

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice

Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2011

Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 222

Topic: DSEWPaC - Freedom of Information

**Proof Hansard Page and Date
or Written Question:** Written

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. For both calendar year 2011 to date and financial year 2011-12, how many Freedom of Information applications have been received? Please provide breakdowns of the numbers of applications granted in full, granted in part, refused, withdrawn and still being processed. For those withdrawn, please provide a further breakdown indicating whether the application was withdrawn before or after the applicant was notified of estimated costs.

Answer:

Calendar year 2011

For the calendar year 2011 (1 January 2011 to 17 October 2011), the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) received 99 Freedom of Information (FOI) applications and had 1 application carried over from the 2010 calendar year.

Of the total 100 FOI applications on hand in this period, 23 were granted in full, 19 were granted in part, 12 were refused, 30 were withdrawn and 16 are still being processed as of 17 October 2011.

Of the 30 withdrawn applications, 20 were withdrawn before and 10 were withdrawn after the applicant was notified of the estimated costs.

Financial Year 2011-2012

For the financial year 2011-2012 (1 July 2011 to 17 October 2011), the department received 39 FOI applications and had 12 applications carried over from the 2010-2011 financial year.

Of the total 51 FOI applications on hand in this period, 7 were granted in full, 8 were granted in part, 3 were refused, 17 were withdrawn and 16 are still being processed as of 17 October 2011.

Of the 17 withdrawn applications, 9 were withdrawn before and 8 were withdrawn after the applicant was notified of the estimated costs.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 223

Topic: Freedom of Information

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or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

1. Has the Department or agencies received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? How many have been granted or denied?
3. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?
4. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied?
5. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?

Answer:

1. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) and its portfolio agencies follow advice and protocols provided by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (the OAIC) in line with the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act) and FOI Guidance Notes. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided FOI Guidance Notes on 28 July 2011 to all departments - http://www.dpmpc.gov.au/foi/guidance_notes.cfm.

The National Water Commissioner, in addition to the advices mentioned above, also obtained general advice from the Australian Government Solicitors relating to FOI requests.

2. For the financial year 2010 - 11 (as provided quarterly to the OAIC: 01 November 2010 – 30 June 2011):the department received 82 FOI requests under the FOI Act - 24 were granted in full, 19 were granted in part, 13 were refused, 14 were withdrawn and 12 were outstanding as of 30 June 2011;
 - a. the National Environment Protection Council received Nil FOI requests;
 - b. the National Environment Protection Council Service Corporation received Nil FOI requests;
 - c. the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Regulator received Nil FOI requests;
 - d. the Director of National Parks received Nil FOI requests;
 - e. the National Water Commissioner received 3 FOI requests - 3 were granted in full;
 - f. the Bureau of Meteorology received 8 FOI requests - 4 were granted in full, 3 were granted in part and 1 was withdrawn;
 - g. the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust received 1 FOI request - 1 was withdrawn;
 - h. the Murray-Darling Basin Authority received 23 FOI requests - 2 were granted in full, 13 were granted in part, 5 were refused (1 due to documents being publicly available) and 3 were withdrawn;
 - i. the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder received Nil FOI requests; and
 - j. the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority received 3 FOI requests - 2 were granted in full and 1 was withdrawn.

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3. Nil; conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.
4. For the financial year 2011 - 2012 (1 July 2011 to 17 October 2011):
 - a. the department received 39 FOI requests and had 12 FOI requests carried over from the financial year 2010 - 2011. Of the total 51 FOI requests, 7 were granted in full, 8 were in part, 3 were refused, 17 were withdrawn and 16 were still being processed as of 17 October 2011;
 - b. the National Environment Protection Council received Nil FOI requests;
 - c. the National Environment Protection Council Service Corporation received Nil FOI requests;
 - d. the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Regulator received Nil FOI requests;
 - e. the Director of National Parks received Nil FOI requests;
 - f. the National Water Commissioner received Nil FOI requests;
 - g. the Bureau of Meteorology received 7 FOI requests - 6 were refused as not subject to FOI or records did not exist and 1 is still being processed;
 - h. the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust received Nil FOI requests;
 - i. the Murray-Darling Basin Authority received 8 FOI requests - 2 were granted in full, 2 were granted in part; 3 were refused (1 due to documents being publicly available) and 1 is still being processed;
 - j. the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder received Nil FOI requests; and
 - k. the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority received 2 FOI requests - 2 were withdrawn.
5. Nil; conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 224

Topic: Portfolio wide - legal costs

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or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
5. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
6. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
7. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
8. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer:

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC), the Director of National Parks, (DNP), the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) are all required each year to report on their legal services expenditure under the *Legal Services Directions 2005*. These reports are published on the agency websites each year. The published legal expenditure reports for DSEWPaC, DNP, GBRMPA and MDBA are included at **Attachments A, B, C and D** respectively.

The provision of this report is an annual obligation imposed under the *Legal Services Directions 2005*. DSEWPaC, DNP and MDBA do not compile information on their legal services expenditure during the year.

The remaining portfolio agencies (Bureau of Meteorology, National Water Commission and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust) have provided the responses set out in **Attachment E**.

The Australian Government does not generally disclose the content of legal advice received by the government or its agencies. It is important for any government to be able to make fully informed decisions based on comprehensive and confidential advice. As such, only total figures for legal expenditure have been provided.

Legal Services Expenditure Report

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

All figures should be inclusive of GST

Totals

Total Costs Recovered¹	\$0.00
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¹ Do not subtract this figure from the legal services expenditure total

Total External Legal Services Expenditure	\$12,665,514.71
Total Internal Legal Services Expenditure	\$1,468,808.74
Total (External + Internal) Expenditure	\$14,134,323.45

Summary of External Legal Services Expenditure

• Total value of counsel briefs (A)	\$212,669.33
• Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$222,967.87
• Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$12,229,877.51
Total External Legal Services Expenditure (A + B + C)	\$12,665,514.71

Counsel

• Briefs to male counsel	8
• Briefs to female counsel	6
Total number of briefs to counsel	14

• Direct briefs to male counsel	0
• Direct briefs to female counsel	0
Total number of direct briefs to counsel	0

• Value of briefs to male counsel ²	\$120,820.73
• Value of briefs to female counsel ²	\$91,848.60
Total value of counsel briefs (A)³	\$212,669.33

² includes value of direct briefs

³ this figure is to include all expenditure on Counsel

Disbursements

Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$222,967.87
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Professional Fees

Australian Government Solicitor	\$3,078,420.73
Blake Dawson	\$194,322.78
Clayton Utz	\$121,244.20
DLA Piper	\$108,916.72
Hunt & Hunt	\$147,186.24
Kemp Strang	\$1,989,155.20
LawLab	\$5,797,814.17
Minter Ellison	\$444,602.00
Norton Rose	\$318,322.30
Sparke Helmore	\$29,893.17

Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$12,229,877.51
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Legal Services Expenditure Report

Director of National Parks

All figures should be inclusive of GST

Totals

Total Costs Recovered¹	\$0.00
<i>Do not subtract this figure from the legal services expenditure total</i>	
Total External Legal Services Expenditure	\$17,390.13
Total Internal Legal Services Expenditure	\$428,280.40
Total (External + Internal) Expenditure	\$445,670.53

Summary of External Legal Services Expenditure

• Total value of briefs to Counsel (A)	\$0.00
• Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$0.00
• Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$0.00
Total External Legal Services Expenditure (A + B + C)	\$0.00

Counsel

• Number of briefs to male counsel	0
• Number of briefs to female counsel	0
Total number of briefs to counsel	0
• Number of direct briefs to male counsel	0
• Number of direct briefs to female counsel	0
Total number of direct briefs to counsel	0
• Total value of briefs to male counsel (including direct briefs) ²	\$0.00
• Total value of briefs to female counsel (including direct briefs) ²	\$0.00
Total value of briefs to Counsel (A)³	\$0.00

Disbursements

Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$1,480.13
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Professional Fees

Australian Government Solicitor	\$15,910.00
Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$15,910.00

² Includes the value of direct briefs

³ Includes all expenditure on Counsel

Legal Services Expenditure Report
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
All figures should be inclusive of GST

Totals

Total Costs Recovered¹	\$0.00
<i>Do not subtract this figure from the legal services expenditure total</i>	
Total External Legal Services Expenditure	\$275,797.62
Total Internal Legal Services Expenditure	\$607,386.18
Total (External + Internal) Expenditure	\$883,183.80

Summary of External Legal Services Expenditure

• Total value of briefs to Counsel (A)	\$10,608.50
• Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$1,338.17
• Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$263,850.95
Total External Legal Services Expenditure (A + B + C)	\$275,797.62

Counsel

• Number of briefs to male counsel	1
• Number of briefs to female counsel	1
Total number of briefs to counsel	2
• Number of direct briefs to male counsel	0
• Number of direct briefs to female counsel	0
Total number of direct briefs to counsel	0
• Total value of briefs to male counsel (including direct briefs) ²	\$10,608.50
• Total value of briefs to female counsel (including direct briefs) ²	\$0.00
Total value of briefs to Counsel (A)³	\$10,608.50

Disbursements

Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$1,338.17
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Professional Fees

Australian Government Solicitor	\$257,118.95
Roberts Nehmer McKee	\$6,732.00
Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$263,850.95

² Includes the value of direct briefs

³ Includes all expenditure on Counsel

With respect to legal expenditure for the Financial Year to Date, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has provided the following information:

What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD?	\$226,459.75
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor?	\$63,354.15
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources?	\$8,323.64

Legal Services Expenditure Report
Murray Darling Basin Authority
All figures should be inclusive of GST

Totals

Total Costs Recovered¹	\$53,128.52
<i>Do not subtract this figure from the legal services expenditure total</i>	
Total External Legal Services Expenditure	\$2,065,803.97
Total Internal Legal Services Expenditure	\$345,856.00
Total (External + Internal) Expenditure	\$2,411,659.97

Summary of External Legal Services Expenditure

• Total value of briefs to Counsel (A)	\$0.00
• Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$210,251.49
• Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$1,855,552.48
Total External Legal Services Expenditure (A + B + C)	\$2,065,803.97

Counsel

• Number of briefs to male counsel	0
• Number of briefs to female counsel	0
Total number of briefs to counsel	0

• Number of direct briefs to male counsel	0
• Number of direct briefs to female counsel	0
Total number of direct briefs to counsel	0

• Total value of briefs to male counsel (including direct briefs) ²	\$0.00
• Total value of briefs to female counsel (including direct briefs) ²	\$0.00
Total value of briefs to Counsel (A)³	\$0.00

Disbursements

Total value of disbursements (excluding counsel) (B)	\$210,251.49
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Professional Fees

Arnold Bloch Liebler	\$8,965.00
Australian Government Solicitor	\$1,132,855.22
Blake Dawson	\$355,427.07
LawLab	\$189,920.60
Minter Ellison	\$168,384.59
Total value of professional fees paid (C)	\$1,855,552.48

² Includes the value of direct briefs

³ Includes all expenditure on Counsel

Bureau of Meteorology

What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from within the agency?	\$797,865.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from the Australian Government Solicitor?	\$365,627.74
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from private firms?	\$148,513.80
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from other sources?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from within the agency?	\$224,593.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor?	\$117,391.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms?	\$20,202.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources?	\$0.00

National Water Commission

What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from within the agency?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from the Australian Government Solicitor?	\$36,423.60
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from private firms?	\$62,301.03
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from other sources?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from within the agency?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor?	\$2,256.69
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources?	\$0.00

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from within the agency?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from the Australian Government Solicitor?	\$48,332.20
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from private firms?	\$151,483.92
What sum did the agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-2011 from other sources?	\$42,982.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from within the agency?	\$0.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor?	\$4,611.00
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms?	\$45,856.07
What sum did the agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources?	\$4,500.00

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Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2011

Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 225

Topic: Departmental programs

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or Written Question:

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Please provide a breakdown over the forward estimates of each departmental program including: program title; program summary; is the program ongoing, lapsing, or terminating; breakdown of administered and departmental costs; program staffing numbers and location?
2. Are there any cross-portfolio programs within your Department?
3. What are the titles of these cross-portfolio programs and what departments/agencies are involved?
4. What is the expenditure breakdown of the cross-portfolio programs (e.g. administered and departmental costs)?

Answer:

1. A breakdown over the forward estimates of departmental program including: program title; program summary; whether the program is ongoing, lapsing, or terminating; and the breakdown of administered and departmental costs is included in the table below. Program staffing numbers are only maintained for the current budget year. Estimates on program staffing numbers and location are not maintained by the Department over the forward estimates period.
2. The department manages one cross-portfolio sub-program.
3. The Natural Heritage Trust sub-program is managed with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry.
4. A breakdown of the expenditure, including details on administered and departmental costs, is also included in the table at **Attachment A**.

DSEWPC ADMINISTERED PROGRAM EXPENSES as at BUDGET 11/12

Program Title	Ongoing/ lapsing/ terminating	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000
Outcome 1				
Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural resources and the Environment Administered Expenses				
Program summary: Through the Caring for our Country initiative, promote an environment that is healthy, better protected, well managed, resilient and provides essential ecosystem services in a changing climate.				
Caring for our Country	Ongoing	200,439	332,009	362,600
Environmental Stewardship Program	Terminating	16,151	19,065	23,871
Caring for our Country - Working on Country	Ongoing	55,629	43,054	43,723
National Wildlife Corridor Plan	Terminating	1,620	3,807	-
Sub-total Program 1.1 (Bill 1) - Administered		273,839	397,935	430,194
Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural resources and the Environment Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		74,001	78,199	55,447
Sub-total Program 1.1 (Bill 1) - Departmental		74,001	78,199	55,447
Program 1.2: Environmental Regulation, Information and Research Administered Expenses				
Program summary:				
-Improve the quality and availability of environmental information.				
-Develop and implement national policies to support the ecologically sustainable management of the marine and coastal environment.				
-Improve conservation outcomes for marine biodiversity.				
-Contribute to effective environmental biosecurity for the nation.				
-Advance International Whaling Commission conservation and governance reforms and continue progress toward ending so-called scientific and commercial whaling.				
National Environment Research Program (NERP) -previously Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities (CERF)	Ongoing	20,020	20,520	20,520
International Whale Science Initiative	Terminating	1,776	1,688	-
Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS)	Ongoing	2,030	2,030	2,030
Community Infrastructure Grants - Cumberland Plains	Terminating	7,500	-	-
Sub-total Program 1.2 (Bill 1) - Administered		31,326	24,238	22,550
Program 1.2: Environmental Regulation, Information and Research Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		37,178	27,888	25,919
Sub-total Program 1.2 (Bill 1) - Departmental		37,178	27,888	25,919
Total Outcome 1 Administered		305,165	422,173	452,744
Total Outcome 1 Departmental		37,178	27,888	25,919

DSEWPC ADMINISTERED PROGRAM EXPENSES as at BUDGET 11/12

Program Title	Ongoing/ lapsing/ terminating	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000
Outcome 2				
Program 2.1: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants Administered Expenses				
Program summary: To improve the quality of the environment and reduce pollution through national frameworks, standards, regulation, and monitoring of wastes, hazardous substances, air pollutants, ozone depleting substances and synthetic greenhouse gases.				
Bio Fuels - Monitoring, Compliance and Enforcement of Fuel Quality and Task Force	Ongoing	100	100	100
National Environment Protection Council (NEPC)	Ongoing	429	429	429
National Waste Policy	Terminating	1,735	1,379	699
Sub-total Program 2.1 (Bill 1) - Administered		2,264	1,908	1,228
Ozone & Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Special Account	Ongoing	11,000	11,000	11,000
Sub-total Ozone Special Acc - Administered		11,000	11,000	11,000
Program 2.1: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		32,324	31,197	30,773
Sub-total Program 2.1 (Bill 1) - Departmental		32,324	31,197	30,773
Program 2.2: Affordable Housing Administered Expenses				
Program summary: -To improve the supply of affordable housing available to low and moderate income households. -To improve the supply of affordable rental housing. -To inform decision making by Government, the private sector and individuals.				
National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)	Terminating	36,494	52,742	69,772
Housing Affordability Fund (Homelessness and Housing)	Terminating	111,250	-	-
Sub-total Program 2.2 (Bill 1) - Administered		147,744	52,742	69,772
Building Better Regional Cities - SPP (LGA049)	Terminating	35,000	35,000	-
Sub-total Program 2.2 (Bill 2_SPP) - Administered		35,000	35,000	-
Program 2.2: Affordable Housing Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		12,364	8,635	8,240
Sub-total Program 2.2 (Bill 1) - Departmental		12,364	8,635	8,240
Program 2.3: Sustainable Communities Administered Expenses				
Program summary: To build sustainable communities, contributing to a sustainable Australia through: -Identifying and promoting a set of headline sustainability indicators that will track progress of key economic, social and environmental factors over time, -Informing decision-making by governments, the private sector and communities through the regular release of data against indicators; and -Supporting state and local governments to plan and provide for increase employment opportunities outside the CBDs of our major cities.				
Sustainable Australia - Suburban Jobs	Terminating	30,000	39,500	20,000
Sub-total Program 2.3 - Administered		30,000	39,500	20,000
Program 2.3: Sustainable Communities Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		5,268	5,261	4,190
Sub-total Program 2.3 (Bill 1) - Departmental		5,268	5,261	4,190
Total Outcome 2 Administered		226,008	140,150	102,000
Total Outcome 2 Departmental		49,956	45,093	43,203

DSEWPC ADMINISTERED PROGRAM EXPENSES as at BUDGET 11/12

Program Title	Ongoing/ lapsing/ terminating	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000
Outcome 3				
Program summary: Advancement of Australia's strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic by protecting, administering and researching the region.				
Program 3.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		88,095	88,150	88,484
Sub-total Program 3.1 (Bill 1) - Departmental		88,095	88,150	88,484
Total Outcome 3 Departmental		88,095	88,150	88,484
Outcome 4 - Water				
Program 4.1: Water Reform Administered Expenses				
Program summary: To achieve more efficient and flexible water use, greater security and sustainability, and better environmental outcomes.				
National Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure	Terminating	774,671	645,997	797,000
Restoring the Balance in the Basin	Terminating	2,000	1,000	-
Water Smart Australia	Lapsing	-	-	-
National Urban Water and Desalination Plan	Terminating	48,100	-	-
National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns	Terminating	-	-	-
National Rainwater/Grey water Initiative	Terminating	-	-	-
Murray Environment Flows	Terminating	-	-	-
Water Resources Assessment and Research Grant	Ongoing	175	175	175
Green Precincts	Terminating	-	-	-
Sub-total Program 4.1 (Bill 1) - Administered		824,946	647,172	797,175
Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) Special Account	Ongoing	2,400	2,400	2,420
Commonwealth Environmental Water Holdings (CEWH) Special Account	Ongoing	-	-	-
Services to Other Entities and Trust Monies Special Account	Ongoing	510	510	510
Sub-total Program 4.1 - Special Accounts - Administered		2,910	2,910	2,930
National Urban Water and Desalination Plan (SPP) (LGA039)	Terminating	6,000	-	-
National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns (SPP)	Terminating	-	-	-
National Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure (SPP)	Terminating	-	-	-
Sub-total Program 4.1 - Bill 2 (SPP) - Administered		6,000	-	-
Restoring the Balance in the Basin - Capital (Bill 2)	Terminating	347,671	149,013	449,190
SRWUIP - National Water Market System - Capital (Bill 2)	Terminating	10,900	-	-
Sub-total Program 4.1 - Bill 2 (Administered Assets and Liabilities)		358,571	149,013	449,190
Program 4.1: Water Reform Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		104,239	104,735	106,639
Sub-total Program 4.1 (Bill 1) - Departmental		104,239	104,735	106,639
Total Outcome 4 - Administered		1,192,427	799,095	1,249,295
Total Outcome 4 - Departmental		104,239	104,735	106,639

DSEWPC ADMINISTERED PROGRAM EXPENSES as at BUDGET 11/12

Program Title	Ongoing/ lapsing/ terminating	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000
Outcome 5 - Environmental Protection and Heritage Conservation				
Program 5.1: Conservation and Protection of Australia's Heritage Administered Expenses				
Program summary:				
-To identify and protect Australia's natural, Indigenous and historic heritage places.				
-To provide funding and advice to support heritage protection, conservation and interpretation.				
-To assist Papua New Guinea to protect the historic values of the Kokoda Track.				
National Trusts Partnership Programme	Ongoing	927	927	927
Protecting and Conserving Historic Built Assets	Ongoing	8,420	4,420	4,420
Indigenous Heritage Programme	Ongoing	3,645	3,645	3,645
Sub-total Program 5.1 - Administered		12,992	8,992	8,992
Program 5.1: Conservation and Protection of Australia's Heritage Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		13,302	14,044	13,784
Sub-total Program 5.1 (Bill 1) - Departmental		13,302	14,044	13,784
Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation Administered Expenses				
Program summary:				
-To provide for the protection of the environment, especially matters of national environmental significance.				
-To administer environmental regulation under the EPBC Act and the Sea Dumping Act 1981.				
-To protect the Alligator Rivers Region from the impacts of uranium mining under the Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978.				
-To regulate international trade in Australian native species, species listing under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species and the import of live animals.				
-To promote a cooperative approach to protecting and managing the environment involving governments, the community, land-holders and indigenous peoples.				
-To make it easier for governments, businesses and communities to value biodiversity and ecosystems and comply with environmental legislation.				
-To improve sustainability in priority high growth areas.				
Sustainable Australia - sustainable regional development	Terminating	800	800	400
Sub-total Program 5.2 (Bill 1) - Administered		800	800	400
Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation Departmental Expenses				
Departmental Program Support		77,834	75,793	70,044
Sub-total Program 5.2 (Bill 1) - Departmental		77,834	75,793	70,044
Total Outcome 5 - Administered		13,792	9,792	9,392
Total Outcome 5 - Departmental		91,136	89,837	83,828

Cross-Portfolio Programs	Ongoing/ lapsing/ terminating	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000
Outcome 1				
Programs conducted jointly with DAFF				
Caring for our Country - Administered	Ongoing	200,439	332,009	362,600
Caring for our Country - National Heritage Trust - Departmental Reg 15*	Ongoing	18,400		

*Departmental funding for the Caring for our Country joint project is allocated from Regulation 15 funding. The allocation of these funds to DAFF and DSEWPaC is negotiated each year, and the 2012-13 estimate is based on the Caring for our Country implementation budget in 2011-12. This estimate brings to account all known adjustments including offset and savings. Though the Caring for our Country initiative has components that are 'on-going' we only have policy approval for funding to June 2013.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD

Question No: 226

Topic: Board appointments

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Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Within the portfolio how many Boards exist? What are the terms of appointment of each board? What is the Tenure for appointment of each board? Who sits on each board?

Answer:

1. 37 boards exist within the portfolio. The terms of appointment, tenure and details of the members of each board are listed in the tables below.

Alligator Rivers Region Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Members are appointed by the Minister based on nominations from relevant stakeholder organisations.	Ongoing, but may be terminated by Minister in accordance with provisions of the <i>Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978</i> .	Prof Charles Webb Mr Philippe Portella Dr Peter Johnston Mr Richard O'Brien Mr Damien Ewington Mr Daryl Entriken Mr Michael Sheldrick Ms Nicole Hinton Mr Russell Ball Mr Michael Welch Mr Matt Darcey Mr Ewan Gunn Mr Xavier Schobben Mr Russell Robinson Mr Dan Janey Mr Todd Simms Ms Cat Beaton Mr Justin O'Brien Mr Geoff Kyle Ms Sharon Paulka Mr Steve Baldwin Dr Howard Smith Mr Adam Thompson Mr Alister Trier Ms Gillian Jan Mr Peter Cochrane Ms Anna Morgan Mr Alan Hughes Mr Richard McAllister

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Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Independent Scientific members require expertise in relevant scientific fields and are appointed by the Minister on advice from Science and Technology Australia (formerly known as Federation of Scientific and Technological Societies). Other members are nominated by relevant stakeholder organisations.	Ongoing, but may be terminated by Minister in accordance with provisions of the <i>Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978</i> .	Dr Jenny Stauber (A/g Chair) Ms Jane Coram Mr Andrew Johnston Prof David Mulligan Prof Paul Boon Prof Colin Woodroffe Dr Simon Barry Dr Gavin Mudd Mr Alan Hughes Mr Russell Ball Ms Sharon Paulka Dr Peter Eaglen Dr Howard Smith Ms Anna Morgan

Antarctic Animal Ethics Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Members are appointed under the following categories Chair Category A – Veterinarian Category B - Animal researcher Category B - Animal researcher Category C - Animal welfare representative Category C - Animal welfare representative Category D - Community representative.	3 yearly appointments with extensions as required (approved by the Minister)	Dr Menna Jones Dr Annie Philips Dr John Arnould Dr Peter Dann Mrs Jenny Banks Mr Leonard Bristow Ms Caroline Brown

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Antarctic Science Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
No formal terms of appointment	Three-yearly appointments with extensions as required (approved by Minister).	Professor Will Steffen Professor Linda Blackall Associate Professor Alan D. Hemmings Dr Susan Wijffels Professor John Dickey Dr Ian Poiner Professor Richard Coleman Professor Sharon Robinson

Australia-Netherlands Concerning on Old Dutch Shipwrecks Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Four members. Two from the Netherlands two Australian. Appointments were made in 1972. One appointment remains current, one retired last year.	Current administrative system has no time limit. Appointments were originally made based on technical expertise.	Professor Geoffrey Bolton

Australian Antarctic Names and Medal Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
No formal terms of appointment	Three-yearly appointments with extensions as required (approved by Minister).	Dr Joe Johnson Ms Diana Patterson Prof Michael Stoddart

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Australian Antarctic Program Human Research Ethics Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Members are appointed under the following categories Category A – Chair Category B – Layperson (male) Category B – Layperson (female) Category C – Counsellor Category D – Layperson Category E – Lawyer Category F – Medical Researcher Category F – Medical Researcher	3 yearly appointments with extensions as required (approved by the Minister)	Prof Raymond Lowenthal Dr Jonathan Kilpatrick Dr Christine Clifford Rev'd Dennis Quinn Ms Naomi Richards A/Prof Greg Woods

Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
The board can consist of up to 13 members, appointed against one of the following criteria Stakeholder members (6 positions) Research scientific members (7 positions)	Appointments are made for a period of 3 years with an option to renominate for a second term of 3 years, subject to Ministerial approval. No member can sit on the Committee for longer than two consecutive terms	Assoc Prof Jennifer Davis Prof Chris Austin Prof Darren Crayn Dr Marco Duretto Prof David Cantrill Dr John Hooper Dr Stephen van Leeuwen

Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh) World Heritage Area Community and Scientific Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Chair selected with the agreement of the State and Federal Ministers responsible for World Heritage	3 years for Chair and members The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	Chair Dr Graeme Potter

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Australian Heritage Council		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The Terms of Appointment are set out in the <i>Australian Heritage Council Act 2003 Part 3 s6</i></p> <p>Chair must have substantial experience or expertise concerning heritage. Members must have substantial expertise or experience concerning natural, historic or indigenous heritage (with one of these last representing the interests of Indigenous people) – 2 members for each field.</p>	<p>Specified in instrument of appointment. Must not exceed three years. Cannot be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p>Professor Carmen Lawrence Mr Rodney Dillon Dr Libby Matiske Dr Jackie Huggins Associate Professor Peter Valentine, Adjunct Professor Sharon Sullivan Mr Howard Tanner.</p>

Board of Directors of the Wet Tropics Management Authority		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The Terms of Appointment are set out in the <i>Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993 of Queensland. Div 2.</i></p>	<p>3 years for Chair and members</p> <p>The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.</p>	<p>Associate Professor Peter Valentine</p>

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Booderee National Park Board of Management		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>A traditional owner nominee (7 members) The Director of National Parks The Commanding officer of HMAS Creswell A representative from the Attorney General's (administration Jervis Bay) department A scientist familiar with the conservation values of the Jervis Bay region A person knowledgeable about ecotourism activities in protected areas</p>	<p>Appointments are made for a period of 5 years</p>	<p>Mr Craig Ardler Mr Joseph Brown Ms Julie Freeman Mr James McKenzie Ms Jennifer Stewart Ms Annette Brown Mr Clive Freeman Mr Peter Cochrane Cpt Brett Chandler Ms Sheryl Klaffer Mr Todd Minchinton Ms Robyn Bushell</p>

Expert Panel for Coal Seam Gas Projects		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The Expert Panel's advice will inform the Minister's and department's decisions under conditions of EPBC Act project approvals for coal seam gas field developments for: Queensland Curtis LNG Project Santos GNLG and Australia Pacific LNG Project</p> <p>The Expert Panel may also be required to advise on projects subject to EPBC Act assessment and approval.</p> <p>Key areas of advice include: Hydrological advice Hydrogeological advice Additional expertise as required.</p>	<p>27 March 2010 – 1 May 2013</p>	<p>Professor Paul Greenfield Professor Chris Moran Dr Jane Coram Dr Richard Cresswell Associate Professor Heather</p>

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Fraser Island World Heritage Area Community Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Chair selected with the agreement of the State and Federal Ministers responsible for World Heritage	3 years for Chair and members. The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	Chair Dr Ron Neller

Fraser Island World Heritage Area Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC)		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Chair selected by the committee (IAC) and endorsed by the State and Federal Ministers responsible for World Heritage	1 year for the 2 Co-Chairs 3 years for members The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	Co-Chairs – Mr Malcolm Burns & Jan Williams (Proxy)

Fraser Island World Heritage Area Scientific Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Chair selected with the agreement of the State and Federal Ministers responsible for World Heritage	3 years for Chair and members. The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	Chair – Dr Sandra Brizga

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Fuel Standards Consultative Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The Terms of Appointment are set out in the Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000 Division 6 s25</p> <p>Members are appointed under the following categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Commonwealth representative as Chair 1 representative of each State, the ACT and Northern Territory 2 representatives of the Commonwealth 1 person representing fuel producers 1 person representing a non-government body with an interest in the protection of the environment 1 person representing the interests of consumers 1 person representative light vehicle manufacturing industry 1 person representing independent fuel imports and suppliers 1 person representing truck manufacturing industry 1 person representing alternative and renewable fuels industry 	<p>Members are appointed for three year terms.</p>	<p>Dr Diana Wright Ms Ann-Louise Crotty Mr Kelvyn Steer Dr Bob Hyde Mr David Power Mr Greg Scott Ms Linda Rasmussen Mr Michael Sheldrick Mr Paul Barrett Dr David Bowman Mr Craig Newland Mr Phil Allan Mr Mike McCullagh Mr Guy Macklan Ms Heather Brodie</p>

Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area Community Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>An independent, non-government person, with no current direct financial or political vested interest in the way in which the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia is managed</p>	<p>Members are appointed for three year terms.</p> <p>The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.</p>	<p>Chair currently vacant (appointment process in train)</p>

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Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Advisory Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
An independent, non-government person, with no current direct financial or political vested interest in the way in which the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia is managed	Members are appointed for three year terms. The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	Chair currently vacant (appointment process in train)

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
The Terms of Appointment are set out in the <i>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975</i> under Part III—Constitution and meetings of the Authority, Section 10 Membership of the Authority	Permanent Appointment for up to 5 years Acting appointment for up to 12 months	Russell Reichelt Melissa George Wulgurukaba woman whose traditional area includes Magnetic Island and the greater Townsville region Daniel Gschwind CEO for the Queensland Tourism Industry Council John Bradley Queensland Director-General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet

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Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
An independent, non-government person with no current direct financial or political vested interest in the way in which the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area managed, nil remuneration	Members are appointed for three year terms. The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	Prof Richard Mackay AM

Hazardous Waste Technical Group		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
The Terms of Appointment are set out in the the <i>Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 s58E</i> . Appointments are made with regard to a person's expertise in, or experience of, matters relevant to the management of hazardous waste in their: scientific and/or technical aspects; social and/or economic aspects; environmental aspects; and public health and public safety aspects.	The Act does not specify a term or tenure for appointments, so in practice the appointment is until the member resigns.	Professor Paul Greenfield Mr John Hogan Dr Neill Stacey Mr Stephen Moore Dr Jenny Stauber Dr Peter Di Marco Dr Peter Nadebaum Ms Diane Kovacs

Indigenous Advisory Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Membership on the IAC is based on expertise in Indigenous knowledge of land and sea management, sustainable use of biodiversity, conservation and cultural heritage management.	Members are appointed for three year terms.	Melissa George Christine Grant Damein Bell Jason Field Kado Muir Dave Johnston Joe Morrison Daniel Oades Klynton Wanganeen Francine McCarthy Frank Loban

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Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee (CAC)		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>To provide informed community advice to the Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum (established under the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Act 2001) on matters relevant to the management of water and related natural resources within the Lake Eyre Basin.</p> <p>Interests represented on the CAC include - pastoral, agricultural, tourism, conservation, mining, petroleum, Cooper Creek & Diamantina River Systems.</p>	<p>Initial 3 year term, may be subsequently appointed by the Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum for a further term or further terms.</p>	<p>Ms Marilyn Ah Chee Mr David Alexander Mr George Cooley Mr David Dolman Mr Scott Gorringe Ms Judith Harrison Ms Janet McIntyre Ms Ann Oldfield Mr Joc Schmiechen Ms Brenda Shields Mr Matthew Turner Ms Natalie Turner Mr Ronald Whitelaw Ms Janet Brook Ms Leoni Nunn</p>

Lake Eyre Basin Scientific Advisory Panel		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>To provide high quality scientific and technical advice to the Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum Forum (established under the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Act 2001) on matters relevant to the management of water and related natural resources within the Lake Eyre Basin.</p>	<p>Initial 3 year term, may be subsequently appointed by the Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum for one further 3 year term.</p>	<p>Mr Steve Morton Prof Keith Walker Dr Sue Jackson Prof Angela Arthington Dr Bill Young Prof Richard Kingsford Dr Tara Martin</p>

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Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Board		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Appointees must have substantial experience or knowledge, and significant standing in, at least one of the following: Agricultural science; Economics (including environmental economics); Conservation ecology; Greenhouse gas emissions measurement and reporting; Greenhouse gas abatement measures; Public administration; Business management; and The management or care of indigenous-held land (within the meaning of the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005</i>)	Maximum of 5 years	There are no current appointments. (Appointment process in train, with membership to be announced on 28 November 2011)

Murray-Darling Basin Authority		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
The Terms of Appointment are set out in the <i>Water Act 2007 Part 9 Division 2</i> Each Authority member must at the time of appointment have a high level of expertise in one or more fields relevant to the Authority's functions including water resource management, hydrology, freshwater ecology, resource economics, irrigated agriculture, public sector governance and financial management	Members are appointed for four year terms	The Hon. Craig Knowles Dr Rhondda Dickson Ms Dianne Davidson Professor Barry Hart Mr David Green

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National Council on Education for Sustainability (not established under legislation)		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>Non-statutory body appointed to provide expert advice to the Minister and the department on education for sustainability activities and issues that could support the National Action Plan for Education Sustainability, <i>Living Sustainably</i>.</p> <p>Council effectively ceased operations after its March 2010 meeting. The Council's Chair wrote to the then Minister in June 2010 recommending discontinuing the Council and considering an alternative advisory body model.</p>	<p>Council members appointed for a term of two years.</p>	<p>No current appointments (under consideration)</p>

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National Housing Supply Council		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The Terms of Reference for the National Housing Supply Council note that Members will be appointed for their individual capacity and expertise in an area relevant to the housing industry.</p> <p>The Chair is responsible for convening and chairing the Council meetings and presenting the annual State of Supply Report to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.</p> <p>Sector representation sought in the membership encompasses the: housing, property and building, and construction industry; planning and development; social welfare and community housing; banking and finance; and housing research.</p>	<p>The Chair is appointed for up to 3 years and Members for 2 years.</p>	<p>Dr Owen Donald Mr Saul Eslake Ms Sue Holliday Dr Judy Yates Professor Graeme Hugo Mr Nigel Satterley AM Ms Ruth Spielman Ms Mary Patetsos Ms Janet Buhagiar Ms Dyan Currie Mr Mark Hunter Mr Simon Norris</p>

National Water Commission		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The terms of appointments are defined in the National Water Commission Act 2004, s8 and s11(3)</p>	<p>A Commissioner is appointed by the Governor-General by written instrument, on either a full-time or part-time basis. A Commissioner holds office for the period specified in the instrument of appointment. The period must not exceed 3 years</p>	<p>Ms Chloe Munro Prof Stuart Bunn Mr Lawrence Arthur Ms Elaine Gardiner Ms Sally Farrier Mr Christopher Davis Mr Robert Freeman</p>

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National Wildlife Corridors Plan Advisory Group		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Although there are no special qualifications, familiarity with environmental and natural resource management is a requirement.	Appointed for terms not exceeding 3 years	The Hon Bob Debus Kym Cheatham Professor Steve Dovers Debra Goostrey Melissa George Brett de Hayr Dr Judy Henderson Doug Humann Angus Hume Deb Kerr Vicki- Jo Russell Dr Paul Sinclair Felicity Wishart

Oil Stewardship Advisory Council (created under the Product Stewardship (Oil) Act)		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The terms of appointment are set out in Part 3 of the <i>Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000</i>.</p> <p>The Council is to have at least 10 members, including a person representing the Commissioner of Taxation and a person representing the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Other members are required to have knowledge of, or experience in, one or more of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) broad waste management issues from a business perspective; (b) research and development relevant to the product stewardship arrangements for oil; (c) State or Territory government; (d) local government; (e) the non-government sector; (f) national consumer issues; (g) remote, including remote Indigenous, issues; (h) oil production; (i) used oil recycling; (j) used oil collection. 	Members are appointed on a part-time basis for terms not exceeding 3 years.	No current appointments (under consideration)

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Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
The terms of appointment are defined in the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Act 2001, s3	A member holds office for the period specified in the instrument of appointment. The period must not exceed 3 years.	Anthea Tinney (Acting chair) Rohan Jeffs Leo McLeay Genia McCaffery (member representing an affected council). Elsie Heiss (member representing indigenous people).

Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Chair must be Tasmanian resident agreed to and jointly appointed by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments. As for other State appointed committee members, the Chair is remunerated under the State Government's Remuneration Tribunal Category 2 rate (however this is subject to a current review by Tas Govt).	Members are appoint for 3 year terms. The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	No current appointments (appointment process in train)

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Threatened Species Scientific Committee		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p>The Threatened Species Scientific Committee (TSSC) was established by the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>.</p> <p>Under the Act the TSSC is required to advise the Minister on amendments to the national lists for threatened species, threatened ecological communities, and key threatening processes, together with the approval of conservation advice and the making or adoption of recovery plans and threat abatement plans.</p>	Appointed for terms not exceeding 5 years.	Professor Helene Marsh Associate Professor Keith Walker Professor Peter Harrison Dr John Woinarski Dr Rosemary Purdie Dr Guy Fitzhardinge Dr Gordon Guymmer 3 Vacancies – being considered by the Minister

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
<p><i>The board can consist of up to 12 members, appointed against one of the following criteria</i></p> <p>A traditional owner nominee (8 members) The Director of National parks A Tourism Minister nominee An Environment Minister nominee A Northern Territory nominee</p>	Appointments are made for a period of 5 years	Mr Harry Wilson Ms Panjiti Windlass Mr Sammy Wilson Ms Judy Trigger Mr Malya Teamay Mr Bruce Breden Ms Alison Hunt Mr Peter Cochrane Mr John King

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Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Property		
Terms of Appointment	Tenure of Appointment	Members As at 17 October 2011
Independent Chairperson, appointed by Ministerial Council (now defunct, but current appointment made under this arrangement)	Not specified The Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.	Mr Michael Ockwell

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 227

Topic: Portfolio wide - Government advertising

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Senator Fisher asked:

1. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – has the Department and Agencies undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.
2. Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.
3. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010)? Provide the details for each advertising item.
4. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.
5. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?

Answer:

1. The department and portfolio are covered by a whole-of-government contract with Universal McCann for planning and placement of campaign advertising, and Adcorp Australia Ltd for media placement of non-campaign advertising. The department and portfolio agencies total spend on campaign and non-campaign advertising between 1 July 2011 and 17 October 2011 is outlined below.

Campaign advertising

The department and portfolio agencies have not undertaken any campaign advertising (i.e. \$250,000 or more, as defined in the Australian Government Advertising Guidelines), between 1 July 2011 and 17 October 2011.

Non-campaign advertising

Expenditure on non-campaign advertising includes gazette and recruitment advertising, public information notices, request for tenders and expressions of interest. Providing specific details for each item of expenditure would involve an extensive manual process and an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Total spend for the department and portfolio agencies for non-campaign advertising for the reporting period 1 July 2011 to 17 October 2011 is summarised in the table below.

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Department	\$189,386.32
Portfolio agencies:	\$428,279.38
Parks Australia	\$6,315.01
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	\$193,810.96
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority: <i>Working together today for a healthier Reef tomorrow*</i>	\$75,786.00
Other non-campaign advertising	\$46,300.00
National Water Commission	NIL
Murray Darling Basin Authority**	\$49,135.41
Bureau of Meteorology	\$56,932.00
TOTAL	\$617,665.70

* The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has undertaken advertising for *Working together today for a healthier Reef tomorrow* featuring reef guardian fishers, farmers, schools and councils and showcasing their voluntary environmental efforts to care for the reef. The advertising supports the Australian Government's 2010 Budget commitment to expand the Reef Guardians Stewardship Program. Advertising booking services were provided by the Australian Government's advisor on advertising, Universal McCann. No creative advertising agency was appointed. Production of the advertisements was by Digital Dimensions, Townsville.

** Includes advertising in key regional and major papers within the Basin States and the ACT for Basin Community Committee membership applications.

2. The Department of Finance and Deregulation advised the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority that the Reef Guardian advertising program – *Working together today for a healthier Reef tomorrow* – including television advertisements and newspaper insert, was operational and not campaign in nature.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation did not provide any other advice to the department or the other portfolio agencies about advertising activities undertaken during the reporting period 1 July 2011 to 17 October 2011.

3. The department and portfolio agencies have not undertaken any campaign advertising activities during the reporting period of 1 July 2011 to 17 October 2011.

While not considered campaign advertising by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the advertising activities for *Working together today for a healthier Reef* complied with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies (March 2010), but the activities did not require review by the Independent Communications Committee to ensure compliance with the Guidelines.

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The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority ensured that the Department of Finance and Deregulation was kept informed throughout the planning, development and implementation of the advertisements. Each advertising item included:

Television advertisements, including:

- a. overarching advertisement explaining outlook for reef
- b. five individual sub-advertisements, featuring a reef guardian cane farmer, banana farmer, school, council and fisher.

Newspaper insert, showcasing the voluntary environmental initiatives of reef guardian schools, councils, farmers and fishers.

4. The department utilises panel arrangements for creative and printing services which are managed by the Department of Human Services. The communication activities are procured from various suppliers through this centralised arrangement. For the purpose of this response ‘communications program’ is defined as: *the communication of a government message to the public – possibly by advertising (print, television etc), possibly through the erection of signs, plaques etc, or through other mediums.*

Note: information about campaign and non-campaign advertising expenditure is provided at question 1. Expenditure on communication related activities for the department and portfolio agencies for the reporting period 1 July 2011 to 17 October 2011 is summarised in the table below.

Department	\$386,373.56
Portfolio agencies:	\$39,187.53
Parks Australia	\$18,570.23
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Nil
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	\$20,617.30
National Water Commission	Nil
Murray Darling Basin Authority	Nil
Bureau of Meteorology	Nil
TOTAL	\$425,561.09

5. Communication strategies are developed for each communication program and may include activities such as media and issues management, websites, publications and events, advertising and public relations. These activities are not campaign advertising and are undertaken as part of broader stakeholder engagement to communicate the department’s and portfolio’s activities and services. For example, the Murray–Darling Basin Authority will place advertisements in all major Basin State and Territory papers and regional papers on release of the draft Basin Plan, consistent with section 43(5) of the *Water Act 2007*, which states that an invitation for submissions on the draft Basin Plan must be published in the Gazette and in newspapers circulating generally in each Basin State.

At the time of writing, there were no campaign advertising activities planned for the department and portfolio agencies.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 228

Topic: Portfolio wide - board appointments

**Proof Hansard Page and Date
or Written Question:** Written

Senator Fisher asked:

1. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
2. Detail any board appointments for the year 2010-11.
3. Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.

Answer:

1. Gender ratios on portfolio boards across the portfolio are given in the accompanying table.
- 2- 3. Under Senate Order 13 of June 2008 information about recent board appointments is tabled in the Senate immediately prior to every Estimates process. Under Senate Order 13 the portfolio has previously provided information detailing appointments made during the year 2010-11 and FYTD.

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Board	Gender Ratio F:M
Alligator Rivers Region Advisory Committee	6:24
Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee	4:10
Antarctic Animal Ethics Committee	4:3
Antarctic Science Advisory Committee	3:5
Australia-Netherlands Concerning on Old Dutch Shipwrecks Committee	0:2
Australian Antarctic Names and Medal Committee	1:2
Australian Antarctic Program Human Research Ethics Committee	2:4
Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee	1:6
Australian Heritage Council	4:3
Booderee National Park Board of Management	5:7
Expert Panel for Coal Seam Gas Projects	2:3
Fuel Standards Consultative Committee	4:12
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	1:3
Hazardous Waste Technical Group	2:6
Indigenous Advisory Committee	3:8
Kakadu National Park Board of Management	2:10
Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee	6:9
Lake Eyre Basin Scientific Advisory Panel	1:5
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	2:3
National Housing Supply Council	6:6
National Water Commission	3:4

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National Wildlife Corridors Plan Advisory Group	6:6
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	3:2
Threatened Species Scientific Committee	2:5
Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management	3:6

For the following boards the Australian Government appoints the chair but is not involved in other appointments.

Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh) World Heritage Area Community and Scientific Advisory Committee
Board of Directors of the Wet Tropics Management Authority
Fraser Island World Heritage Area Community Advisory Committee
Fraser Island World Heritage Area Indigenous Advisory Committee
Fraser Island World Heritage Area Scientific Advisory Committee
Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Advisory Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee
Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area Community Advisory Committee
Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Advisory Committee
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Consultative Committee
Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Property Community Management Council/Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 229

Topic: DSEWPac - grants

Proof Hansard Page and Date Written
or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

1. Has the Portfolio complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer:

1. From January 2009, the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) has published on its website, information on individual grants in compliance with the interim reporting requirements set out in the Finance Minister's Instructions of 16 January 2009.

From 1 July 2009, the department has published on its website, information on individual grants in compliance with the reporting requirements under the *Commonwealth Grant Guidelines 2009*.

From January 2009, the portfolio's agencies, where relevant, have published on their websites, information on individual grants in compliance with the interim reporting requirements set out in the Finance Minister's Instructions of 16 January 2009.

From 1 July 2009, the portfolio's agencies, where relevant, have published on their websites, information on individual grants in compliance with the reporting requirements under the *Commonwealth Grant Guidelines 2009*.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 230

Topic: Community Cabinets

Proof Hansard Page and Date Written
or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11?
2. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?
3. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel?
4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11?
5. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?
6. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?
7. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel?
8. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?

Answer:

In reference to parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 relating to Community Cabinet travel expenses, a response to this question has been provided in Question No: 168, Budget Estimates, May 2011.

In reference to parts 5, 6 and 8 relating to Minister and Ministerial staff travel expenses associated with Community Cabinet meetings held this fiscal year to date, information about travel costs by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and MOP(S) Act staff, are arrangements administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Questions on these matters should be directed to that Department.

In response to part 7 and the departmental expenses component of part 8 of this question, as at 30 October 2011, one departmental officer from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities attended the Kingston Community Cabinet meeting to support the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. The officer was in Tasmania on other business. The total cost of this travel to the department was \$1,732.08.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 231
Topic: Reviews
Proof Hansard Page and Date Written
or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

For the year 2010-11:

1. How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. What reviews have been concluded?
4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?

For this financial year to date:

1. What reviews are planned?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. What reviews have been concluded this FYTD?
4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?

Answer:

Answers:

For the year 2010-11:

1. 13 reviews were undertaken (see tables below).
2. 6 reviews are ongoing and 7 were completed in 2010-11 (see tables below).
3. 7 reviews concluded in 2010-11 (see tables below)
4. See tables below.
5. See tables below.
6. Estimated costs are set out in the tables below.

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Reviews being undertaken across the portfolio for year 2010-11

	Name of Review	Planned Conclusion Date	Estimated cost \$
1.	Independent evaluation of the National Water Quality Management Strategy	December 2011	120,000
2.	COAG Review of the National Water Commission.	December 2011	220,000
3.	Review of Caring for our Country	31/12/2011	45,500
4.	Native Vegetation Framework	Mid 2012 subject to Ministerial Council approval	314,000
5.	The Review of the <i>Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989</i> and its associated regulations.	June 2013	764,000
6.	Lapsing Program Review of the Regional Marine Planning Program	November 2011	30,000

Reviews that have concluded across the portfolio in 2010-11.

	Name of Review	Completion date	Date provided to Govt	Government Response	Estimated cost \$
1.	Review of Mitigating Sea Lion Interactions in the South Australian rock lobster fishery and the Gillnet Sector Southern and Eastern scale fish and shark fishery in South Australia	November 2010	November 2010	No formal government response required	5,000
2.	Review of the Environmental Stewardship Program	13/05/2011	13/05/2011	Review report released 23/05/2011. No government response required.	65,500
3.	The Review of Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030	27/10/2010	27/10/2010	Strategy was finalised through a joint Commonwealth, State and Territory	690,000

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				process and announced by Minister Burke on behalf of the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council	
4.	Independent review of the Television and Computer Industry's interim standards for Collection, Transportation and Recycling of televisions and computers to determine their rigor, alignment with a proposed Australian Standard and suitability for the Australian context.	21/01/2011	21/01/2011	No government response required	26,000
5.	Independent review of the Television and Computer Industry's interim standards for Collection, Transportation and Recycling of televisions and computers to determine potential risks and costs	21/01/2011	15/03/2011	No government response required	37,000
6.	Independent review of the fishing gear risk assessment reports prepared for South-west marine region.	January 2011	24 January 2011	No Government response required	8,000
7.	Expert panel for the development of the Sustainable Diversion Limit – a condition of the Murrumbidgee to Googong Project EPBC.	04/08/2010	30/08/2010	No government response required	16,000

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For this financial year to date:

1. 3 reviews are planned and/or commenced (see tables below)
2. See tables below.
3. 1 review concluded this financial year to date (see tables below)
4. This review has been provided to Government (see tables below)
5. No formal government response is required for this review.
6. See tables below.

Reviews planned for this financial year to date.

	Name of Review	Estimated completion date	Date provided to Govt	Government Response	Estimated cost \$
1.	Second Statutory Review of the <i>Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000</i> .	June 2012	NA	NA	Cost cannot be provided at this stage as the tendering process has not commenced.
2.	Independent Review of Australian Government Environmental Information Activity	November 2012	November 2012	This is a whole of government review which will be provided to Government on completion and responded to in due course.	290,000
3.	Review of the Bureau of Meteorology's capacity to respond to future extreme weather and natural disaster events, and to provide accurate and timely seasonal forecasting services.	December 2011	NA	Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined

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Reviews concluded this financial year to date.

	Name of Review	Completion date (FYTD)	Date provided to Govt	Government Response	Estimated cost \$
1.	Independent review of the fishing gear risk assessment reports prepared for the North, North-west and East marine regions	July 2011	15 July 2011	No formal government response required	21,000

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 232

Topic: Portfolio wide - media monitoring

**Proof Hansard Page and Date
or Written Question:** Written

Senator Fisher asked:

1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?
 - c. What has been spent providing these services FYTD?
2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies for the year 2010-11?
 - a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?
 - b. What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?
 - c. What has been spent providing these services FYTD?

Answer:

1. Media monitoring services provided to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary's offices are provided as an integral component of the services provided to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and therefore a separate cost for this service is not available.
2. The total cost of media monitoring services to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities for 2010-11 was \$652,553 GST inc.
 - a. AAP provided these services to the department (Media Monitors provided the service up until the beginning of 2011 when the department switched providers).
 - b. The estimated budget for the same services for 2011-12 is \$495,000 GST inc.
 - c. Expenditure for the year to the end of September 2011 is \$108,977 GST inc.

The following portfolio agencies have separate media monitoring arrangements in place which is in part driven by the need for specialist regional monitoring.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority spent \$36,465 on media monitoring in 2010-11.

- a. Media Monitors
- b. \$40,000
- c. \$6,837

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The National Water Commission spent \$163,037 on media monitoring in 2010-11.

- a. Media Monitors Pty Ltd
- b. \$137,000
- c. \$35,293

The Murray Darling Basin Authority spent \$139,372 on media monitors in 2010-11

- a. Media Monitors Pty Ltd
- b. \$200,000
- c. \$20,308

Please note that the Bureau of Meteorology will provide information on this question separately.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: IMD **Question No:** 233

Topic: Portfolio wide - Social media

Proof Hansard Page and Date Written
or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

1. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2011? Please explain.

Answer:

1. No.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 234

Topic: DSEWPaC - discretionary grants

**Proof Hansard Page and Date
or Written Question:** Written

Senator Fisher asked:

1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
2. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
3. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer:

Department of sustainability, Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

1. The department has published details of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants that have come into effect in 2010-11 on the department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/about/grants/index.html>
2. The department has published details of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants that have come into effect this financial year to date on the department's website at <http://www.environment.gov.au/about/grants/index.html>
3. From January 2009, the department has published on its website, information on individual grants in compliance with the interim reporting requirements set out in the Finance Minister's Instructions of 16 January 2009.

From 1 July 2009, the Department has published on its website, information on individual grants in compliance with the reporting requirements under the *Commonwealth Grant Guidelines 2009*.

Bureau of Meteorology

1. From 1 July 2009, the Bureau of Meteorology (Bureau) has published on its website, information on individual grants in compliance with the reporting requirements under the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines 2009 at <http://www.bom.gov.au/>
2. The Bureau has published details of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants that have come into effect this financial year to date on its website at <http://www.bom.gov.au/>
3. The Bureau published information on its discretionary grants in accordance with the Commonwealth Grants Guidelines at <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

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Director of National Parks

The Director of National Parks does not have any discretionary grant programs.

Murry Darling Basin Authority

The Murry Darling Basin Authority does not administer discretionary grant programs.

National Water Commission

1. The list of discretionary grants by the National Water Commission in 2010-11 is at **Appendix A**.
2. The National Water Commission has published details of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants that have come into effect this financial year to date on its website at <http://www.nwc.gov.au/the-commission/corporate-governance/reporting-requirements/reporting-requirements-grants-reporting>
3. The National Water Commission publishes information on its discretionary grants in accordance with the Commonwealth Grants Guidelines at <http://www.nwc.gov.au/the-commission/corporate-governance/reporting-requirements/reporting-requirements-grants-reporting>

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust does not have any discretionary grant programs.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

1. The list of discretionary grants by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) in 2010-11 is at **Appendix B**.
2. No grants have been made by GBRMPA for the 2011-12 FYTD.
3. The GBRMPA publishes information on its discretionary grants in accordance with the Commonwealth Grants Guidelines at <http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/>

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Recipient	Program Name	Value of Grant \$
Cotton Research and Development Corporation	Raising National Water Standards	170,000.00
Mackay Regional council	Raising National Water Standards	144,000.00
Charles Darwin University	Raising National Water Standards	1,228,000.00
Orange City Council	Raising National Water Standards	120,000.00
City West Water Limited	Raising National Water Standards	180,000.00
Power and Water Corporation	Raising National Water Standards	175,000.00
State of Western Australia - Department of Water	Raising National Water Standards	100,000.00
Government of Western Australia, Department of Water	Raising National Water Standards	125,000.00
Charles Darwin University	Raising National Water Standards	315,514.00
State of Western Australia - Department of Water	Raising National Water Standards	200,000.00
State of Western Australia - Department of Water	Raising National Water Standards	600,000.00
Government of New South Wales through the NSW Office of Water	Raising National Water Standards	535,000.00
Government of New South Wales through the NSW Office of Water	Raising National Water Standards	140,000.00
Northern Territory of Australia, Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport	Raising National Water Standards	150,000.00
Northern Territory of Australia, Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport	Raising National Water Standards	150,000.00
Australian Water Association	Raising National Water Standards	250,000.00
State of South Australia, Department for Water	Raising National Water Standards	290,000.00
State of South Australia, Department for Water	Raising National Water Standards	240,000.00
State of South Australia, Department for Water	Raising National Water Standards	85,000.00
State of South Australia, Department for Water	Raising National Water Standards	222,500.00
State of Victoria - Department of Sustainability and Environment	Raising National Water Standards	80,000.00

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Recipient	Program Name	Value of Grant \$
State of Victoria - Department of Sustainability and Environment	Raising National Water Standards	170,000.00
State of Victoria - Department of Sustainability and Environment	Raising National Water Standards	650,000.00
Government of New South Wales through the NSW Office of Water	Raising National Water Standards	230,000.00
State of New South Wales - Department of Environment Climate Change and Water	Raising National Water Standards	337,000.00
State of Queensland - Department of Environment and Resource Management	Raising National Water Standards	390,000.00
State of Queensland - Department of Environment and Resource Management	Raising National Water Standards	450,000.00
State of Queensland - Department of Environment and Resource Management	Raising National Water Standards	1,680,000.00
Charles Darwin University	Raising National Water Standards	1,769,859.00
Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation	Raising National Water Standards	250,000.00
eWater CRC	Raising National Water Standards	1,200,000.00
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Raising National Water Standards	868,231.00
Charles Darwin University	Raising National Water Standards	800,000.00
Government of New South Wales through the NSW Office of Water	Raising National Water Standards	307,834.00
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Raising National Water Standards	1,700,000.00

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Recipient	Program Name	Value of Grant \$
Mungalla Aboriginal Corporation for Business	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	23,750 (excl GST)
Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation Pty Ltd	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	48,590
Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation Pty Ltd	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	48,270
Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation Pty Ltd	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	46,000
Girringun Aboriginal Corporation	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	25,950 (excl GST)
Northern Kuuku Ya'u Kanthanampu Aboriginal Corporation	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	38,000 (excl GST)
The Wuthathi Land Trust	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	45,455 (excl GST)
Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation Pty Ltd	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	50,000
Northern Skills Alliance Incorporated	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	55,000
Yuku Baja-Muliku Landowner and Reserves Ltd	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	50,000 (excl GST)
Gunggandji PBC Aboriginal Corporation	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	50,000 (excl GST)
Mandubarra Aboriginal Land and Sea Incorporated	2010-11 Sea Country Partnerships Grants	44,174 (excl GST)
Moore Park State School	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	200
Elliott Heads State School	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	200
Gordonvale State School	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	400
Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	495 (excl GST)
Gargett State School	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	200 (excl GST)
Coningsby State School	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	200 (excl GST)
St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Sarina	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	200 (excl GST)
Mackay Area Fish Stocking Assoc Inc	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	200 (excl GST)
Low Isles Preservation Society	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	2,000 (excl GST)
St Catherines, Proserpine	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	200
C&K Whitsunday Kindergarten	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	100 (excl GST)
Eco Barge Services Pty Ltd	Local Marine Advisory Committee Projects	500 (excl GST)

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 235

Topic: Portfolio wide - commissioned reports

**Proof Hansard Page and Date
or Written Question:** Written

Senator Fisher asked:

1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
 - a. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
 - b. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?
2. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
 - a. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
 - b. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

1. A total of six reports have been commissioned by the Government in the portfolio for the financial year 2010-11. For the purposes of this question, a report that is commissioned by the Government is one prepared by an external committee, with a defined terms of reference and will be publicly released. The three Sustainable Population Strategy Advisory Panel Reports were commissioned by the then Minister for Population. Responsibility for Sustainable Population was transferred from The Treasury to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water Population and Communities (DSEWPaC) in November 2010.

Information on staffing has been provided where available. The department does not record the number and level of departmental staff involved in all commissioned reports in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to these questions.

Assessment of impacts of the proposed coal seam gas operations on surface and groundwater systems in the Murray-Darling Basin

- Date commissioned: 11 October 2010
- Date report handed to Government: 3 December 2010
- Date of public release: 10 December 2010
- Committee members: There was no oversight committee for this study. A Joint Liaison Committee with members from the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management and DSEWPaC was established to provide technical information only.
- Approximate cost: \$198,000 GST inclusive
- Current status: Completed

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- Terms of reference: Assessment of the impacts of the proposed coal seam gas operations on the connectivity of groundwater systems, surface water and groundwater flows and water quality in the Murray-Darling Basin.

Great Artesian Basin Water Resource Assessment

- Date commissioned: 1 July 2010
- Date report handed to Government: due for completion 15 December 2012
- Date of public release: To be determined
- Committee members: Steering Committee comprises 5 external members (NSW Office of Water, SA Department for Water, QLD Department of Environment and Resource Management, QLD Water Commission, NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport), 2 internal (DSEWPaC and the National Water Commission)
- Approximate cost: \$6,250,000 GST exclusive
- Current status: Ongoing
- Terms of reference: CSIRO and Geoscience Australia have been contracted to provide a number of reports (culminating in a final report by 15 December 2012), with outputs including a reconceptualisation of the hydrology of the Basin, and the modelling of the impact of development and climate change scenarios on the Basin's water resources.

National Wildlife Corridors Plan

- Date commissioned: Advisory Group announcement – April 12, 2011; Portfolio Budget Statement and Minister's press release 10 May 2011.
- Date report handed to Government: N/A
- Date of public release: To be determined
- Produced by The National Wildlife Corridors Plan Advisory Group:
 - The Hon. Robert Debus (Chair);
 - Ms Kym Cheatham
 - Mr Brett de Hayr
 - Prof Steve Dovers
 - Ms Melissa George
 - Ms Debra Goostrey
 - Dr Judy Henderson
 - Mr Doug Humann
 - Mr Angus Hume
 - Ms Deb Kerr
 - Ms Vicki-Jo Russell
 - Dr Paul Sinclair
 - Ms Felicity Wishart
- Total cost to September 30th, 2011: \$164,624 - including sitting fees, travel, workshops and expert working group costs. This does not include Departmental staffing costs. October 6th meeting costs are still being processed.
 - 10/11 FY - \$55,707
 - 11/12 FY - \$108,918

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- Current status: Ongoing with an expectation of completion of draft by end 2011/early 2012. The National Wildlife Corridors Plan will be finalised in June 2014.
- Terms of reference:

The National Wildlife Corridors Advisory Group established by the Australian Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, will provide advice on the design and approaches to implementing the 2010 election commitment for the three year, \$10 million National Wildlife Corridors Plan (NWCP). The functions of the Advisory Group are to:

1. Advise on the direction and scope of the National Wildlife Corridors Plan;
2. Facilitate the planning and drafting of the Plan and associated products, including prioritisation mechanisms for determining corridors and potential pilot regions;
3. Provide informed appraisals and advice on information requirements for implementing connectivity conservation on a national scale;
4. Provide advice on communications opportunities and strategic engagement of stakeholders including Landcare groups, state and local government, Indigenous organisations, environment and natural resource management groups, and farming, conservation, tourism and other industry organisations;
5. Identify and manage specific tasks to be undertaken by Expert Working Groups in support of functions 1 to 4 above and consistent with the scope of the Expert Working Groups as described in the Terms of Reference and Administrative Arrangements for the National; and
6. Wildlife Corridors Expert Working Groups

Sustainable Population Strategy Advisory Panel Reports

Demographic Change and Liveability, Productivity and Prosperity, and Sustainable Development.

- Date commissioned: 15 July 2010 (commissioned by the Minister for Population within The Treasury portfolio. Responsibilities transferred to SEWPaC in November following changes to the Administrative Arrangement Orders)
- Date report handed to Government: 14 December 2010
- Date of public release: 16 December 2010
- Approximate cost: \$79,000 (including sitting fees, and report publishing and printing costs)
- Current status: Complete, the Government responded to the reports through the release of *Sustainable Australia – Sustainable Communities: A Sustainable Population Strategy for Australia*
- Departmental Staff involved: From November there were approximately 9 staff working in the Sustainable Population Taskforce. In addition to developing the Sustainable Population Strategy Issues Paper the Taskforce also provided secretariat support to the Advisory Panels as required. The Taskforce included 2 SES staff
- Committee members: (below)

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Demographic Change and Liveability Panel

- Professor Graeme Hugo - Professor of Geography and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographical Systems at the University of Adelaide (Chair)
- Ms Jane-Frances Kelly - Program Director Cities, Grattan Institute
- Professor Daniela Stehlik - Director, School for Social and Policy Research, Charles Darwin University
- Councillor Pam Parker - Mayor, Logan City Council QLD
- Ms Ruth Spielman - Executive Officer, National Growth Areas Alliance
- Ms Marion Thompson - Urban Planning Consultant and WA Urban Development Coordinator
- Mr Waleed Aly - Academic and Commentator
- Mr John Taylor - Director, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
- Mr Everaldo Compton AM - Chairman, National Seniors Productive Ageing Centre, and
- Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer - Lord Mayor of Darwin and Chair Council of Capital City Lord Mayors.

Productivity and Prosperity Panel

- Ms Heather Ridout - Chief Executive of the Australian Industry Group (Chair)
- Councillor Nicole Lockwood- President, Shire of Roebourne
- Paul Howes, National Secretary, Australian Workers' Union
- Alison Watt - Assistant Director Economic Policy Branch, Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance
- Mark Hunter - CEO, Residential at Stockland
- Paul Low - CEO, Growth Management Queensland
- Bernard Salt - Partner, KPMG
- Professor John Piggott - University of New South Wales
- Dr Barry Hughes, and
- David Crombie - President, National Farmers' Federation.

Sustainable Development Panel

- The Hon Bob Carr. Mr Carr (Chair)
- Don Henry / Charles Berger - Australian Conservation Foundation
- Councillor Bob Abbot - Mayor, Sunshine Coast
- Associate Professor Katherine Betts - Swinburne University of Technology
- Bill Forrest - CEO/Regional Director of ICLEI Oceania
- John Sutton - National Secretary, Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, and
- Dr Susan Close, Executive Director, Strategy, South Australian Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Terms of reference

The three advisory panels were appointed to advise the Minister on the key issues of relevance to a sustainable population strategy, including:

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- the likely trajectory of Australia's population
 - the sustainable provision of the social and economic infrastructure needed to support a growing population, including the urban environment, transport, housing and service delivery networks
 - the opportunities a growing population will create for economic growth and national development
 - the further development and growth of Australia's regional towns and communities
 - the future skill and labour force needs of the Australian economy and the role of immigration vis-à-vis education, training and measures to enhance labour force participation, and
 - consideration of the environment, water resources and water use, urban amenity and liveability, social policy issues and social inclusion.
2. No reports have been commissioned by the Government in the portfolio FYTD.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 236

Topic: Portfolio wide - carbon price
legislation

**Proof Hansard Page and Date
or Written Question:** Written

Senator Fisher asked:

1. How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package?
2. Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency

Answer:

1. The portfolio (that is, the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and relevant agencies) was consulted, and continues to be consulted, in the development of policies, programs, legislation and regulations relating to the carbon price package. The Secretary (or a representative) attended meetings of a Secretaries' Group chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, and other departmental representatives have attended inter-departmental committees on both the Clean Energy Future Plan and the Clean Energy Legislative Package.
2. The department and agencies do not comment on government policy.

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 237

Topic: Communications

Proof Hansard Page and Date Written
or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

1. How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies? List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.

Answer:

1. Departmental and agency communications staff provide a range of internal and external communications services for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and departmental staff including development of communication strategies and plans, stakeholder engagement activities, media and social media liaison, monitoring and management; public relations, issues management, events, sponsorship management, publication development, and advertising advice.

Public affairs staff in the department and agencies must adhere to the APS Code of Conduct as well as departmental and agency policies and protocols for media, publication development and distribution, sponsorship and stakeholder liaison. They also follow whole-of-government policies and protocols for social media and advertising.

The following figures are expressed as full time equivalents and are current as of October 2011.

SEWPAC public affairs: 38

Senior Public Affairs Director Grade 2 (SPAO2):	4
Senior Public Affairs Director Grade 1 (SPAO1):	3
Public Affairs Officer Grade 3 (PAO3):	16
Public Affairs Officer Grade 2 (PAO2):	12
Public Affairs Officer Grade 1 (PAO1):	3

Australian Antarctic Division (Hobart):5

Communications Manager (EL2):	1
PAO3:	1
PAO2:	1
APS6:	1
APS4 non ongoing:	1

Parks Australia: 3

SPAO1:	1
PAO3:	1
PAO2:	1

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Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority: 6

EL2:	1
EL1:	1
APS6:	1
APS5:	2
APS3:	1

Bureau of Meteorology: 6

EL 2:	2
EL 1:	4

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust:2

EL2:	1
APS 6.3:	1

Murray Darling Basin Authority: 8

EL2:	2
EL1:	3
APS5:	3

National Water Commission: 3

EL2:	1
PAO3:	2

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD **Question No:** 238

Topic: Grants made to Forest Wood Products Australia, Planet Ark, National Association of Forest Industries and Australia Forest Products Association

Proof Hansard Page and Date or Written Question: Written

Senator Rhiannon asked:

1. What grants or other payments have been made in 2009, 2010 and 2011 to Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA), including for The Wood. Naturally Better.TM Partner Program, WoodSolutionsTM or Wood. Naturally Better.TM
2. What was the amount and purpose of each payment?
3. What conditions or guidelines were attached to each payment?

1. What grants or other payments have been made in 2009, 2010 and 2011 to Planet Ark including for The Wood. Naturally Better.TM Partner Program, WoodSolutionsTM or Wood. Naturally Better.TM
2. What was the amount and purpose of each payment? What conditions or guidelines were attached to each payment?

1. What grants or other payments have been made to the National Association of Forest Industries (NAFI) and its successor, the Australia Forest Products Association (AFPA) in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
2. Under what program was each grant made.
3. What were the conditions or guidelines attached to each grant.

Answer:

1-3. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the department) records indicate that there have been no grants or other payments made by the department to FWPA since 2009.

1-3. The department's records indicate that there have been no grant or other payments made by the department to Planet Ark since 2009.

1-3. The department's records indicate that there have been two grant payments made by the department to NAFI since 2009.

- (i) A grant payment under the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Program was paid to NAFI in 2009. Due to a Machinery of Government change in 2009, this program is now administered by the Department of Climate Change & Energy Efficiency; and
- (ii) A one off grant payment was made to NAFI in 2011 through the Caring for Our Country Program to enable them to better engage in and consult with their membership in the statement of principles process (under the Tasmanian Forests Statement of Principles).

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Program: Division or Agency: Corporate: PCD

Question No: 239

Topic: Travel costs

Proof Hansard Page and Date Written
or Written Question:

Senator Fisher asked:

1. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
2. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
3. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
4. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
5. For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
6. For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
7. For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
8. For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.

Answer:

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC)

1. Costs of official travel by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Information about destinations and the cost of travel undertaken is tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The report also includes car transport costs as advised by other departments in respect of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. It is not possible to individually report on the separate items listed in the question. Finance does not meet the cost of security, gifts, alcohol or entertainment. The reports and supporting information are also published on the Finance website. The reports are available at:
<http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-reporting/index.html>

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2. Costs met by Finance for overseas travel by any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* are also included in the report tabled in the Parliament every six months titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. The reports and supporting information are also published on the Finance website. The reports are available at:

<http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-reporting/index.html>

3. The DSEWPaC does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question without a substantial diversion of departmental resources.

4. For the financial year 2010-11, the travel cost incurred by departmental staff was \$11,168,949.83 and is detailed below.

Travel for DSEWPaC business:

Domestic

Airfares	4,744,829.87
Accommodation	1,991,068.13
Meals & other	1,625,674.78

International

Airfares	1,939,597.75
Accommodation, meals & other	67,779.30

5. The same response as to question 1 applies.

6. The same response as to question 2 applies.

7. The same response as to question 3 applies.

8. For this financial year to date (17 October 2011), the travel cost incurred by departmental staff was \$3,311,190.01 and is detailed below.

Travel for DSEWPaC business

Domestic

Airfares	1,473,783.81
Accommodation	718,068.17
Meals & other	533,578.39

International

Airfares	440,624.52
Accommodation, meals and other	145,135.12

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)

1. Not applicable to the GBRMPA.

2. Not applicable to the GBRMPA.

3. Not applicable to the GBRMPA.

4. For the financial year 2010-11, the travel cost incurred by GBRMPA staff was \$1,732,265 and is detailed below.

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Travel for GBRMPA business:

Costs 2010-11

Domestic

Airfares	
Business	135,259.14
Economy	679,059.54
Taxis	75,926.17
Motor vehicle allowance	8,693.99
Vehicle Hire	58,901.18
Travel Allowance	402,003.36
Accommodation	326,317.55

International

Airfares	29,407.24
Travel allowances	10,303.97
Accommodation	5,393.33
Overseas hire car expenses	1,000.01

5. Not applicable to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

6. Not applicable to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

7. Not applicable to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

8. For this financial year to date (17 October 2011), the travel cost incurred by GBRMPA staff was \$511,255 and is detailed below.

Travel for GBRMPA business.

Costs

Domestic

Airfares	
Business	45,932.60
Economy	177,684.59
Taxis	20,941.63
Motor vehicle allowance	1,409.60
Vehicle Hire	14,999.43
Travel Allowance	144,749.43
Accommodation	64,678.92

International

Airfares	26,276.74
Travel allowances	14,180.62
Accommodation	(credit card account to be reconciled)
Overseas hire car expenses	401.54

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT)

1. Not applicable to the SHFT.

2. Not applicable to the SHFT.

3. Not applicable to the SHFT.

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4. For the financial year 2010-11, the travel cost incurred by SHFT staff was \$14,214.43 and is detailed below.

Travel for SHFT business.

Costs 2010-11

Domestic

Transport (air and train)

Economy 6,139.46

Taxis 5,543.60

Motor vehicle allowance 1,329.54

Travel Allowance 1,201.83

5. Not applicable to the SHFT.

6. Not applicable to the SHFT.

7. Not applicable to the SHFT.

8. For this financial year to date (17 October 2011), the travel cost incurred by SHFT staff was \$6,861.02 and is detailed below.

Travel for SHFT business.

Costs

Domestic

Airfares

Economy 3,410.29

Taxis 2,078.12

Motor vehicle allowance 989.52

Travel Allowance 383.09

National Water Commission (NWC)

1. Not applicable.

2. Not applicable.

3. No NWC staff accompanied the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel in 2010-11.

4. For the financial year 2010-11, the travel cost incurred by NWC staff was \$701,387 and is detailed below.

Airfares domestic 367,977

Airfares international 51,991

Taxis and Car hire 69,231

Accommodation and subsistence 212,188

5. Not applicable.

6. Not applicable.

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7. No NWC staff have accompanied the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel for the financial year to date.

8. For this financial year to date (17 October 2011), the travel cost incurred by NWC staff was \$256,297 and is detailed below.

Airfares domestic	154,146
Airfares international	19,234
Taxis and Car hire	24,364
Accommodation and subsistence	58,553

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)

1. Not applicable to the BOM.

2. Not applicable to the BOM.

3. Not applicable to the BOM.

4. For the financial year 2010-11, the travel cost incurred by BOM staff was \$9,037,545 and is detailed below.

Travel for BOM business. All figures in \$AUD.

Costs 2010-11

Domestic

Airfares	
Business	97,095
Economy	2,046,665
Travel Allowance	4,499,282

The Bureau's current financial system does not allow it to break Travel Allowance (TA) costs down into the categories of Accommodation, Security, Food & Beverages and Entertainment. The Bureau does not allow staff to purchases gifts.

International

Airfares	
Business	869,418
Economy	581,016
First Class	25,551
Travel allowance	916,668
Passports & Visas	1,850

5. Not applicable to the BOM.

6. Not applicable to the BOM.

7. Not applicable to the BOM.

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8. For this financial year to date (17 October 2011), the travel cost incurred by BOM staff was \$3,698,005 and is detailed below.

Travel for BOM business:

Costs

Domestic

Airfares	
Business	71,422
Economy	782,585
Travel Allowance	1,614,264

International

Airfares	
Business	351,619
Economy	319,169
First Class	2,331
Travel allowances	555,978
Passport and Visas	637

Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)

1. Nil.

2. Nil.

3. Nil.

4. For the financial year 2010-11, the travel cost incurred by MDBA staff was \$1,542,970 and is detailed below.

Travel for MDBA business.

Travel Costs 2010-11(\$)

Domestic

Flights

Business Class	110,712
Economy	915,761
Accommodation	173,349
Land Based Travel (inc. taxi, mileage etc.)	238,868
Travel Allowance	76,605

International

Flights	22,069
Accommodation	2,372
Travel Allowance	3,234

5. Nil.

6. Nil.

7. Nil.

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8. For the financial year to date (31 October 2011), the travel cost incurred by MDBA staff was \$382,834 and is detailed below.

Travel for MDBA business.

Travel Costs from 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2011 (\$). No international travel costs have been incurred to 31 October 2011.

Domestic

Flights

Business Class	19,447
Economy	200,810
Accommodation	62,264
Land Based Travel (inc. taxi, mileage etc.)	67,271
Travel Allowance	33,042