

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 18-19 OCTOBER 2010

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO

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1	1.1	ASCD	Birmingham	ETS advertising campaign	I refer to an article by Lenore Taylor in <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> of 2 October 2010 regarding abandoned plans for an ETS advertising campaign. 1. What was the message of this campaign? 2. How much was it going to cost? 3. How would it have run?	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
2	1.1	CSMD	Abetz	Cleaner Car Rebate	Senator ABETZ —Alright—not that you are aware of. Could you be so kind as to take it on notice, in the event that there was any? Dr Parkinson —Yes. Senator ABETZ —I suspect there was not and that is why we have this policy. Once again, it was all their own work—a bit like the citizens assembly. Senator CAMERON —Senator Abetz, is this a speech or a question? Senator ABETZ —No—I just want to break it down absolutely that the department did not have anything to do with yet another diabolical policy that was announced during the election. Thank you for that. Perhaps you could take that on notice, just in case there was anything. Dr Parkinson —I am happy to do that. The only reason I am not being completely definitive is that, as I said, I was actually on leave through the last couple of weeks before the election was called and into the election.	EC 31	22/11/10	09/02/11
3	1.1	CSMD	Abetz	Abatement	Senator ABETZ —In relation to the Home Insulation Program, has the department done any assessment on whether, at the end of the day, this was a completely negative scheme given the 200 fires, the amount of CO ₂ that went into the atmosphere, the fossil fuels of the trucks and vans that had to go to all of these houses, the checking, the ripping out of insulation, the putting in of new insulation or the insulation that will be going to landfill. I would have thought that, potentially, this may be a program that has a negative outcome. I would be interested if all those factors were taken into account as well. Dr Parkinson —Can we discuss those under output 1.2?	EC 37	03/12/10	10/02/11

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					Senator ABETZ —Take it on notice, unless you are telling me that you have some answers to that. Dr Parkinson —No, I think we will have to take it on notice.			
4	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Correspondence – Roundtables	What communication took place with Members of the Business Roundtable on Climate Change and the NGO Roundtable on Climate Change relating to their appointments? Please detail dates of any correspondence both prior to and confirming these appointments, and provide copies.	Written	29/11/20	10/02/11
5	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Climate Change Committee	1. What Budget has been assigned to the Climate Change Committee? 2. How many staff will provide support, at what cost? 3. Please detail any advertising campaigns being planned. 4. What is the communications budget? 5. On what basis will the advertising or communications campaigns be run? 6. What public meetings will be held? 7. Why were Mr Dreyfus and Mr Bandt added to the committee? 8. Do they have voting rights? 9. Will they engage in discussion or simply secretarial duties? 10. Is there any pairing or proxy arrangement, for example to ensure a Government majority should a Government MP fail to attend any meeting?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
6	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Citizens' Assembly	1. Was the Department consulted on the creation of a Citizens' Assembly? 2. What advice did the Department provide in relation to the Assembly? 3. Did the Department make an assessment as to the cost?	Written	01/12/10	10/02/11
7	1.1	CSMD	Birmingham	Carbon tax	1. Does the Department support moves towards a carbon tax? 2. If not, why not? 3. Is the Department still making recommendations to the Government regarding a carbon tax?	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
8	1.1	CSMD	Boswell	RECs	Senator BOSWELL —...How many RECs do you believe will be there at the end of this year? Mr Comley —I do not have an updated estimate. Senator BOSWELL —At the end of December, which is a calendar year? Mr Comley —I will take that on notice.	EC 73	27/01/11	10/02/11
9	1.1	CSMD	Boswell	RECs	Senator BOSWELL —It will be able to adjust itself but is it going to	EC 75	27/01/11	10/02/11

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					adjust itself in three years or four years or five years? How many do you estimate? How many RECs estimate there will be at the end of this year? Mr Comley—I will take that on notice. I do not have a revised estimate in front of me.			
10	1.1	CSMD	Boswell	Wind abatement	Senator BOSWELL—I have one more question here. This is on wind abatement. You told us earlier that it is going to be about \$50 a tonne. Have you included the extra generation the peaking power plants will need to make up the independence of the wind? Does it include connecting wind farms to the grid? Have you done any work that specifically takes these two massive issues into account? Can you tell me what you have measured in your estimate? Have you looked at the expense of backup transmission costs in your abatement of \$50 a tonne? Mr Comley—My recollection is that the abatement estimates from MMA include the additional grid connectivity of wind. I do not believe—but I can take it on notice—that they include increasing combined cycle gas, because that is not necessarily to generate the amount of electricity. But the overall MMA estimates do include the change in the price of electricity, which would take account of those additional cost factors. Senator BOSWELL—But it does not include the big peaking power plants? Mr Comley—I will take it on notice. My understanding is that it takes account of the full impact of the price of electricity. Certainly it takes in the connectivity to the grid. I would have to take on notice the question of the gas peaking.	EC 75	24/11/10	09/02/11
11	1.1	CSMD	Fisher	MPCCC	Senator FISHER—Are you able to provide the committee with a timetable of meetings, once agreed, for the secretaries group? Senator Wong—Is this a forward? Senator FISHER—Projected meetings. They have only met— Dr Parkinson—We have only met the once. Senator FISHER—Dr Parkinson said that they are discussing a timetable for meeting and they will meet regularly—probably monthly. Once agreed, are you able to provide the committee with a copy of the timetable for meetings of the secretaries group?	EC 24	25/11/10	10/02/11

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					Dr Parkinson —I can give you a broad indication. Obviously, to the extent that we are working to service the multiparty committee, we will not always have control over our own meeting dates. Senator FISHER —Indeed. Dr Parkinson —I can do what I can to help you on that.			
12	1.1	CSMD	Fisher	MPCCC	Senator FISHER —Okay. Can you provide on notice information about the budget that has been assigned to the committee and how much it will cost? Dr Parkinson —If we have developed a budget I hope that is the maximum amount it will cost. Senator FISHER —We hope that it is one and the same. Dr Parkinson —Yes, but we will provide information on that on notice.	EC 29	25/11/10	10/02/11
13	1.1	CSMD	Milne	Abatement	Senator MILNE —Has Infrastructure Australia come to you? Mr Comley —I believe it had discussions, but I would have to take on notice to confirm that. Senator MILNE —Can you take on notice how many times they have come to you and about which projects. Mr Comley —I will take that on notice.	EC 37	24/11/10	09/02/11
14	1.1	CSMD	Milne	Abatement/land clearing	Mr Comley —I will have to double-check what the 85 million is referring to, because my recollection was that, in the national communication, the deviation from business as usual was actually larger than 85 million, so I think we should check for you this afternoon whether there is land clearing plus 85 million from ‘other measures’. But of the deviation from business as usual, I expect the most significant measure is the land clearing. Senator MILNE —That is what I am trying to get to: whether the 85 megatonnes is— Mr Comley —I understand the question. We will check on that for you, Senator. Senator MILNE —You will check on that? Because I just need to know whether the land-clearing laws are in fact the major measure to reduce emissions in that context, so I would appreciate the detail on that.	EC 42	29/11/20	10/02/11
15	1.1	CSMD	Milne	RECs	Senator MILNE —What is the answer to the loophole? How many 2010 year generation RECs do you expect to be registered in 2011? Mr Comley —I will take that on notice. I have to follow-up on the issue you are raising. You talk about the generation and that will be taken into	EC 77	03/12/10	10/02/11

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					account in the target. I will take that on notice.			
16	1.1	Exec	Abetz	CPRS deferral	Senator ABETZ —I fully understand that, but you didn't make any proactive inquiries after the 1.27 pm alert. Mr Leeper —I would have to check that. Senator ABETZ —If you could, please, I would be much obliged. Mr Leeper —Certainly.	EC 10	19/11/10	09/02/11
17	1.1	LD	Birmingham	Carbon Farming Initiative	Senator BIRMINGHAM —Not wishing to take up too much time of the committee, perhaps you could provide on notice a bit of background as to the extent of that proposed initiative, who it is likely to capture and what consultation process has been developed. That would be appreciated. Ms Thompson —We would be happy to do that.	EC 46	25/11/10	10/02/11
18	1.1	LD	Milne	Pew Center report	Senator MILNE —Following on from Senator Williams's question and your response about CSIRO doing that assessment, there was also the Pew Center report saying that there was a potential in Central Australia's arid zone to sequester about a billion tonnes additional as a result of feral animals, weed control, range of savannah burning changes and so on. To what extent was there a crossover between CSIRO's analysis that you were just talking about and the Pew Center analysis, or have the two been treated separately, or has the Pew Center analysis even made it onto the program in terms of assessment from the department? Mr Comley —I think we were looking at the CSIRO report and I would have to check with my colleagues on the Pew Center. If we have anything to add, we can answer on notice. Senator MILNE —You are familiar with the report I am talking about here. Mr Comley —Yes. Senator MILNE —Could you take on notice if there is a crossover on what is happening with that Pew Center report.	EC 19-20	29/11/20	10/02/11
19	1.2	ASCD	Birmingham	HIP advertising	I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 87, regarding Home Insulation Program advertising, through the May 2010 Budget Estimates. 1. How much of the \$4.137 million budgeted has now been spent? 2. How and when was this spent? 3. What was the purpose of the individual advertising contracts? 4. Are future campaigns planned? 5. If so, about what, and how much will be spent?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11

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20	1.2	CSMD	Birmingham	REFF funds	1. With regard to the programs listed in the answer to Question on Notice 64 in the Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio through the May 2010 Budget Estimates, did the Department do any assessment of any of these programs or similar programs prior to the 2010 election? 2. If so, what assessments were undertaken into each program and what was the outcome of such assessments?	Written	02/12/10	10/02/11
21	1.2	CSMD	Birmingham	Cutting emissions - HIP	I refer to the announcement of the Energy Efficiency Homes Package – of which the Home Insulation Program was the key component – and statements that these measures would cut emissions by almost 50 million tonnes by 2050, and the Treasurer's statement of 3 February 2009 that it would be the same as taking a million cars off the road. 1. What has happened to this target? 2. What is the target now? 3. How many cars will you effectively be taking off the road now?	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
22	1.2	CSMD	Birmingham	Cost of emissions - HIP	Has the Department worked out the cost of emissions per tonne for the Home Insulation Program as it stands now?	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11
23	1.2	DDPD	Birmingham	Green Loans Correspondence	I refer to my as yet unacknowledged correspondence to Ministers in relation to the Green Loans program, including letters of: a. 15 February 2010 to Minister Garrett, seeking clarification and explanation regarding accredited assessor numbers; b. 19 February 2010 to Minister Garrett, seeking advice sought or received regarding possible liabilities and any other adverse consequences; c. 3 March 2010 to Minister Wong, enclosing the above letters and a compilation of stakeholder complaints to which responses were sought; d. 4 March 2010 to Minister Wong regarding misleading advertising following the discontinuation of the program's loans component; e. 8 April 2010 to Minister Wong regarding assessors owed money by the company Green Loans Assessors Co-operative Pty Ltd (GLACO) and any similar cases of non-payment; f. 9 April 2010 to Minister Wong regarding ongoing late or overdue payments to assessors; g. 9 April 2010 to Minister Wong regarding recourse to financial	Written	09/02/11	10/02/11

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					relief for those who found themselves 'out of pocket' as a result of acting in good faith in the expectation of securing a Loan under the Government's program; h. 13 April 2010 to Minister Wong urging the public release of review and audit findings; i. 19 April 2010 to Minister Wong regarding how and when any additional home sustainability assessors would be contracted; j. 5 May 2010 to Minister Wong regarding as yet unreturned home sustainability assessment reports; k. 21 May 2010 to Minister Wong regarding a particular unreturned home sustainability assessment report outstanding since October last year; and l. 1 July 2010 to Minister Wong regarding a further particular unreturned home sustainability assessment report outstanding since October last year 1. Has any or all of this correspondence been referred to the Department? 2. If so, on what dates in each case? 3. Have any responses been drafted by the Department, whether for a former or current Minister? If so, please detail.			
24	1.2	DDPD	Birmingham	Outstanding claims for payment – Green Loans	1. For the Green Loans Program, how many outstanding claims for payment, and to what value, remain unresolved? 2. What actions have been taken to resolve these claims? 3. Do any of these unresolved claims involve Certified Roofing Pty Ltd? If so, please detail the value of the unresolved claims and actions taken to resolve these claims.	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
25	1.2	GPSD	Birmingham	Claims for compensation – HIP	1. For the Home Insulation Program, how many claims for compensation has the Department received? 2. How many of these claims have been resolved? 3. What was the total value of compensation both claimed and paid?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
26	1.2	GPSD	Birmingham	Claims for compensation – Green Loans	1. For the Green Loans Program, how many claims for compensation has the Department received? 2. How many of these claims have been resolved? 3. What was the total value of compensation both claimed and paid?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
27	1.2	GPSD	Birmingham	HIP – installer fraud	I refer to Appendix 10 of the Auditor-General's report regarding actions taken to address installer fraud. How many of the identified measures	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11

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					have been fully implemented and why?			
28	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	FISP	Senator BIRMINGHAM—Can you take on notice, please, to provide us with copies of the templates that PwC presumably expect the electricians to return to PwC and with information around the types of data sets that PwC reports to the department? Mr Bowles—Are you talking about a proforma, blank inspection sheet? Senator BIRMINGHAM—I am assuming that there is one, and correct me if you do not think there is, but I am assuming that PwC expects electricians to report certain information back to them and that they must, for ease, have developed a type of template for the reporting of that information. Mr Bowles—Yes, I will take that on notice.	EC 59	30/11/10	10/02/11
29	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Hotlines	Mr Bowles—From memory, it was immediately after the closure of the program on 19 February. The hotlines would have all been in existence before that, but specifically around the closure. Closure was the 19th and the capacity to ring hotlines was there. Senator BIRMINGHAM—And what is the average waiting time for somebody who rings? Mr Bowles—I would have to take that on notice, but I do not think it is that long these days. The numbers have dropped off quite a bit in recent times. But I could take that on notice.	EC 86	30/11/10	10/02/11
30	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Insulation in public housing	Senator BIRMINGHAM—...Lastly on insulation: have you had discussions with any state governments about the installation of insulation in public housing. Mr Bowles—Yes, we have. Senator BIRMINGHAM—Has that occurred in all states? Mr Bowles—I do not believe it occurred in all states. I think there were two states, from memory. Senator BIRMINGHAM—Do you have an idea which states they were? Mr Bowles—I know that one was South Australia and I think the other one was New South Wales, but I would have to take that on notice.	EC 86	30/11/10	10/02/11
31	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Outstanding claims for payment – HIP	1. For the Home Insulation Program, how many outstanding claims for payment, and to what value, remain unresolved? 2. What actions have been taken to resolve these claims? 3. Do any of these unresolved claims involve Certified Roofing Pty Ltd?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11

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					If so, please detail the value of the unresolved claims and actions taken to resolve these claims.			
32	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Reimbursement – HIP	1. How many installations under the Home Insulation Program have been identified as warranting reimbursement or recovery of funds paid to the installer? 2. How many installation businesses have been identified in this process? 3. What is the total value of funds identified for reimbursement or recovery? 4. How many businesses have repaid funds to date? 5. To what value, related to how many installations? 6. Is the Department or Commonwealth pursuing legal action against any installers? 7. If so, against how many, for what sums of money and involving how many installations?	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
33	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Safety Inspections	1. What are the results, so far, of safety inspections under the Home Insulation Safety Program and Foil Insulation Safety Program? 2. How many houses were found to have dangerous installations, expressed both as a number and a percentage? 3. How many examples of sub-standard or shoddy work were found, expressed both as a number and a percentage? 4. On what grounds has this information been withheld from the public? Who has the department provided this information to? 5. Why have there been concerns about releasing safety inspection figures current to October, given that similar details from March this year were released? 6. How many homes potentially still have dodgy or dangerous insulation installations? Please provide estimates for each of dodgy, dangerous and electrified, and the rationale for arriving at these estimates.	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
34	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Safety Inspections	1. What is the total cost of safety inspections under the Home Insulation Safety Program and Foil Insulation Safety Program? Please provide a breakdown of this expenditure. 2. How many inspections have now been undertaken and where have they been undertaken? 3. If the bulk of safety inspections are not already completed, when is it estimated this will be the case?	Written	03/02/11	10/02/11

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35	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	CSIRO consultancy	1. With reference to the CSIRO consultancy announced on 18 October, what exactly has the CSIRO been asked to do and what are the terms of the consultancy? 2. When must it report by and how much is it being paid? 3. Did CSIRO tender for this contract? 4. If not, why not and how was it awarded this contract?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11
36	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Fires - HIP	1. How many house fires have now been linked to the Home Insulation Program? 2. What is the estimated total damage? 3. Why did the reporting of the number of house fires stop about a month before the election? 4. Was there any directive from the Minister's office? 5. How many claims of compensation have been placed with the government or from insurance companies to the government as a result of the fires? 6. Have there been any reports of injuries as a result of these fires? If so, please provide details. 7. What arrangements are in place to ensure that every fire associated with the insulation program is recorded? 8. What protocols are in place with fire agencies? 9. Do all fire agencies record the fire even if a fire investigator does not attend? 10. Is there a central roll or database of these fires? If so, please provide a current copy. 11. Please provide a full list of all fires, when they occurred, the damage they caused, the cost, the location and the electorate.	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
37	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Implementation of the HIP	1. With reference to the Auditor-General's report on the Home Insulation program, who decided that the advice to implement the program over five years should be rejected and why? 2. Was this a Ministerial or Cabinet decision? 3. What was the department's advice then? 4. Why was this advice ignored? 5. What problems did this create in the running of the program? 6. Did the Department take any further steps seeking a longer implementation period?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11
38	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Criticisms – HIP	1. How do staff in the Department feel about reports which said they	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11

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					were to blame for the failings of the Home Insulation Program? 2. Do they believe this criticism is fair or warranted? 3. If not, why not?			
39	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Job creation – HIP	1. With reference to conclusions 23 and 25, regarding effectiveness of the program, in the Auditor-General's report, how many jobs did the Department say this program was expected to deliver? 2. How long were these jobs supposed to last? 3. What is the view then of the effectiveness of this program in relation to the creation of jobs, particularly given the initial promises?	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
40	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Budget – HIP	1. With reference to the approximately \$3.3 billion originally budgeted for the insulation component of the Energy Efficient Homes plan, what is the final cost of this program? 2. How much has been set aside for safety checks? 3. How much has been set aside for compensation?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
41	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Human error - HIP	1. With reference to conclusion 43, regarding risk of human error, in the Auditor-General's report, what does the Department understand is meant in the report by "the inherent risk of human error"? 2. What sort of errors were made? 3. Did the Department try to warn the Minister about errors that were being made? 4. What action was instigated in response, if any? 5. Did the Minister at any stage actively seek advice about such problems? 6. What does the term "significant changes" say about how the program was initially designed and approved by the Minister and Cabinet?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
42	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP – fraud	According to the Auditor-General's report, there were 4000 cases of fraud identified. 1. Can you please provide an update on that number? 2. Can you provide more detail about these 4000-plus fraud cases? 3. What were the worst problems? 4. What is the cost to Australian taxpayers of this fraud? 5. Can the Department provide an estimated final cost?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11
43	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Cost models – HIP	I refer to the statement in 6.33, on page 126 of the Auditor-General's report: <i>"The ANAO found that the payments made to installers under HIP were significantly higher than the cost of installation calculated using each of</i>	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11

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					<i>the cost models provided in the program guidelines. Specifically 347,789 payments (totalling \$82 million) made to 5484 installers were higher than the cost of installation calculated using the complex cost model”.</i> 1. What is the difference between the “complex model”, the average cost model” and the “straightforward cost model”? 2. How much more was spent on the insulation program than would otherwise have been the case, based on average costs before this program started? 3. What advice was provided before the program started on how much it would cost to install insulation in an average house? 4. How much did it end up being? 5. How much more did it cost, all up?			
44	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP – Compensation	1. What compensation has been paid to the families of the four young men who were killed working as part of the Government’s program? 2. If none has been paid, why not?	Written	09/02/11	10/02/11
45	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP – Compensation	1. How much has now been paid to compensate business owners? 2. How much more does the Department expect will be paid?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11
46	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP - Compensation	1. Is the Government examining options for compensation to other groups, for example businesses that were indirectly hurt by the mismanagement of the program? 2. If so, please provide details. (Or if not, why not?) 3. Has the Government been engaged in talks regarding a class action by members of the insulation industry? 4. Has a settlement been reached? 5. How many plaintiffs are there? 6. What amount has been or is being sought?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
47	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Consultancies – HIP	Please provide a full list of consultancies engaged as part of the Home Insulation Program, detailing names, the purpose of the consultancy, the cost and when it was done, as well as the expected completion date and actual completion date.	Written	03/02/11	10/02/11
48	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	IIAP	I refer to answers to Questions on Notice BI-112 and BI-113 from AusIndustry through the May 2010 Budget Estimates in the Senate Economics Committee indicating that the \$15 million compensation fund under the Insulation Industry Assistance Package has already been	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11

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					exhausted with only about 60 per cent of the claims having been paid. 1. How much has this scheme now cost taxpayers? What proportion of claims has been paid? 2. What is the estimated final total cost of compensation payments? 3. Can you provide a table, similar to the one in the answer to question on notice BI-113, detailing payments made, to whom and when, and what proportion of total available funds has been used?			
49	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Assistance – HIP	Is the Department examining any other forms of assistance for businesses hurt by the failure of the Home Insulation Program?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
50	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	Excess insulation	1. Is the Department involved in any measures to deal with the large amounts of insulation that belonged to companies that ceased trading or were forced to sell? 2. Where is all this insulation going?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
51	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	IIAP	With reference to the Auditor-General's report into the Home Insulation Program, the Auditor-General indicates he did not investigate the Insulation Industry Assistance Package. 1. Why was that? 2. Given the significant costs involved, is there merit in reviewing this expenditure? 3. What reviews of expenditure are in place to ensure proper checks and balances not evident in the original insulation program?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
52	1.2	HIPRO	Fisher	Installers	Senator FISHER —There are two questions essentially. Firstly, how many homes were insulated under the Home Insulation Program. Secondly, how many of those homes insulated under the Home Insulation Program had insulation installed by installers who were not licensed under the South Australian regime—the Building Work Contractors Act 1995? Mr Bowles —We should be able to get the answer to the first question. I am not quite sure. It might be an issue that we have to deal with South Australia on. I will take it on notice.	EC 80	23/12/10	10/02/11
53	1.2	HIPRO	Fisher	Installers	Senator FISHER —Regarding the figure provided by the South Australian government relating to audits since July 2009, how many of those relate to installers insulating under the Home Insulation Program? Mr Bowles —I do not know. I would have to take that notice and we	EC 82	23/12/10	10/02/11

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					would need to understand the specific details. I am not across what happened in the South Australian estimates process.			
54	1.2	HIPRO	Fisher	Installers	Senator FISHER—Did the 61 installers being investigated by OCBA in South Australia and the 15 being scrutinised for possible enforcement action, according to South Australian Minister Gago, perform insulation work under the Home Insulation Program? Mr Bowles—Again, I do not know the specifics of the 61 or the 15 referred to by the South Australian minister. It is likely that some may have been, but it is also likely that they could be from other insulation measures. Senator FISHER—Will you pursue that with the South Australian government? Mr Bowles—I will take that on notice.	EC 82	23/12/10	10/02/11
55	1.2	HIPRO	Fisher	Installers	Senator FISHER—Earlier answers to questions on notice indicated that 155 installers doing work under the Home Insulation Program in South Australia were deregistered. So, of the original numbers registered under the Home Insulation Program to do work in South Australia, 155 were deregistered. How many of those were not licensed under the South Australian legislation? Dr Parkinson—You are asking us a series of very detailed— Senator FISHER—Can you take that on notice? Dr Parkinson—We can take it on notice, but I am just saying that you are asking a series of very detailed questions which we will have to consult the South Australians on.	EC 82	23/12/10	10/02/11
56	1.2	HIPRO	Fisher	Correspondence	Senator FISHER—Can you, after the dinner break, indicate whether or not the government has sent my letters to the department for advice? Mr Bowles—I doubt very much that we will be able to do that after the dinner break. If we take it on notice, we can endeavour to find out for you.	EC 83	30/11/10	10/02/11
57	1.2	REED	Birmingham	REFF – guidelines	Has the Department developed guidelines for the expenditure of the Renewable Energy Future Fund? If so, please provide copies of such guidelines.	Written	02/12/10	10/02/11
58	1.2	REED	Birmingham	REFF – targets	Does the Department have any targets for outcomes from the Renewable Energy Future Fund? If so, please detail those targets?	Written	02/12/10	10/02/11
59	1.2	REED	Cameron	Energy efficiency standards	Mr McGlynn —Under the Building Code of Australia there are regular updates. In 2010 there were a number of updates to increase the energy	EC 78	30/11/10	10/02/11

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					efficiency standards for commercial buildings, including in a number of the areas that you have mentioned. Before any changes of a regulatory nature are made to the building code they are subject to a regulatory impact statement process which is undertaken by the Australian Building Codes Board on behalf of the Building Ministers Forum, who make the final decisions on these matters. The costs and benefits of those changes will be in the regulatory impact statement that was prepared for that change. CHAIR—And you cannot tell me what the regulatory impact statement said? Mr McGlynn—I do not have that information with me right now. We can take that on notice.			
60	1.2	REED	Cameron	Glazing	CHAIR—What about glazing? Do we have a capacity to manufacture any of the glazing or is this an import in terms of new standards on glazing? Ms Walsh—I do not have the figures to hand as to what proportion of the market is manufactured in Australia but I could get those on notice.	EC 78	30/11/10	10/02/11
61	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Media Monitoring	1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Minister's office in the 2009-10 financial year? 2. Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
62	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Media Monitoring	1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Department in the 2009-10 financial year? 2. Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
63	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Electoral Reports	1. Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? 2. What data will be included? 3. Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
64	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has the department ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
65	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has the department ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
66	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – John Utting &	Has the department ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11

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				UMR Research Group	Research Group? If yes, provide details.			
67	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has the department ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
68	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has the department ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
69	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has the department ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
70	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has the department ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
71	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has the department ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	19/11/10	09/02/11
72	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has the department ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
73	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Advertising and Marketing	1. How much has the Department spent on advertising and marketing since Budget Estimates? 2. Why?	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
74	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Advertising and Marketing	Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts? Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
75	Corporate	ASCD	Abetz	Advertising and Marketing	1. What communications programs has the Department undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? 2. For each program, what is the total spend?	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
76	Corporate	ASCD	Birmingham	Advertising campaign	Senator BIRMINGHAM —Is there a split—in terms of this \$30 million campaign—between what you would expect to be creative versus advertising buy? Dr Parkinson —In that \$30 million some estimates will have been used to underpin that, but I do not know off the top of my head what they would be. Senator BIRMINGHAM —Could you please provide a further level of detail on notice.	EC 45	22/11/10	09/02/11

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77	Corporate	ASCD	Birmingham	Communications staff	How many people are employed in communications roles? Please detail by employment band levels and budgeted salaries, including positions to be filled.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
78	Corporate	ASCD	Birmingham	Communications expenditure	Please detail all of the funds spent to date, and allocated, surrounding: a) The Shout Out for Climate Change schools competition b) The Climate Change Foundation campaign c) Any other communications and/or community engagement programs undertaken by the Department	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
79	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Administrative Arrangement Orders	1. Can you detail what changes have occurred in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 September 2010? 2. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage or whether refurbishment or additional space will need to be leased to accommodate new staff? Alternatively, will agencies be left with empty office space due to loss of staff)? Please provide details. 3. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
80	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Administrative Arrangement Orders	1. Were there any changes in your portfolio as a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders published on 14 October 2010? 2. Were there any costs associated with these changes (for example changes to departmental signage)? Please provide details. 3. Were there any staff changes as a result (staff transferring to or from your agency)? If yes, please detail what the staff changes were, including a breakdown of changes to each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band.	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
81	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Administrative Arrangement Orders	Can you describe what, if any, Administrative Arrangements Orders occurred in your portfolio between November 2007 and July 2010? Please detail the costs associated with these.	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11
82	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV	Does the department subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
83	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Media Subscriptions –	Does the department subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11

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				Newspapers				
84	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Magazines	Does the department subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
85	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Travel Costs	1. The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangements for travel and related services. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? Please explain the changes that have occurred to your department and portfolio agencies in relation to its travel and related services. 2. Is purchasing of travel and related services less expensive under the new arrangements? 3. Is purchasing of travel and related services more efficient under the new arrangements? 4. Have savings been achieved in your portfolio because of the new arrangements? 5. How much did your department and portfolio agencies spend on travel in 2008-09, 2009-10 and to date this financial year. 6. How have staff within your department and portfolio agencies found the new arrangements? For example is it more efficient to arrange travel?	Written	29/11/20	10/02/11
86	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Commonwealth Property Management Framework	1. The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? 2. Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in your portfolio? Please provide details.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
87	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Whole-of-Government Departmental Efficiencies	1. The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies? 2. Can you provide details of how these efficiencies will be achieved? Please provide specific examples. 3. Will the implementation of the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend impact on your department or portfolio agencies ability to meet the efficiencies outlined in the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook? 4. Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11

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					to meet the 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed whole-of-government departmental efficiencies in your portfolio? If so, please provide details. 5. Are there such plans for the future?			
88	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Social Media	1. Has the department instituted any policies or protocols that restrict or deny staff the use of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs? a) If yes, please explain what restrictions have been put in place. b) Why were these restrictions put in place? IF NO: c) Why not? (for example there may be legitimate reasons for some staff to access these sites for legitimate purposes). d) Are staff utilising these sites during work hours? If yes, how many hours are spent on these sites? What time are these sites most accessed (i.e. lunch time?). e) Will measures be introduced to restrict access to these sites?	Written	25/11/10	10/02/11
89	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Efficiency Dividend	1. Has your portfolio started implementing the Government's savings election commitment of maintaining the annual efficiency dividend on departmental expenses at 1.25 per cent? If not, why not? If yes, give details. 2. Will any agencies in your portfolio be seeking an exemption to implementing the efficiency dividend? 3. How do you think you will implement it? Give examples of the types of cuts you will make (i.e. no more pot plants in departmental buildings). 4. Will there be cuts to staff? If yes, give details.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
90	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Electoral Reports	Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007? [This question is now included in question 63]	Written	24/11/10	10/02/11
91	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Consultancies	1. How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). 2. How can the department justify this expenditure?	Written	17/11/10 + 1 att't	09/02/11
92	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the	Written	25/11/10 + 1 att't	10/02/11

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					subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since Budget Estimates 2010 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.			
93	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Consultancies	Have there been any changes in the consultancies planned for this calendar year since Budget Estimates 2010? If yes, 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
94	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Consultancies	Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services? For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.	Written	17/11/10 + 1 att't	09/02/11
95	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Discretionary Grants	1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	24/11/10 + 1 att't	09/02/11
96	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Hospitality Spend	What is the Department's hospitality spending since Budget Estimates 2010? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11
97	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Hospitality Spend	For each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spends FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.		24/11/10	09/02/11
98	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Government Payments of Accounts	1. Has the department paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) 2. 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?	Written	22/11/10	09/02/11

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					3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			
99	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Programs – overspending	Are there any programs within the portfolio of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency that are likely to exceed their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had higher than anticipated take up).	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11
100	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Programs – underspending	Are there any programs within the portfolio of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency that are likely to under spend their current budget? If yes, please provide details (for example a demand driven program that has had lower than anticipated take up).	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11
101	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Staffing	1. What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown? 2. What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? 3. How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies as of today? 4. What is the breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 5. What is the gender breakdown by each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 6. What is the breakdown by location for each level (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 7. What is the breakdown by each level of ongoing staff and non ongoing staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band)? 8. Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future? 9. How many permanent staff recruited since Budget Estimates 2010? What level are these staff? Where is their location? 10. What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
102	Corporate	CSD	Abetz	Staffing	1. How many SES were employed in your Department and portfolio agencies on 10 May 2010? 2. What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers	Written	19/11/10	09/02/11

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					and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y). 3. What have been the changes in staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications? In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions these staff performed have been sacrificed and why? 4. Are there expected changes to current staffing levels over the next 12 months? If yes, provide details including a breakdown of each level staff (each SES band, each Executive Level band and each APS band) detailing the changes. Will this be different to what was reported in the 2010-11 Budget? 5. Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this? Will staff reductions be used to achieve the Government's election commitment to maintain the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend? 6. Since Budget Estimates 2010, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 7. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the current efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts since Budget Estimates 2010? If so, where and at what level? 8. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. 9. If your Department/agency has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing).			
103	Corporate	CSD	Abetz/Birmingham	Consultancies	1. Is the Department up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? 2. Are the figures available on that site correct?	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
104	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Staff	1. Regarding the answer to Question on Notice 101 through the May 2010 Budget Estimates, what are each of the 21 staff identified in this answer doing now? 2. In what sections, or on what projects, of the Department are they	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11

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					employed now if they are still in the employ of the Department?			
105	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Staff	How many staff, and at which band levels, have left the employment of the Department during 2010? Please summarise reasons given.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
106	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Overseas travel	1. How many Departmental staff travelled overseas in the past financial year? 2. Please detail by staff member, including their name and position, their total travel expenses. 3. How many staff travelled first class? 4. How many travelled business class?	Written	03/12/10 + 1 att't	10/02/11
107	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Overseas travel	1. What was the total cost of overseas travel for the Department in the past financial year? 2. Please include a list of all international travel itemised by trip, detailing the cost of each trip including the total amounts spent on accommodation and meals, cities or other destinations visited, the purpose of the travel and any specific outcomes achieved.	Written	21/12/10 + 1 att't	10/02/11
108	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Future overseas travel	How many future overseas trips is the Department currently planning?	Written	29/11/20	10/02/11
109	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Interstate travel	1. How many staff travelled interstate in the past financial year? 2. What was the total accommodation and meals bill for staff travelling interstate over the past financial year?	Written	29/11/20	10/02/11
110	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Hospitality	What was the Department's hospitality spend for the past financial year? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11
111	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Hospitality	For each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spend for the past financial year. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11
112	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Consultancies	1. How many consultants has the Department engaged in the past financial year? 2. What is the total value of the consultancies the Department has engaged in over the past financial year? In each case, please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total <i>spending</i> on consultancies and also <i>value of contracts awarded</i>	Written	17/11/10 + 1 att't	09/02/11
113	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Consultants	How many consultants does the Department anticipate it will require in the future and what is the total amount it has allocated for this?	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11

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114	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Consultancies	1. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar and/or financial year? 2. 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
115	Corporate	CSD	Birmingham	Staff training	1. How many staff training programmes has the Department conducted in the past financial year and at what cost? 2. How many of these staff training programmes were held outside Canberra? 3. How many staff attended these programmes and where were they held?	Written	19/11/10	09/02/11
116	Corporate	CSD	Milne	Breaches of FMA Act	Mr Twomey —We did identify some breaches of the FMA Act and the FMA regs. I do not have the specific information here in front of me, but I can take it on notice. Senator MILNE —Could you take it on notice. I would like to know what have been the consequences if breaches have been identified. Mr Twomey —I will take that on notice.	EC 69	07/02/11	10/02/11
117	Corporate	CSMD	Abetz	Election Commitments	Were any of the government's election promises in your portfolio costed before the election was called by the department or Treasury or Finance? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
118	Corporate	CSMD	Abetz	Election Commitments	1. Had your department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called? 2. Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments? If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11
119	Corporate	CSMD	Abetz	Election Commitments	1. What is the status of each election commitment from the 2007 election within the portfolio? 2. Which 2007 election commitments are experiencing slippages? 3. Why? 4. Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? 5. What are the implications of this slippage? 6. Are there any 2007 election commitments that will not be implemented? If yes, please provide details. 7. Were departmental resources provided to implement these	Written	03/02/11	10/02/11

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					commitments? 8. How much? 9. What will happen to the funding now?			
120	Corporate	CSMD	Abetz	Election Commitments	1. What is the status of each election commitment from the 2010 election within the portfolio? Please provide a list. 2. Has implementation of the 2010 election commitments within the portfolio commenced? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? 3. Will additional departmental resources be required to implement 2010 election commitments within your portfolio? If yes, provide details. If no, why not? If unable to provide an answer please explain why. 4. How will the election commitments in your portfolio be offset? 5. Will your portfolio be required to offset the new spending in your portfolio?	Written	25/11/10	10/02/11
121	Corporate	CSMD	Abetz	2010 Election	1. What type of work did your portfolio engage in during the campaign? 2. Did you receive any requests for information from the Government, your portfolio Ministers or any other Ministers?	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
122	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	2010 Election – Red Book	Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?	Written	29/11/10	10/02/11
123	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	2010 Election – Blue Book	Will the Department be releasing its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and why? If no, why not?	Written	29/11/10	10/02/11
124	Corporate	GPSD	Fielding	Post-election briefing – Red Book	1. Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')? 2. Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? 3. If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? 4. If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? 5. Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?	Written	29/11/10	10/02/11
125	Corporate	GPSD	Fielding	Post-election briefing – Blue Book	1. Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a newly elected Coalition Government (the 'Blue Book')? 2. Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief? 3. If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief?	Written	29/11/10	10/02/11

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					4. If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department? 5. Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?			
126	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	QoNs	Senator ABETZ—Could I ask a few questions then and you can take them on notice. If I recall correctly, 126 questions were not answered up until about a week ago. Given the lack of information forthcoming, can we be advised, in relation to each of those 126 questions, on what date each one of the draft answers went to the minister's office, on what date it was tabled and whether any of those 126 were sent back to the department for further drafting. I think that will then sort out where the mischief occurred—whether it was with the department, whether it was with Minister Wong or whether it was with her successor. Dr Parkinson—I will take that on notice, Senator.	EC 5	03/12/10	10/02/11
127	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Outstanding Questions on Notice	If there are any outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2010: Please explain why there are still some outstanding questions on notice from Budget Estimates 2010.	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
128	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Ministerial Submissions	1. Did the Government, Minister or his office return any documents to the Department once the caretaker conventions began? 2. Did these documents include Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes? 3. How many unread, unsigned or undealt with Ministerial submissions, briefs or notes were sent back? 4. What was the date of the earliest such document that was sent back from the Minister's office and the date of the last? 5. Did the Minister or his office request prior to the calling of the election that no more submissions, briefs or notes be sent?	Written	02/12/10	10/02/11
129	Corporate	CSMD	Abetz	Electoral Reports	1. Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election? 2. What data is included in these reports? 3. How often is this updated? 4. Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide copy of latest reports.	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
130	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Commissioned	1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in	Written	23/11/10	09/02/11

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				Reports	your portfolio since Budget Estimates 2010? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			
131	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Board Appointments	1. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 2. What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010? 3. Are you implementing the Government target of 40 per cent women appointed to Boards?	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
132	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	FOI Requests	1. Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. How many FOI requests has the Department received? 3. How many have been granted or denied? 4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
133	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	FOI Requests – Red Book	Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Red Book')? If yes, when and will it be released?	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
134	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	FOI Requests – Blue Book	Has the Department/agency received any FOI requests for its Incoming Government Brief ('Blue Book')? If yes, when and will it be released?	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
135	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Community Cabinet	1. What was the cost of Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates 2010? 2. How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting? 3. What was the total cost of this travel? 4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office?	Written	21/01/11	10/02/11
136	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings	1. How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings? 2. How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or re-lodged? Please provide examples of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).	Written	02/12/10	10/02/11
137	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Reviews	1. What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in	Written	04/01/11	10/02/11

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					the Department or affecting the Department since Budget Estimates 2010? 2. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including: a) when those reviews were provided to Government, b) estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and c) if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. 3. How many reviews are ongoing? 4. How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? 5. What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency? 6. Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?			
138	Corporate	GPSD	Abetz	Government Stationery Requirements	1. What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)? 2. What are the costs of these items? 3. Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
139	Corporate	GPSD	Birmingham	QoNs	Senator BIRMINGHAM—To complement Senator Abetz’s question, in relation to questions on notice Nos 3 and 98 from the budget estimates, could you please provide those two as case studies. Both are fairly short sharp questions, I would have thought. Please provide case studies of when answers were drafted, when they were submitted to the minister’s office and whether they were returned to the department. It is the same type of information that Senator Abetz has asked for generically but in case study format for those two. Dr Parkinson—I will look into that, Senator.	EC 5	03/12/10	10/02/11
140	Corporate	GPSD	Fisher	QoNs	Senator FISHER—When did those seven answers come back to you from the minister’s office? Dr Parkinson—I could not tell you. I can tell you but I cannot tell you at the moment. In other words, I do not know the answer at the moment. Senator FISHER—Could you tell us after the morning tea break, given that we are only talking about seven questions? Dr Parkinson—I will check whether we can get that information by morning tea. Senator FISHER—Thank you. You might also let us know which	EC 6	19/11/10	09/02/11

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					seven of the 10 you are talking about. That would be helpful, thank you.			
141	Corporate	GPSD	Macdonald	QoNs	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Okay. We could go through this bit by bit. How many answers did you give to the minister prior to the election? That is the question. Dr Parkinson—I would have to take that on notice. ... Senator IAN MACDONALD—No, I am saying the minister today may have suggested he did not come with the number of answers that he had prepared and given to you, Minister, when you were, for those horrible three years, the minister for climate change, and why you did not allow them to be released. We can go all day on this, Dr Parkinson, and you should be aware that these would be the questions we would ask. So let me go there. How many questions did you prepare prior to the election time and send to the minister at the table who was then the relevant minister? Dr Parkinson—I would have to go back and dig that information out.	EC 3-4	03/12/10	10/02/11
142	Corporate	GPSD	Macdonald	QoNs	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Put it this way: we are asking you on notice if you will tell us which answers you got prior to the election and why you did not release them. Senator Wong—I think that Dr Parkinson has already said that he would take on notice which questions were received. Insofar as I am able to assist in providing any further detail in relation to that set of data I will. Obviously I have a different portfolio and I do not have many of the staff who were handling these issues in my previous portfolio. So there may be some limitations on my capacity to assist, but insofar as I am able to do so I will.	EC 8	03/12/10	10/02/11
143	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV	Does ORER subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
144	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Newspapers	Does ORER subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
145	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Magazines	Does ORER subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
146	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Media Monitoring	1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11

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					clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to ORER in the 2009-10 financial year? 2. Which agency or agencies provided these services?			
147	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has ORER ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
148	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has ORER ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
149	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has ORER ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
150	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has ORER ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
151	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has the ORER ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
152	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has ORER ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
153	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has ORER ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
154	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has ORER ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
155	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Contractors – McKinsey & Company	Has ORER ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
156	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Advertising and Marketing	1. How much has ORER spent on advertising and marketing since Budget Estimates? 2. Why?	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
157	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Advertising and Marketing	1. What communications programs has ORER undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? 2. For each program, what is the total spend?	Written	27/11/10	09/02/11
158	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Reviews	1. What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in ORER or affecting ORER since Budget Estimates 2010?	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11

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					2. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including: a) when those reviews were provided to Government, b) estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and c) if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. 3. How many reviews are ongoing? 4. How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? 5. What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency? 6. Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?			
159	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Government Payments of Accounts	1. Has ORER paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) 2. 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? 3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	24/11/10	09/02/11
160	Corporate	ORER	Abetz	Staffing levels	1. What is the total expenditure on staffing for ORER? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown? 2. What has been the general staffing trend in ORER since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y). 3. If ORER has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing).	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
161	Corporate	ORER	Abetz/ Birmingham	Consultancies	1. Is ORER up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? 2. Are the figures available on that site correct?	Written	16/11/10	09/02/11
162	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Pay TV	Does the Australian Carbon Trust subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11

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163	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Newspapers	Does the Australian Carbon Trust subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
164	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Media Subscriptions – Magazines	Does the Australian Carbon Trust subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
165	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Media Monitoring	1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etc, provided to the Australian Carbon Trust in the 2009-10 financial year? 2. Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
166	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – Hawker Britton	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
167	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – Shannon's Way	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
168	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research Group	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
169	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – McCann-Erickson	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
170	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – Cutting Edge	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
171	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – Ikon Communications	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
172	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – CMAX Communications	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
173	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.	Written	17/11/10	09/02/11
174	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Contractors –	Has the Australian Carbon Trust ever employed McKinsey & Company	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11

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				McKinsey & Company	in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.			
175	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Advertising and Marketing	1. How much has the Australian Carbon Trust spent on advertising and marketing since Budget Estimates? 2. Why?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
176	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Advertising and Marketing	1. What communications programs has the Australian Carbon Trust undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? 2. For each program, what is the total spend?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
177	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Reviews	1. What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the Australian Carbon Trust or affecting the Australian Carbon Trust since Budget Estimates 2010? 2. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since Budget Estimates 2010 including: a) when those reviews were provided to Government, b) estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and c) if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. 3. How many reviews are ongoing? 4. How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? 5. What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency? 6. Will any of these reviews cease due to the 2010 Election?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
178	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Government Payments of Accounts	1. Has the Australian Carbon Trust paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) 2. 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? 3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
179	Corporate	ACT	Abetz	Staffing levels	1. What is the total expenditure on staffing for the ACT? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11

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					2. What has been the general staffing trend in the ACT since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y). 3. If the ACT has been identified in the 2010 election as delivering efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, savings commitments included reducing program funding, rationalising grants etc how will these impact the department and staffing).			
180	Corporate	ACT	Abetz/ Birmingham	Consultancies	1. Is the Australian Carbon Trust up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? 2. Are the figures available on that site correct?	Written	30/11/10	10/02/11
181	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HISP	1. Are concerned householders able to request an inspection under the Home Insulation Safety Program (HISP)? 2. How many have done so? 3. How many inspections have occurred? 4. How are these requested inspections factored into the statistical modelling that is guiding the selection of other homes to be inspected?	Written	03/12/10	10/02/11
182	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP – risks	1. With reference to conclusion 51, regarding pressure on staff, in the Auditor-General's report, did the Department try to warn the Minister before the program started that it could potentially face risks such as these? 2. Do staff feel aggrieved that, having tried to warn the Government that rushing the program's implementation could lead to problems, the Department has now been blamed for the problems that predictably occurred? 3. How many staff left the division, or Department altogether, in order to escape these difficulties?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11
183	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP – recommendations	1. When did the department first recommend that the program be scrapped? 2. How long was this before the program was scrapped? 3. Who made the call, to whom, and when was the Minister first advised. 4. Did the Minister make a recommendation to Cabinet or his colleagues?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11
184	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP – risks	1. Did the Department feel that they were being forced to place stimulus over safety? 2. What were the "inherent risks"?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11

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					3. Did the Department try to warn the Minister of these inherent risks? 4. How? When? How many times?			
185	1.2	HIPRO	Birmingham	HIP – warnings	I refer to Conclusion 24 in the Auditor-General's report – “By November 2009, the volume of claims and increasing number of installations identified with quality, safety and potential fraud issues, overwhelmed the department and it was unable to recover the situation.” 1. Was the department surprised at the volume of fraud and other problems that “overwhelmed the department”, particularly given the original warnings to the Minister and Cabinet? 2. What did the department try to warn the Minister? 3. What did he do? 4. What action was taken to deal with the safety and fraud issues? 5. When? 6. How long did it take the Minister to act? 7. Were the Minister's actions entirely effective in stemming the fraud and safety problems?	Written	17/12/10	10/02/11