10/12	11/10/12
356	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 304 (a) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 304(a) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has indicated that parties to the NBNC Co’s Wholesale Broadband Agreements (WBAs) will be under an obligation</p>	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>to make Priority Assistance service standards available across the deployed fixed-fibre network.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department/NBNCo specify the service level standards explicit in the WBA agreements? 2. Can the Department/NBNCo specify the service level agreements it has adopted regarding Priority Assistance response times? 3. Can the Department/NBNCo clarify the Priority Assistance response times for metropolitan and regional/rural customers respectively? 4. Can the Department/NBNCo identify exactly where in the Access Seeker On-Boarding program/training the NBNCo specifies the requirement for Priority Assistance SLA satisfaction? 			
357	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 304 (h) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 304(h) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNCo has indicated that it ‘...does control maintenance of its network and has signed WBAs with Access Seekers which guarantee levels of service per the signed Service Level Agreements.’</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If an Access Seeker’s customer notifies the Access Seeker of a service fault, who deploys the technician to repair the fault? Is it the Access Seeker, a third party contractor supplied by NBNCo or NBNCo itself? 2. Who operates the call centre and the DMS system? If this is the NBNCo then is it also the NBNCo who deploys the technician or is the job outsourced to a third party contractor? With so many steps, how are Service Level Agreements and Standards managed effectively? 3. If NBNCo, or its designated third party contractor following DMS protocols, is deploying fault-response services, is not NBNCo the carriage service provider who is ultimately responsible for network maintenance? 	Written	14/09/12	20/09/12
358	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 304 (j) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 304(j) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNCo has indicated that it ‘...does not have any direct regulatory obligation in respect of Priority Assistance..’ and that these obligations will be passed on through WBA’s.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the NBNCo a carriage service provider,? 2. Does the NBNCo stipulate to ultimate responsibility for network maintenance? 3. Is the NBNCo bound by a regulatory obligation to provide Priority Assistance services under Part 6 (ss16-20) of the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth)? 	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12
359	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 301 (b) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 301(b) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNCo has indicated that inspection staff receive two days training in NBN’s Defect Management System (DMS).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What criteria is utilised to recruit inspection and audit personnel for operation of the DMS 	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>system?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What ongoing support is made available to inspection staff in the use/deployment of DMS? What function will the Gold Coast call Centre have in this process? 3. Who sets the compliance standards for the inspections that are being conducted and deployed using the DMS system? 4. What licensing or regulatory oversight governs the conduct of inspectors who are engaged in auditing NBNC Co public infrastructure? 5. What licensing or regulatory oversight governs the conduct of inspectors using the DMS system? 			
360	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 301 (c) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 301(c) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has indicated that maintenance and installation works recorded through the DMS are required to comply with quality levels yielded by statistical sampling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From where is the statistical sampling data sourced/how is the data compiled? 2. Who reviews/audits the pass/fail assessments under the DMS system? 3. Are Access Seekers fully informed regarding the DMS system during the on-boarding process? 4. Will the DMS system be independently regulated for compliance with quality levels? 	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12
361	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 301 (d) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 301(d) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has NOT indicated the cost estimate that was explicitly requested by the question. The information requested is the forward estimate for inspections and audits of NBNC Co installations.</p> <p>As such, the question is posed for a second time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the forward estimate for the cost of conducting inspections and audits of NBNC Co installations nationwide? 2. Please provide the specific cost estimates for managing inspection and audit of in each of the following technologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - terrestrial fibre (cost per inspection and the estimated national total) - aerial fibre (cost per inspection and the estimated national total) - wireless (cost per inspection and the estimated national total) - satellite (cost per inspection and the estimated national total) 	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12
362	NBN Co	MacDonald	QoN 301 (g) – Additional Estimates	<p>We draw your attention to answers to questions on notice 301(g) from Additional Estimates February 2012.</p> <p>We refer to advice provided in the stated answer to the effect that NBNC Co has indicated that ultimate responsibility for maintaining installation standards vest in the NBNC Co, not in a third-party</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the network maintenance accountability functions that are vested in third 	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>party/independent providers? What compliances are imposed for installation and maintenance of ISP backhaul? Who will regulate the installation and maintenance of ISP backhaul?</p> <p>2. By what independent body will the NBNCo's 'ultimate responsibility' for network maintenance be regulated and/or scrutinised?</p>			
363	NBN Co	Fisher	Staffing	<p>a. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>b. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>c. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
364	NBN Co	Fisher	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
365	NBN Co	Fisher	Staffing	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details costs and what the training is.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
366	NBN Co	Fisher	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
367	NBN Co	Fisher	Government Advertising	<p>a. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>b. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>c. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>d. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>e. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>f. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>g. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>	Written	15/10/12	01/11/12
368	NBN Co	Fisher	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>a. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>b. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>c. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>d. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p>	Written	09/10/12	11/10/12

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				e. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?			
369	NBN Co	Fisher	Freedom of Information	<p>a. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>b. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>c. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p> <p>d. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	08/08/12	23/08/12
370	NBN Co	Fisher	Consultancies	<p>a. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	09/10/12	11/10/12
371	NBN Co	Fisher	Media Monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13?</p>	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
372	NBN Co	Fisher	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
373	NBN Co	Fisher	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes,</p>	Written	08/08/12	23/08/12

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				<p>provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
374	NBN Co	Fisher	Government Payment of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>a. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
375	NBN Co	Fisher	Government Stationary Requirements	<p>What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p>	Written	19/09/12	20/09/12
376	NBN Co	Fisher	Media Subscriptions	<p>1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional</p>	Written	18/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</p> <p>b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>			
377	NBN Co	Fisher	Travel Costs	<p>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p>	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
378	NBN Co	Fisher	Legal Costs	<p>a. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>b. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>c. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>d. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	14/09/12	20/09/12
379	NBN Co	Fisher	Education Expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
380	NBN Co	Fisher	Executive Coaching and	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p>	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12

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			Leadership Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The location used II. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) III. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) IV. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			
381	NBN Co	Fisher	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged <p>For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service 	Written	05/09/12	20/09/12

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				<p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>i. The location used</p> <p>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
382	NBN Co	Fisher	Paid Parental Leave	<p>a. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>b. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
383	NBN Co	Fisher	Corporate Cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <p>a. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio?</p> <p>b. Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c. What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written	15/08/12	23/08/12
384	NBN Co	Fisher	Taxi Costs	<p>a. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>b. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	19/09/12	11/10/12
385	NBN Co	Fisher	Credit Cards	<p>Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <p>a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>b. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written	19/09/12	11/10/12
386	NBN Co	Fisher	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
387	NBN Co	Fisher	Provision of Equipment	Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.	Written	06/09/12	20/09/12
388	NBN Co	Fisher	Electricity	a. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide	Written	19/09/12	11/10/12

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			Purchasing	<p>details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.</p> <p>b. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>c. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>			
389	NBN Co	Fisher	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>1. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <p>a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?</p> <p>b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced.</p> <p>c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken.</p> <p>d. How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <p>a. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?</p> <p>b. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.</p> <p>c. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken.</p> <p>d. How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
390	NBN Co	Fisher	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12
391	NBN Co	McKenzie	Mobile towers in regional areas	<p>What processes does the NBN Co have to consult with communities in regional areas with respect to the corresponding need for more mobile towers?</p> <p>What are NBN Co's requirements for tendering around the building of new mobile towers in regional areas?</p> <p>How many applications on behalf of NBN have been made for new mobile towers in regional Victoria?</p> <p>What is the status of these?</p>	Written	04/09/12	20/09/12