

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio

Additional Estimates, February 2010

Outcome: Corporate Outcome **Question No:** 175
Program: Corporate Outcome
Division/Agency: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: DEWHA – ASL
Hansard Page ECA: Written Question on Notice

Senator FISHER asked:

1. What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown?
2. What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers? What is the breakdown by location?
3. What have been the changes in ASL since November 2007? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the budgetary implications?
4. In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions have been sacrificed and why?
5. Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this?
6. Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future?

Answers:

1. The total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies is:

	SES \$'000	Non-SES \$'000	Total \$'000
Total Employee Expenditure	32,892	470,478	503,370¹

¹ for the financial year 2008-09

Expenditure excludes staff not employed under the *Public Service Act 1999* and statutory office holders.

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2. The current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers are:

	SES	Non-SES	Total
NSW	9	440	449
VIC	15	887	902
QLD	4	363	367
TAS	7	410	417
SA	0	97	97
WA	1	139	140
ACT	96	3686	3782
NT	2	273	275
Antarctica	0	161	161
Indian Ocean	0	34	34
Norfolk Island	0	5	5
Total	134	6495	6629²

² this excludes those portfolio agencies not covered by the *Public Service Act 1999* and statutory office holders

3. The change in ASL for the Department and all portfolio agencies staffed under the Public Service Act 1999 since November 2007 is an increase of 1322.88. This increase has occurred as a result of:
- machinery of government changes in the department in December 2007 and the expansion of the department's energy efficiency and Water for the Future programs;
 - machinery of Government changes and new policy proposals in the Bureau of Meteorology;
 - the implementation of new programs and initiatives in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority;
 - creation of the Murray Darling Basin Authority on 8 September 2008; and
 - the creation of Screen Australia in July 2008.

The Budgetary implications of this increase in ASL are increased staffing and associated costs, although in some cases, particularly for machinery of government changes, additional ASL has been supplemented by an increase in resources to cover costs.

4. Staff numbers overall have not reduced across the department and its portfolio agencies.

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5. No.
6. Yes. Staff in the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts have been identified through the processes outlined in the department's Enterprise Agreement 2009-11 and voluntary redundancies were offered as a result of the restructure of work areas and positions becoming redundant. Further voluntary redundancies are expected as a result of the completion of departmental programs.

Note: This response includes details relating to employees working on energy efficiency functions. On 8 March 2010 Administrative Arrangements Orders were signed transferring the responsibility for energy efficiency to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

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Outcome: Corporate Outcome **Question No:** 176
Program: Corporate Outcome
Division/Agency: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: DEWHA Staff
Hansard Page ECA: Written Question on Notice

Senators BARNETT and FISHER asked:

1. How many permanent staff recruited since the supplementary budget estimates?
2. What level are these staff?
3. How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?
4. Since supplementary budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answers:

1. 67 ongoing employees have been recruited since the supplementary budget estimates in October 2009.
2. The levels of these employees are:

Level	Total
Cadet	1
APS 1/2	1
APS 4	6
APS 5	10
APS 6	21
EXEC 1	19
EXEC 2	9
Total	67

3. As at 31 January 2010 there were 563 non-ongoing employees, a decrease of 10 since supplementary budget estimates.
4. 267 non-ongoing employees have commenced employment since supplementary budget estimates. The average length of their employment period is 30 weeks.

Note: This response includes details relating to employees working on energy efficiency functions. On 8 March 2010 Administrative Arrangements Orders were signed transferring the responsibility for energy efficiency to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	177
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Corporate Strategies Division		
Topic:	DEWHA Staffing – Efficiency dividend		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator BARNETT asked:

1. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
2. If so, where and at what level?
3. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
4. What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

Answer/s:

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
3. Staff numbers will fall as a consequence of the Machinery of Government changes announced by the Prime Minister on 26 February 2010.
4. There are no changes underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs.

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Outcome: Corporate Outcome **Question No:** 178
Program: Corporate Outcome
Division/Agency: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: DEWHA Hospitality
Hansard Page ECA: Written Question on Notice

Senator BARNETT asked:

1. What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?
2. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
3. For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.
4. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answers:

1. As at 24 February 2010, the Department's hospitality spend FYTD was \$76,919.51.
2. Below is a table detailing date, location, purpose and cost of all events. Note that the events that occurred before 1 July 2009 were paid for in 2009/10.

Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
30 March 2009	Otto Restaurant, Sydney, NSW	Hosted dinner as part of consultations for the independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act	\$340.91
29 April 2009	Budji Bim, Vic	Event to launch the first of the Jobs Fund projects and promote the importance of the Government's heritage conservation package	\$4,500.00
22 May 2009	John Curtin House, Fremantle, WA	Event to announce funding for John Curtin House, heritage conservation through the Jobs Fund	\$78.27
4 June 2009	Metropole Apartments, Brunswick, Vic	Dinner for Council of Australian Governments Water Meeting	\$655.91

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
16 June 2009	La Capanna, Kingston, ACT	Water Recovery and Environmental Use Stakeholder Reference Panel networking dinner	\$272.72
18 June 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Circle of Friends viewing of the Gallery's new acquisitions	\$4,614.54
25 June 2009	Madeira, Portugal	Meeting of the key pro- conservation groups at the 61st annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission	\$1,908.27
9 July 2009	Ciuccio Restaurant, Hobart, Tas	Lunch meeting with David Jensen, representative of Mawson's Hut Foundation	\$58.64
13 July 2009	My Café, Manuka, ACT	Dinner with National Irrigator's Council stakeholders	\$59.09
16 July 2009	Cairns, Qld	Hosting function for Indonesian Fisheries Minister and senior delegation	\$622.73
9 August 2009	Ottoman Cuisine, Barton, ACT	Council of Australian Governments Water Knowledge and Research Strategy	\$2,769.54
24 August 2009	Park Hyatt Hotel, The Rocks, Sydney, NSW	Welcome event for International Council on Monuments and Sites Expert Examiners	\$89.00
25 August 2009	Thai Chiang Rai, Kingston, ACT	National Irrigation Efficiency Stakeholder Reference Panel networking dinner	\$327.72
27 August 2009	Holiday Inn, Port Moresby, PNG	Dinner with Kokoda Track Authority staff about the Kokoda Safety Package	\$223.59
2 September 2009	Offices of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, NSW	Threatened Species Scientific Committee Stakeholder Forum	\$236.78

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
5 September 2009	Kooljamin, Cape Leveque, WA	Australian Heritage Committee Dinner	\$404.54
10 September 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Official launch of Portraits + Architecture Exhibition	\$14,070.91
24 September 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	National Portrait Gallery's Circle of Friends Spring Dinner - Paid Event	\$2,109.12
28 to 30 September 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Protection of Australasian Culture Assets Forum	\$2,756.54
29 September 2009	Dunhuang Academy, China	Advancing Sustainable Tourism at Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites workshop	\$703.76
2 October 2009	Fremantle Prison, WA	Event to announce West Australian heritage projects as part of the National Jobs Fund Initiative	\$202.14
10 October 2009	Adelaide Mosque, SA	Event to announce South Australian heritage projects as part of the National Jobs Fund Initiative	\$919.43
12 October 2009	Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, Vic	Event to announce Victorian heritage projects as part of the National Jobs Fund Initiative	\$480.00
12 October 2009	Elizabeth Austin Home, South Geelong	Event to announce funding for Elizabeth Austin Home, heritage conservation through the Jobs Fund	\$180.00
20 October 2009	Hilary's Boat Harbour, Perth, WA	Commercial Fishing Sector Meeting	\$906.82
22 October 2009	The Athenaeum Library, Melbourne, Vic	Heritage Book Launch for Building a Free Australia: Places of Democracy	\$800.45
27 October 2009	Cornelian Bay Boathouse, Tas	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources XXVII Reception	\$5,068.18
27 October 2009	The Boathouse, Barton, ACT	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$2,438.64
28 October 2009	Parliament House, Canberra, ACT	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$505.18

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
28 October 2009	Pines Country Club, Shepparton, Vic	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$2,664.09
29 October 2009	Cellar 47 Restaurant, Shepparton, Vic	Australia / China High Level Water Policy Meeting	\$623.55
1 November 2009	Plum Restaurant, Hobart, Tas	Meeting between Australian and French officials to discuss toothfish populations on the Kerguelen Plateau	\$763.63
1 November 2009	Rendezvous Allegra, Adelaide, SA	Visit by Secretary General, the Ramsar Convention, Mr Ananda Tiega	\$728.04
2 November 2009	Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, NSW	Event to announce the Prime Minister's Literary Award winners for 2009	\$10,200.00
4 to 5 November 2009	Lake Macquarie City Council Offices, NSW	Two day workshop to assist with the development of a policy statement on the Black-eyed Susan	\$486.73
13 & 23 November 2009	Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, NSW & Questacon, Parkes, ACT	Polar Science for Planet Earth (Polar Palooza)	\$2,400.00
23 November 2009	Canberra, ACT	Polar Palooza Participants Dinner	\$863.64
25 November 2009	Portia's Restaurant, Kingston, ACT	Water Recovery Environmental Use Stakeholder Reference Panel meeting	\$374.64
1 December 2009	Casey Station, Antarctica	Hosting Chinese Delegation from Zhong Shan Station	\$490.91
3 December 2009	Lobby Restaurant, Parkes, ACT	State of the Environment Committee inception dinner	\$688.18
4 December 2009	The Ginger Room, Parkes, ACT	State of the Environment Committee meeting	\$347.57
9 December 2009	Batemans Bay, NSW	Morning tea and lunch provided for Indigenous representatives of Caring for our Country workshop	\$512.27

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Date	Location	Event	Cost (exc GST)
14 December 2009	The Lobby Restaurant, Parkes, ACT	Lunch with delegates from the Chinese Ministry of Land and Resources, the Department of Land and Resource of Fujian province and the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council	\$596.82
15 December 2009	Ottoman Restaurant, Barton, ACT	Lunch with delegates from the Chinese Ministry of Land and Resources, the Department of Land and Resource of Fujian province and the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council	\$318.18
16 December 2009	National Portrait Gallery, Parkes, ACT	Circle of Friends introduction and viewing of the Gallery's new acquisitions	\$4,640.00
17 December 2009	Canberra, ACT	Christmas function following Australian Heritage Committee Meeting	\$131.30
4 January 2010	Wrest Point Casino, Hobart, Tas	Hosting Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration Program Delegation	\$1,596.82
21 January 2010	Darwin, NT	International Atomic Energy Agency scientific visit	\$108.36
21 January 2010	Australian Antarctic Division Offices, Hobart, Tas	Visit by President of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology Staff	\$81.36

3. Neither the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts nor the Department of Finance and Deregulation have incurred expenditure during 2009/10 YTD on official hospitality provided by Mr Garrett, Senator Wong (in relation to her water portfolio responsibilities) or Dr Kelly (in relation to his water portfolio responsibilities).
4. Not applicable.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	179
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Corporate Strategies Division		
Topic:	DEWHA Consultancies		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senators BARNETT and FISHER asked:

1. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
2. Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not?
3. In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known

Answers:

1. The Department operates on a financial year basis and as a result can only answer this question up to 30 June 2010. At this time, the Department plans to commence four consultancies in the period February 2010 to June 2010.
2. Yes, these procurements have been published on the Department's Annual Procurement Plan for the 2009/10 Financial Year.
3. Details of the Department's planned procurements can be found at the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).

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Output:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Corporate Strategies Division		
Topic:	DEWHA - Consultancies		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator FISHER asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007?
2. Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
3. How can the department justify this expenditure?
4. Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.

Answers:

1. Since November 2007, the Department has undertaken 429 consultancies. This figure does not include consultancy contracts entered into that relate to energy efficiency which has now been transferred to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.
2. A list of current consultancy contracts (to 19 October 2009) with a value of \$10,000 or more can be found at on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au). The department has entered into contracts to the value of \$68.737 million on consultancy services since November 2007 to February 2010. This figure does not include consultancy contracts entered into that relate to energy efficiency; however these contracts are currently listed with the Department on the AusTender website.
3. The Department enters into consultancy contracts where: specialist knowledge or technical expertise is required; the skills or knowledge are unavailable within the department or its agencies; and there is a one-off task or a set of tasks or irregular tasks thereby making employment of permanent staff impractical.
4. The rationale and intended use of each consultancy contract can be found on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au), including reasons for the consultancies.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	181
Output:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Corporate Strategies Division		
Topic:	DEWHA Discretionary Grants		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator FISHER asked:

1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since November 2007?
2. Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.

Answers:

1. From 1 January 2009, the Department has published on its website, information on individual grants in compliance with the reporting requirements under the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines 2009. The website URL is www.environment.gov.au/about/grants/index.html.
2. The website report lists all grant recipients, the purpose of grants and locations benefiting from the grants from that time. Providing such comprehensive information since November 2007 would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources which the Department is not prepared to authorise.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	182
Output:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Corporate Strategies Division		
Topic:	DEWHA Discretionary Grants		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator BARNETT asked:

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

Answer:

2. Yes. The URL of the website is www.environment.gov.au/about/grants/index.html.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	183
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy and Communications Division		
Topic:	Water infrastructure Qons		
Hansard Page ECA:	130 (9/2/10)		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—The last area I want to touch on, given the time, is infrastructure. As Senator Siewert and others have reflected today, we have received a number of answers to questions on notice during the day. Of the four remaining, two relate to the water portfolio and, sadly, those two are both mine. One relates to off-farm infrastructure spending and the other relates to on-farm infrastructure spending: questions 110 and 111. Is there a particular reason why those questions, which virtually replicate the wording of questions I have asked previously for updates of figures, could not be answered in time on this occasion?

Senator Wong—In terms of the delay on some of the questions—and this is in response also to Senator Siewert—can I indicate that some of that is my responsibility. You might reflect on the timetable in terms of this portfolio's activities and the last estimates. We have had negotiations with the opposition on the climate change legislation, the CPRS being in the Senate; Copenhagen; and then, I regret to say, I took some leave. So some of the delay on some of the questions is a matter for my office and me. I do regret that, but I do not want the officers of the table criticised for that. I will check on where the delay is on those two answers, Senator. There were a number of answers which were late because, for example, the figures were no longer in date and I did request that they be redone. I do not know if these are amongst them. If I could take that on notice, we will follow that up.

Answer:

Responses to questions 110 and 111 were provided to the Committee on 25 May 2010.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	184
Program:	1.2		
Division/Agency:	Approvals and Wildlife Division		
Topic:	Gunns Pulp Mill – FOI		
Hansard Page ECA:	6 (9/2/10)		

Senator ABETZ asked:

Senator Wong—If I can just clarify this: you want me to take on notice what ‘in the very near future’ means in relation to—

Senator ABETZ—In relation to the letter to me dated 8 February 2010 from Mr Carl Warburton, legal section, Department of Environment, Water and Heritage.

Answers:

The Department understands the FOI request is currently being attended to by the Minister's office and that an answer will be provided following the conclusion of third party consultation which is provided for under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	185
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy and Communications Division		
Topic:	DEWHA QoNs		
Hansard Page ECA:	60 (9/2/10)		

Senator IAN MACDONALD asked:

Senator IAN MACDONALD—...I will simply get you to confirm or ask you when did the answers to questions on notice go to the minister's office?

Ms Kruk—I will need to take that on notice.

...

Senator IAN MACDONALD—Who is responsible in your organisation for ensuring that answers come to questions on notice?

Answers:

33 answers were provided to the office of the then Minister for Climate Change and Water.

- 31 were provided on 30 November 2009;
- 1 on 1 December 2009;
- 1 on 2 December 2009.

The Policy and Communications Division coordinates responses to Senate Estimates questions on notice.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	186
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA Commissioned reports		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator FISHER asked:

1. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio since November 2007?
2. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
3. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
4. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answers:

1. There have been 3 reports commissioned since November 2007.
- 2-4. Details for parts 2-4 of this question are provided in the attached tables.

Note: this question has some overlap with similar questions regarding ‘consultancies’ (Question on Notice 180, Additional Estimates, February 2010) and ‘reviews’ (Question on Notice 189, Additional Estimates, February 2010). Therefore this response provides details only for ‘reports’ which:

- have been produced by external committee, with Terms of Reference (ie. not consultancies or project progress reports);
- will be available for public release; and
- have not already been included in the information provided to the Committee under question 189 relating to reviews.

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Reports commissioned by the Government in the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio since November 2007:

Title	Date Commissioned	Date Completed	Date of Public Release	Approximate cost
Australia's Strategy for the National Reserve System 2009-2030	18 April 2008 Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council	May 2009	2 June 2009 by Minister Garrett	\$60,000 plus one full time EL1 for 12 months

Current Status: Priority actions under implementation

Committee members:

Prepared by the National Reserve System (NRS) Task Group - all state and territory jurisdictions represented. The NRS Task Group is convened under the Natural Resource Policies and Programs Committee.

Terms of reference:

A new NRS Strategy will reflect:

- more realistic short term targets
- improved linkages with the Convention on Biological Diversity
- response to climate change challenges
- address in more detail the adequacy of the NRS and identify practical options for improving the resilience of key biodiversity values found in protected areas and on adjoining lands.

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Title	Date Commissioned	Date Completed	Date of Public Release	Approximate cost
Interim Report, Christmas Island Expert Working Group to Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, 28 June 2009	February 2009	28 June 2009	1 July 2009	\$81,000

Current status: Further review work by the Christmas Island Expert Working Group is continuing.

Committee members:

Associate Professor Bob Beeton (Chair)
Dr Andrew Burbidge
Professor Gordon Grigg
Dr Ric How
Mr Norm McKenzie
Dr John Woinarski

Terms of reference:

1. Review the threats to biodiversity on Christmas Island, including the Christmas Island Pipistrelle, and develop appropriate priority setting protocols.
2. Prioritise and recommend threat identification and abatement for all Christmas Island biodiversity.
3. Oversee the development of rigorous protocols for survey work on the Christmas Island Pipistrelle and other threatened species which minimise the threats of this work.
4. Provide advice on captive breeding of the Christmas Island Pipistrelle, following a review of the outcomes of the mainland proof of concept study, and the results of further survey work on the Christmas Island Pipistrelle.
5. Provide such advice as deemed necessary to improve the development of the regional recovery plan, currently underway.

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Title	Date Commissioned	Date Completed	Date of Public Release	Approximate cost
Final Report, Christmas Island Expert Working Group to Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts	February 2009	Report still to be finalised	Report still to be finalised	\$40, 000

Current status: In preparation

Committee Members:

Associate Professor Bob Beeton (Chair)

Dr Andrew Burbidge

Professor Gordon Grigg

Dr Ric How

Mr Norm McKenzie

Dr John Woinarski

Professor Peter Harrison

Dr Bill Humphreys

Terms of Reference:

1. Review the threats to biodiversity on Christmas Island, including the Christmas Island Pipistrelle
2. Oversee the development of rigorous protocols for survey work on the Christmas Island Pipistrelle and other threatened species which minimise the threats of this work.
3. Provide advice on captive breeding of the Christmas Island Pipistrelle, following a review of the outcomes of the mainland proof of concept study, and the results of further survey work on the Christmas Island Pipistrelle.
4. Develop the way forward including identifying all threats, drivers of change and pathways to recovery for biodiversity on the Island.
5. Identify the next steps in understanding ecosystem function
6. Identify strategies for prioritising management actions.
7. Provide such advice as deemed necessary to improve the development of the regional recovery plan, and the development of a research plan for the Island

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Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA – advertising and marketing		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator FISHER asked:

1. How much has the Department spent on advertising and marketing since November 2007? Ask for justification of expenditure.
2. Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate the rationale for each service provided and its intended use.

Answers:

1. The department's total spend on creative advertising, as opposed to non-campaign advertising such as recruitment and tender advertising, since November 2007 is \$581,839.20.

Look for the tick campaign

In 08–09 a consumer information 'look for the tick' campaign was conducted jointly with the Australian Refrigeration Council to alert consumers to leaking air conditioners. The campaign ran from November 2008–January 2009, with a total spend of \$863,436.31 (excluding GST) or \$949,977.94 (including GST), of which the department contributed \$581,839.20.

Total Media Buy (funded by the department AND the ARC):

Radio (metro and regional), November 2008: \$572,192.82

Radio (NESB) November 2008–January 2009: \$30,384.30

Digital: (Display and Search), November 2008–February 2009: \$132,090.40

Magazines (Better Homes & Gardens), November 2008–January 2009:
\$49,266.00

Newspaper "Your Home" supplement in The Canberra Chronicle, March 2009:
\$1,839.20

2. The department currently has no advertising or marketing contracts.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	188
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA – communications programs		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senators BARNETT and FISHER asked:

1. What communications programs has the Department undertaken, or are planning to undertake?
2. For each program, what is the total spend?

Answers:

1. The department develops and implements communication strategies for each of its major programs. These include a broad range of communication activities ranging from media and issues management, websites, publications and events to advertising and public relations activities. The public affairs budget to support these communications activities across the department in 2009-10 is approximately \$1.56 million.

The department is planning a number of communications activities in 2010-11 for which budgets have yet to be determined.

2. As outlined in the response to Question on Notice 187, Additional Estimates, February 2010, only one communications program with a significant budget has been undertaken since November 2007 (i.e. \$250,000 or more, as defined in the Australian Government Advertising Guidelines):

Look for the tick campaign

In 08–09 a consumer information ‘look for the tick’ campaign was conducted jointly with the Australian Refrigeration Council to alert consumers to leaking air conditioners. The campaign ran from November 2008–January 2009, with a total spend of \$863,436.31 (excluding GST) or \$949,977.94 (including GST), of which the department contributed \$581,839.20.

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	189
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA reviews		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator BARNETT asked:

1. How many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. Which reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates?
4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
5. What is the total number of reviews *both completed and ongoing* in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007?
6. What is the estimated cost of these reviews?
7. What further reviews are planned for 2009 - 10 FY?

Answers:

1. There are 17 reviews currently being undertaken in the portfolio.
5. The total number of reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio since November 2007 is 45.
7. There are three reviews planned for the 2009-10 financial year:
 - A Statutory Review of the Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000;
 - Artists in Residence Program Review (Australia Council); and
 - Review of the Australian Independent Screen Production Sector.

Note: Responses to parts 2, 3, 4 and 6 are in the attached tables:

- Table 1 – Current Reviews
- Table 2 – Completed Reviews

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Table 1: Current Reviews

Review Title	Expected conclusion date	Estimated Cost Of Review
Review of the Murray-Darling Basin (MDB) Agreement, commissioned by First Ministers in 2009.	2011	\$500,000 shared amongst MDB jurisdictions including the Commonwealth.
A review of the Water Efficiency and Labelling Standards Scheme	June 2010	\$350,000.
Review of Design, Performance, Installation and Operation of Water Distribution Systems constructed under the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative and related programs	April 2010	\$188,685
Rolling Review of the Status of Australia's Ramsar estate	Pilot Study to be completed by 14 May 2010. Thereafter the Rolling Review is expected to be implemented on an ongoing basis with all 65 Ramsar sites.	Method and estimated cost for full implementation will be determined following completion of pilot.
Working on Country Program Evaluation	30 April 2010	\$200,000
Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council Review of Native Vegetation Framework	Very late 2010 (or early 2011)	\$240,580
Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council Review of the National Biodiversity Strategy	April 2010 (or November 2010)	\$415,650
Review of National Oceans Advisory Group	30 April 2010	\$15,000
Five-year Review of Wildlife Conservation Plan for Migratory Shorebirds	February 2011	To be completed by CSIRO as part of internal agreement; estimated cost \$10,000.
Independent Review of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Structural Adjustment Program	End March 2010	\$79,500 (GST incl)
Review of Foreign Actor Certification Scheme Guidelines	June 2010	Undertaken by staff/internal resources - cost is being met from within existing departmental budget.
Research experimental e-philanthropy strategies - Gramercy Park Consulting (<i>Australia Council</i>)	May 2010	\$5,000
Australia Council Theatre Board contributed to Arts Tasmania's review of Theatre in Tasmania (<i>Australia Council</i>)	April 2010	\$5,000

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Review Title	Expected conclusion date	Estimated Cost Of Review
Visual Arts and Craft Strategy Evaluation Report (Australia Council)	August 2010	\$125,000
Orchestras Occupational Health and Safety Research – University of Sydney (Australia Council)*	2014	\$389,728
Review of the <i>Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976</i>	The report on the review is currently being drafted. It is anticipated the review will be completed by December 2010.	\$10,000
Review of the 2005 Recovery Plans for Australia's Threatened Whales; Humpback, Southern Right, Blue, Fin & Sei.	June 2010.	\$30,000

*Review underway in conjunction with Australian Research Council research grant.

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Table 2: Completed Reviews, since Budget Estimates (May 2009)

Review Title	Date Completed	Date of Government Response	Estimated Cost Of Review
Evaluation of implementation of the Joint Understanding on the Kokoda Track and Owen Stanley Ranges	March 2010	June 2010	\$60,855
National Plan Incident Analysis of Montara incident	February 2010	Government response not required.	No information is available regarding the cost of the review. The review is being undertaken by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.
Review of the <i>Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986</i> and the <i>Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Regulations 1987</i>	January 2010	Recommendations are currently being considered by the government.	Undertaken by staff/internal resources - cost is being met from within existing departmental budget.
Arts Law Centre Operational Review – Judith Stubbs & Associates (<i>Australia Council</i>)	January 2010	Government response not required.	\$15,740
Evaluation of The Little Big Book Club – NSF Consulting (<i>Australia Council</i>)	November 2009	Government response not required.	\$15,000
Analysis of venue costs affecting MPA companies – KPMG (<i>Australia Council</i>)	November 2009	Government response not required.	\$19,695
Opera Australia – Analysis and operations and options – LEK Consulting (<i>Australia Council</i>)	November 2009	Government response not required.	\$200,000
Performance Audit of the Indigenous Heritage Program	Review completed 16 November 2009	11 December 2009	Audit was conducted through the Office of Evaluation and Audit (Department of Finance and Deregulation). No departmental funding was provided towards the audit, although staff did participate in ongoing discussions with the auditors.

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Review Title	Date Completed	Date of Government Response	Estimated Cost Of Review
Review of the Cultural Ministers Council	October 2009	Government response not required.	Undertaken by staff/internal resources - cost is being met from within existing departmental budget.
Review of the Cultural Ministers Council Statistics Working Group	October 2009	Government response not required.	\$21,000
Evaluation of the Major Festivals Initiative – Barry Melville Consulting (<i>Australia Council</i>)	October 2009	Government response not required.	\$5,000
The independent review of the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act)	The Final Report was handed to Minister on 30 October 2009 and tabled in Parliament on 21 December 2009.	The Australian Government is currently preparing its response to the recommendations of this Review and will complete this during 2010.	Approx \$1.29m (includes Government response)
Review of the Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research	September 2009	Government response not required.	\$15,000 (GST excl)

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Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA Election Commitments		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator FISHER asked:

1. What is the status of each election commitment within the portfolio?
2. Which election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why?
3. Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of this slippage?

Answer:

This information is provided in the table at [Attachment A](#).

Attachment A - Questions on Notice 190 - Additional Estimates - DEWHA Election Commitments

Title of Commitment	Description of Commitment	What is the status of each election commitment within the portfolio?	Which election commitments are experiencing slippages? Why?	Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates?	What are the implications of this slippage?
<p>Establishment of a Greenhouse Emissions Trigger under the EPBC Act 1999</p>	<p>Provision in EPBC Act of a Greenhouse trigger that would require actions involving significant greenhouse gas emissions to be assessed and approved under the EPBC Act as a matter of national environmental significance.</p>	<p>In Progress - The recently completed Independent Review of the EPBC Act considered and made a recommendation to introduce an interim greenhouse trigger pending the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) or similar market mechanism. On the publication of the Final Report of the Review, the Minister stated that the Australian Government favours a market-based system to reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, and for that reason if the CPRS is passed there will be no need for a greenhouse trigger to be introduced, even as an interim measure.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Saving the Tasmanian Devil</p>	<p>Contribute \$10M over five years to help save the Tasmanian Devil.</p>	<p>In Progress - Actions proceeding in accordance with strategic and annual business plans.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Tamar Valley Pulp Mill</p>	<p>To support the approval of the Gunns Pulp Mill project and work cooperatively with Gunns, the Independent Expert Group and the Tasmanian Government to ensure that the conditions of the approval are effectively implemented and provide the best possible environmental outcomes for Tasmania.</p>	<p>In Progress - The company is seeking finance for the construction of the mill and working towards the deadline of 3 March 2011 for the approval of the remaining modules of the mill's Environment Impact Management Plan as set out in the Minister's decision of 5 January 2009.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Artists in Residence Program	The Government has committed to provide for professional arts practitioners to participate as 'artists in residence' in schools and as sessional staff in universities - expected to target at least 100 educational organisations.	Completed - As at Term 1 2010, the Program is operational in each State and Territory.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arts and Disability Strategy	The Government has committed to work with the Australia Council to develop an Arts and Disability Strategy.	Completed - Cultural Ministers Council agreed to release the National Arts and Disability Strategy at its October 2009 meeting.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Artstart	Develop the ArtStart program to review the current state of artists' incomes and introduce initiatives that enable artists currently on welfare greater opportunity to produce work and generate employment. Commitment also given to address issues confronting young and emerging artists through start-up assistance for professional artists.	In Progress - The 2009-10 budget announced \$9.6 million in funding for the ArtStart Program, to be delivered by the Australia Council. The first successful grant recipients were announced in December 2009, and the second grant round closed on 8 March 2010. In October 2009, a collaborative research project between DEWHA and the Australia Council to review the state of artists' incomes was completed.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Australia Council Board Appointments	The Government has committed to ensuring transparency in the process for Australia Council board appointments, limiting the number of repeat board appointments and ensuring a mix of board appointments. It is expected that process for appointments will be more transparent and promote diversity and new representation on boards.	Completed - A revised appointment process was implemented from April 2008.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Australia Council Processes	The Government has committed to streamlining Australia Council application processes and reviewing funding categories - expected to make application processes faster and simpler.	Completed - The Australia Council has finalised reviews of its key organisations grant category in music, dance and theatre and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and is currently undertaking a review of its support for literature (due for completion in 2010). The Australia Council introduced online grant applications in January 2009.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Australia Council Theatre and Dance Action Plans	The Government has committed to ensuring the Australia Council develop a Dance Action Plan and a Small to Medium Theatre Plan. The Australia Council's Dance and Theatre Boards will produce a Dance Action and Theatre Action Plan 2009-2011 respectively, which will articulate clear goals and strategies to coordinate support across Australia Council artform boards to maximise the impact of Council funding for the dance and theatre sectors.	Completed - The Australia Council finalised its Dance and Theatre Action plans in January 2009.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Australian Academy of the Humanities (AAH)	The Government has stated that it will extend the mandate of the Australian Academy of the Humanities (AAH) to include arts scholarship and practice to provide a source of independent advice on the arts.	Completed - AAH has extended its mandate to include arts scholarship and practice by inviting artists from a number of fields to become fellows. This has been achieved within the AAH's current budget.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) Review	Labor will consider the yet to be released review of the Australian National Academy of Music as a teaching and training institution.	Completed - ANAM has a new Board and management team, and is committed to delivering an enhanced training program.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<p>Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan - Boost Music Industry Exports</p>	<p>Pursue options for boosting music industry exports through more coordinated and consistent approach to international marketing, including establishing a unified presence at international trade events and exploring synergies with related industries.</p>	<p>In Progress - This commitment is being addressed in the context of the development of a Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan. The Australia Council has been working with Austrade and the contemporary music industry to develop a consistent and coordinated presence at international music markets to support Australian music export activities through the development of a unique branding - Sounds Australia. The Cultural Ministers Council Contemporary Music Development Working Group (CMDWVG) developed a brochure titled Australia's Contemporary Music: A Guide 08/09 to promote music showcases, conference and events around the country. The brochures, funded by the Australian Government, have been distributed widely through Federal, State and Territory Government networks.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Cultural Cooperation with the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade</p>	<p>Enhancing cooperation and communication between the arts and foreign affairs and trade departments in relation to the arts, including cultural exhibitions, export markets and skill sharing.</p>	<p>Completed - Regular quarterly meetings continue to be held between the Department and DFAT. The Department and DFAT work collaboratively on Australia International Cultural Council (AICC) projects and other international cultural matters including the Shanghai Expo and cultural trade with Austrade.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Government Response to the Senate Inquiry Report into the Indigenous Visual Arts Sector	A strong commitment to Indigenous arts and craft, including addressing the issues raised by the Senate Committee report - Indigenous Art - securing the future.	In Progress - The Senate Inquiry made a total of 29 recommendations. 24 recommendations have been completed and work is in progress against a further 5, some of which are subject to discussion with other Government agencies including Customs, Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations and Australian Bureau of Statistics.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harnessing Private Investment in the Arts	Review of the Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) and an examination of ways to increase corporate support for the arts.	Completed - The AbaF review was completed in August 2008. Possible options for increasing corporate support for the arts are being developed for consideration by government.	N/A	N/A	N/A
International Arts Information Database with the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade	Establish an international arts information database with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) detailing Australian artists' work and international programs, trade fairs and exhibitions.	Completed - At the Australian International Cultural Council meeting on 25 February 2010, the members agreed that the OzArts online database meets the requirement of the election commitment.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<p>Examine Ways to protect Artists Copyright in New Platforms</p>	<p>Examine ways to adequately protect artists' copyright given the challenges posed by new and emerging platforms and changes in consumer patterns.</p>	<p>In Progress - DEWHA is developing options for consideration by government.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan - Local Support Bands & International Touring Productions in Migration Regulations</p>	<p>Amend Migration Regulations 1994 to require international touring productions to employ at least one local band or artist as a support act.</p>	<p>In Progress - The Minister released a discussion paper outlining a proposed new Foreign Music Act Certification Scheme for industry consultation. The consultation period closed on 12 February 2010.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Mandatory Presentation - Young and Emerging Artists</p>	<p>The Government has committed to implement a program of mandatory presentation by major performing arts (MPA) companies of work created by and featuring young and emerging Australian artists.</p>	<p>Completed - The Australia Council has introduced a range of programs and initiatives across all divisions of the Council, including major performing arts creative residencies and commissions for young and emerging artists, visual arts artists run initiatives, three new mentoring programs; interdisciplinary arts residential laboratories at major music festival, an online social networking site and an annual young and emerging artist Award in partnership with the Australian Business Arts Foundation (AbaF).</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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National Review of Visual Education Report	Labor will develop practical initiatives following consideration of the soon to be released National Review of Visual Education (NRVE).	Completed - Outcomes of NRVE will be taken into consideration in the development of shaping papers to inform arts as part of the National Curriculum.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan - Reduce Barriers to Live Music Performance & Encourage Growth of Live Music Precincts	Work with states, territories and local government to reduce barriers to live music performance and encourage growth of live music precincts in cities throughout Australia.	In Progress - This commitment is being addressed in the context of the development of a Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan. In addition in October 2009, the Cultural Minister's Council endorsed the publication titled Supporting Australia's Live Music Industry: Suggested Principles for Best Practice. The document looks at issues to do with live performance which are affected by regulation and highlights a number of best practice principles which could be considered by government agencies in their own regulatory environments. It is envisaged that the publication will be released in the future.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Resale Royalty	The Government has committed to introducing a resale royalty right and associated scheme for visual artists, entitling an artist to a royalty payment when a work of art he or she has created is resold.	Completed - The Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Act 2009 received Royal Assent on 9 December 2009. The Department is currently conducting an open tender to identify the collecting society and it is expected that the collecting society will be appointed in the near future.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Review the Provision of Music Education in the Education System	Labor will work with state and territory education authorities, teacher employers and universities to review the provision of music education through the entire education system.	Completed - Music education issues will be taken into consideration in the development of shaping papers to inform arts as part of the National Curriculum.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Artistic Freedom of Expression - Changes to Criminal Law in Respect of the term 'Sedition'	Reform of national security legislation with a view to removing the term 'sedition' from federal criminal law.	In Progress - In August 2009, the Attorney General released a Discussion Paper for public comment on proposed reforms to the counter-terrorism and national security legislation, which included amendments to the sedition offences. The Department worked with Attorney-General's Department (AGD) to ensure the proposed changes address the sector's concerns. AGD is now in the process of finalising the legislation, and DEWHA is being consulted in that process.			N/A

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Social Security and the Arts Policy	Development of a Social Security and the Arts policy that harmonises current Australia Council, Centrelink and Australian Taxation Office rules and determines the most equitable way to treat earnings and royalty payments for artists currently receiving welfare.	In progress - An Inter-Agency Working Group was established in November 2009 to consider the Social Security and the Arts election commitments. The Group will develop options for consideration by government.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer Suitable Programs from DCITA to the Australia Council	Government to consult widely with state government departments, local governments, relevant regional bodies and arts organisations to consider retrieving all suitable existing programs from the department and placing them under the Australia Council.	Completed - Following consultation with stakeholders, the Minister announced on 2 October 2008 that the programs including touring and regional would remain with DEWHA.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Triennial funding for Indigenous Arts Centres	Implementation of three yearly funding for organisations through the National Arts and Crafts Industry Support program (NACIS) providing: -improved financial stability for Indigenous art centres -improved ability for Indigenous arts organisations to engage in strategic planning; and -a strengthened Indigenous Visual arts industry	Completed - The Minister approved triennial guidelines for the 2009-10 funding round on 8 July 2009. In 2009-10, 13 organisations were approved for triennial funding. Further applications will be considered in the context of the 2010-11 funding round.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Work for the Dole and Arts Projects	Consider adding 'participation in arts projects' to the criteria for employment and community participation in work for the dole programs where it is likely that such participation will improve a person's prospects of gaining employment or private income.	In Progress - The Department is working with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations on options for consideration by government.	N/A	N/A	N/A
\$10 million in a Creative Communities Program	\$10 million over four years will be provided to the Australia Council to improve opportunities for Australians to participate in arts and cultural activities in the places where they live.	Completed - Funding guidelines were released in October 2008. As at 31 January 2010, the Australia Council had committed over \$6.22 million for 23 projects under the initiative.	N/A	N/A	N/A
\$7.6 million for Indigenous Arts	Additional funding over four years to the National Arts and Crafts Industry Support (NACIS) program will support Indigenous art centres across Australia.	Completed - \$7.6m provided over four years from 2007-08 and delivered as part of the National Arts and Craft Industry Support Program.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Review Deficiencies in Business and Governance Training for Indigenous Art Centres	Improved ability for Aboriginal art centres to develop sustainable business models.	Completed - The 2009-10 Budget committed \$2m over 4 years to support professional development projects to meet business and governance skills needs of art centre staff. Cultural Ministers have agreed to develop a work plan including collaborative action on education and training.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan (inc. A9, A15, A18 and A33)	Develop a long term Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan as a means to enhance cooperation with the industry on an ongoing basis.	In Progress - A draft Strategic Plan is being developed for public consultation.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Work with Regional Arts Australia and Examine Ways to Develop the Arts in Regional and Remote Areas	The Government is committed to ensuring all Australians have the opportunity to participate in and enjoy the arts, irrespective of where they live.	In Progress - Delivery on this commitment is ongoing. The Regional Arts Fund and the Government's regional touring arts programs are core components of this delivery.	N/A	M/A	N/A

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<p>Develop Practical Initiatives Following the School Music Education Report</p>	<p>Labor will develop practical initiatives following consideration of the recommendations of the National Review of School Music Education Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improved equity for access, participation and engagement in music for school students; - improved status of music in schools; and - improved teacher pre-service and in-service education, to ensure the delivery of consistent and high level music education. 	<p>Completed - Music education issues will be taken into consideration in the development of shaping papers to inform arts as part of the National Curriculum.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan - Private Capital Investment in the Music Industry, Including Private Sector Micro Finance Models</p>	<p>Investigate ways to promote private capital investment opportunities in the music industry, including through private sector micro finance models.</p>	<p>In Progress - This commitment is being addressed in the context of the development of a Strategic Contemporary Music Industry Plan.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Creative Industries Innovation Centre (CIIC)</p>	<p>A \$17m commitment over four years funded by Department of Innovation Industry, Science and Research under its Enterprise Connect network to improve the business skills of creative companies.</p>	<p>Completed - Launched on 17 Feb 2009.</p>			

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<p>Establishment of the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) as a Separate Statutory Authority</p>	<p>Labor will legislate to make the National Film and Sound Archive a statutory authority, following the de-merger of this institution from the Australian Film Commission (AFC).</p>	<p>Completed - The NFSA was created as a statutory authority on 1 July 2008 under the <i>National Film and Sound Archive Act 2008</i>.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Innovation in New Media</p>	<p>To support innovation in new media through new approaches and forms of cooperation between universities and research institutions, the private sector, arts organisations, artists and governments.</p>	<p>In Progress - working with Department of Innovation Industry, Science and Research on the implementation of the innovation agenda (<i>Powering Ideas 2009</i> and <i>Inspiring Australia 2010</i>).</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Consideration of Ratification of UNESCO Convention on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage</p>	<p>The Government will consider ratifying the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.</p>	<p>In Progress - Consultation with other portfolios is underway.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Maximising Australian - Sourced Creative Content	To maximise Australian-sourced creative content in new media programs, exhibitions and installations.	In Progress (Ongoing) - The new funding announced for the ABC and SBS in the 2009-10 Budget to develop new Australian screen content contributes towards this commitment.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Merge the AFC, FFC and FAL into Screen Australia	Labor welcomes the government's long-overdue response to the film industry review and the creation of the Australian Screen Authority (Screen Australia) following the merger of the Australian Film Commission, Film Finance Corporation and Film Australia.	Completed - Screen Australia was established as a statutory authority on 1 July 2008 under the <i>Screen Australia Act 2008</i> .	N/A	N/A	N/A
National Collecting Institutions	Each National Collecting Institution (NCI) to develop a Charter of Operations which will: identify its national responsibilities, provide a framework for collaboration across the NCIs and the sector, explore the potential for shared services, cultivate regional outreach activities including national touring, and the development of stronger links with the broader creative sector.	Completed - Charters are available on each institution's website.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Prime Minister's Literary Awards	<p>The Prime Minister's Literary Awards are intended to recognize the importance of literature to the Australian national identity, community and economy. The Prime Minister's Literary Awards provides for an annual award for a work of fiction and for a work of non-fiction.</p>	<p>Completed - The Prime Minister's Literary Awards 2009 were successfully completed, and work is in progress for the 2010 Awards. Total funding of \$1.2 million has been provided for the financial years 2007-08 to 2011-12.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Ratification of UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions	<p>Policy commitment requiring Australia to ratify the Convention. Process involved obtaining agreement of relevant Federal Ministers, and approval of the Joint Standing Committee on treaties (JSCOT) and Executive Council. DFAT lodged the instrument of access.</p>	<p>Completed - Convention came into force in Australia on 18 December 2009.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Review of Free Trade Agreements (FTA) - Impact on Australian Content on Television	<p>Review incorporated into a broader election commitment to review the viability of the independent production sector. Review of impact of FTAs on local content will involve consultation with DFAT, DBCDE, ACMA and industry stakeholders.</p>	<p>In Progress - will be undertaken as part of the review of the viability of the independent production sector</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Review of Issues Confronting the Games Industry	The Games Developers Association of Australia pressed for access to the Film Producer Offset during the November 2007 election.	In Progress - A Government-Industry Round Table was convened by Minister Conroy to discuss this and other industry issues in October 2008. Issues of relevance to the games industry will be considered in the development of Strategic Digital Industry Plan (see below).	N/A	N/A	N/A
Review of the Viability of the Independent Production Industry	The Review will examine the viability of the independent production sector and the issues impacting upon its sustainability, including the Government's support of the sector through the Australian Screen Production Incentive.	In Progress - Terms of Reference are being finalised.	The Government committed to commencing this Review within 12 months. However, the Minister announced on 8 April 2009 that this review would be held over until 2010 to allow data to be collected.	The Review will be completed by December 2010.	N/A

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Strategic Film and Television Industry Plan	The Government will work with the sector to develop an industry plan to ensure that the commercial production industry has the opportunity to flourish.	In Progress - the Plan will be informed by the Review of the viability of the independent production industry (see above).	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007-08 Australian Screen Media Support Package	Labor welcomes the government's long-overdue response to the film industry review including the introduction of the Producer Offset, the Location Offset and the creation of the Australian Screen Authority (Screen Australia).	Completed - The Offsets have been implemented and Screen Australia has been established.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ensure Efficiency Gains from Merger of Film Agencies is used to Increase Support for the Industry	Efficiency gains from the 1 July 2008 merger of FFC, AFC and FAL into Screen Australia are to be used to increase support for the industry including support for documentary-makers and first-time film-makers.	In Progress - Screen Australia is tracking efficiency gains and progress is reported to Government as part of the agency's governance reporting to the Minister.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Strategic Digital Industry Plan	To develop a Strategic Digital Industry Plan which will be a vision for creative industries.	In Progress - Draft plan being developed for consideration by government.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Assessment of Albert Hall for Inclusion on National Heritage List	Assessment of Albert Hall for Inclusion on National Heritage List.	In Progress: Albert Hall being assessed through NHL assessment currently underway of "Canberra - Central National Area and Inner Hills". Current completion date is 30/06/2011.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Listing of Appropriate Areas of Cape York on the World Heritage List	Work with the Queensland government and traditional owners to pursue World Heritage listing of appropriate areas of Cape York, recognising the importance of Commonwealth leadership and the consent of traditional owners.	In Progress: The Australian and Queensland Governments have drafted a roadmap for progressing consideration of potential World Heritage listing of appropriate areas of Cape York, which will only be progressed with the consent of traditional owners.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fast Tracking of National Heritage Listing of Adelaide Botanic Gardens	Accelerate consideration of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens for national heritage listing.	Completed: Included in the National Heritage List as part of The Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout in 2008.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Handover of Point Nepean	Labour's 2007 Caring for our Coasts policy stated that if elected, a Rudd Labour Government would transfer the Commonwealth land at Point Nepean to the Victorian Government.	Completed. Transferred to Victoria in June 2009.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Independent Expert Body for Heritage Listing	The identification and listing of properties of heritage significance should be carried out by an independent expert body.	In progress. This issue was considered, including possible legislative measures, in the statutory Independent Review of the EPBC Act. The Government is currently considering its response to the Review Report.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Judith Wright's Home	Fast-track consideration of National Heritage listing of Judith Wright's former home 'Edge' located near Braidwood.	Completed. The department advised the Minister that 'Edge' did not have National Heritage values.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Protection of the Kokoda Track	Assistance to Papua New Guinea (PNG) to assist in the management and long-term protection of the Kokoda Track.	<p>In progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing support to Track communities to improve livelihoods through better access to health, education, transport services and to identify income generation opportunities. • Supported reform of the Kokoda Track Authority and assisting it to implement Track maintenance and infrastructure projects and work with tour operators to ensure the Track and its values are effectively managed and protected. • Assisting PNG's Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to establish interim protection for the Kokoda Track, and to progress a sustainable development plan for the wise use and conservation of the region. • Kokoda Track Safety Package being implemented - tranche 1 activities in progress and tranche 2 negotiations to be finalised in early 2010. • Second Joint Understanding with the Government of PNG under development. 	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nomination of Ningaloo Reef - Cape Range in WA for World Heritage Listing	Seek World Heritage Listing for Ningaloo Reef.	Completed: Nomination submitted to the World Heritage Centre on 28 January 2010.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Indigenous Emissions Trading Program	This election commitment of \$10 million over four years under Caring for our Country aims to 'provide opportunities for Indigenous participation in fledgling carbon markets'. Implementation involves two project streams: <i>Stream One</i> - Northern Savannah Fire Management seeks to deliver emissions reductions through traditional fire management; and <i>Stream Two</i> - Indigenous Carbon Market Participation which seeks to support Indigenous engagement in carbon market opportunities, principally reforestation.	In Progress - Year 1 of this 4 year project has been completed. <i>Stream One</i> - 2008/09 project research report detailed positive indications of emissions reductions from traditional fire management. Contract signed with proponent for the next three years to continue research work, capacity building and development of legal/governance frameworks. <i>Stream Two</i> - A series of workshops aimed at informing Indigenous organisations about carbon market opportunities have been undertaken around the country. Contract negotiations are underway for further support over the next three years.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indigenous Rangers Program - Working on Country (WOC)	Up to 300 Indigenous Rangers 90 million over 5 years from 08/09 - 12/13	In Progress - Over 230 Indigenous rangers contracted at February 2010 with the program on track to contract 300 rangers by June 2013.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community Coast Care	The five year \$100 million Caring for our Coasts – Community Coastcare election commitment aims to engage the community to better protect our precious coastal environment.	In Progress - Funding for the Coastcare election commitment is delivered through the annual Caring for our Country business plan and Community Action Grants.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<p>Gippsland Lakes Communities (\$5.25m of \$11m Package)</p>	<p>1. <i>Gippsland Lakes Enhancement Program</i> - The program will contribute to “a 10 per cent increase in the uptake of land management practices in the Gippsland Lakes catchments including in the Macalister Irrigation District that will reduce nutrient levels in water flowing into the Gippsland Lakes.</p> <p>2. <i>Eastern Creek Nutrient Stripping Wetlands and Flood Mitigation</i> - The program aims to complete infrastructure to slow the run off and improve the quality of water delivered to the wetland constructed for the Eastern Creek Wetlands and Flood Mitigation Program and will help secure current housing and minimise flooding problems for future development.</p>	<p>In Progress - 1. <i>Gippsland Lakes Enhancement Program</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first year (2008-09) of the program has been completed satisfactorily Outputs from the first year of the program have been used to identify and prioritise activities that will be undertaken in 2009-11. A contract for \$2.25 million has been negotiated with the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and the Gippsland Lakes Taskforce. This contract was signed in February 2010. In Progress - 2. <i>Eastern Creek Nutrient Stripping Wetlands and Flood Mitigation Program</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of the diversion pipeline has commenced and is progressing in accordance with contracted obligations – due for completion in 2010 The nutrient stripping wetlands component and retarding basin elements are nearing the construction stage Design and public consultation is taking place on the upgrade of the Eastern Creek component. </p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>Great Barrier Reef Rescue Plan</p>	<p>The Great Barrier Reef Rescue Plan will commit \$200 million over five years towards improving the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon from agricultural diffuse source pollution. This will increase the Reef’s capacity to respond to the impacts of climate change.</p>	<p>In Progress - The Reef Rescue initiative has committed nearly half of the funding to date across grants to farmers to improve the quality of water leaving their land, monitoring and evaluation, and partnerships.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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International Whaling	<p>Diplomatic : increase Australia's diplomatic efforts on whaling including by making formal representations to Japanese authorities, actively participating in International Whaling Commission (IWC) reform process and appointing a Special Envoy for Whale Conservation.</p> <p>Legal : to consider legal options to halt so-called 'scientific whaling' in the Southern Ocean.</p> <p>Monitoring: to monitor the Japanese whaling fleet in the Southern Ocean.</p> <p>Coastal Waters: to establish a national network of whale and dolphin sanctuaries (NNWDS).</p>	<p>In Progress - diplomatic engagement remains underway including through formal representations to the Japanese authorities and active participation in IWC reform processes.</p> <p>Completed - Envoy appointed October 2008</p> <p>In Progress - Legal options remain under consideration</p> <p>Completed - Monitoring undertaken in 2008</p> <p>In Progress - Sanctuaries initiative in progress</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
National Cane Toad Plan	Provision of more than \$2million to reduce the impact of cane toads and to develop a national cane toad plan.	In Progress - Draft plan due to go out for public comment 15 March	N/A	N/A	N/A

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National Plan to Care for our Coasts	Work with State and Territory Governments, local councils and others to develop a coordinated national approach to coastal policy.	In Progress - The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts tabled the report of its inquiry into coastal issues in October 2009. Work to develop a Government response to the report is continuing and the next steps in developing a coordinated national approach to coastal policy will be considered in this context.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expand the Indigenous Protected Areas Program	\$50 million over five years to expand the Indigenous Protected Areas within the National Reserve System.	In Progress. Five new IPA declarations and two successful IPA launches held (to end Feb 2010) in 2009/10 with over 2 million hectares of land added to the NRS, and almost 300,000 ha in under-represented bioregions. This already exceeds the 2009/10 CfoC target of 2m ha, and brings the total number of declared IPAs to 36 covering in excess of 23m ha with an additional 36 projects in consultation prior to declaration.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Protection of Western Sydney's Cumberland Plain Woodland Areas	"A Rudd Labor Government will invest up to \$15 million of National Reserve System funding to create a new conservation corridor for Western Sydney through possible land acquisitions and proper management and preservation of the heritage listed areas of the Commonwealth land at Orchard Hills and Shane's Park".	Completed. In June 2009, the Australian Government, using funding from the National Reserve System component of the Caring for our Country initiative, assisted DECCW to acquire the property known as 'Cranebrook'. The 181 hectare property lies five kilometres north of Penrith in the Sydney Basin bioregion. Cranebrook is a large property in good condition in terms of this part of the bioregion. This purchase can be seen as substantially meeting the Rudd Government election commitment to invest up to \$15 million in Western Sydney to acquire land for inclusion in a conservation corridor.	N/A	N/A	N/A
National Sustainability Council and Commissioner	Establish a National Sustainability Charter, Council and Commissioner.	In Progress - The sustainability agenda will be progressed as a part of the department's response to the EPBC Act Review (Hawke Review).	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Australia's World Heritage & Iconic Areas - Development Phase	Develop a plan outlining research, management and monitoring measures to incorporate climate change into planning for Australia's World Heritage & Iconic Areas.	In Progress - A final draft of the plan is being developed in preparation for implementation during 2010.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investing in the Murray Darling Basin water infrastructure					
Investing in Murray Darling Infrastructure - Menindee Lakes	Invest up to \$400 million to reduce evaporation and improve water efficiency to: * Achieve water savings at Menindee Lakes; * Secure Broken Hill's water supply; * Protect local environment; and * Return up to 200 gigalitres to the Murray Darling Basin.	In progress. Work to identify technical solutions that will achieve the goals is now nearing completion.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investing in Murray Darling Infrastructure - Wimmera Mallee Pipeline	Commitment to provide further investment of up to \$124 million for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline project to ensure the project is completed and water savings delivered as soon as possible.	In progress. Project is expected to be completed by April 2010.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Investing in Murray Darling Infrastructure - Adelaide Desalination Plant	Be a financial partner in the Adelaide Desalination plant. To assist Adelaide to diversify its water supply and reduce its reliance on the Murray.	Refer to National Urban Water and Desalination Plan below.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investing in Murray Darling Basin Water Infrastructure - Warren and Nyngan pipeline	Funding to construct the missing link pipeline between Warren and Nyngan in Western NSW to provide greater water security for Cobar and Nyngan and return up to 2 billion litres per year to the Murray Darling Basin.	In progress. Funding available however Commonwealth still awaiting the identification of a suitable project and co-proponent.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Upper Spencer Gulf Desalination Plant	Up to \$160 million to support for proposed desalination plant to reduce demand on the River Murray by 11 billion litres.	Completed. Funding was made available but the proponent decided not to proceed.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lithgow (Delta Electricity) Recycled Water project	Up to \$4 million to ensure Delta Electricity uses recycled water rather than water from the Fish River, returning 3.6 billion litres each year to the Fish River in the Murray Darling Basin.	In progress. Stage 1 (planning for proposal) of this project has been completed. Stage 2 (defining the feasible options) is underway.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recycled Water for Oberon Timber Complex	Up to \$250,000 towards Oberon Council's water reuse scheme to supply the timber mill with 360 million litres of recycled water per year from the town's sewerage treatment plant relieving pressure on the Fish River, which flows into the Macquarie River and Murray Darling Basin.	Completed. Funding was made available but the proponent decided not to proceed.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Accelerating water reform in the Murray Darling Basin Streamline the cumbersome and complex federal water bureaucracy	<p>Accelerating water reform in the Murray Darling Basin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reduce the number of bodies involved in managing the Basin; * Bring the MDBA and MDBC together as a single body; * Get the politics out of water management and ensure the Murray Darling Basin Authority is a truly independent agency with primary responsibility for the administration of the Water Act 2007. 	<p>Completed. The former MDBC and MDBA were brought together as a single operation from 15 December 2008, pursuant to agreement reached with the Basin States on the 3 July 2008 (agreement on Murray Darling Basin Reform).</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Respecting farmers' important role in land and water management	<p>Respecting farmers' important role in land and water management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Closely consult with farmers, farming organisations and local communities to ensure plans to improve water efficiency and deal with over allocation in the Murray Darling Basin are developed and implemented in an informed, practical and fair way. * Draw on local farmers' knowledge to assist the transition to more sustainable water use in the Murray Darling Basin and throughout Australia. 	<p>Completed. The Department has established a range of stakeholder panels including for Water Recovery and Environmental Use and for National Irrigation Efficiency. The Murray Darling Basin Authority has established the Basin Community Committee to advise it about the performance of the authority's functions, including advising it about engaging the community in the preparation of each Basin Plan and community matters relating to the Basin water resources.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<p>Ensuring a fair water market and fair adjustment</p> <p>Bring forward \$400 million in funding under the National Plan for Water</p>	<p>and fair adjustment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Bring forward \$400 million in funding under the National Plan for Water Security for water efficiency measures and buying water allocations from willing sellers. * Ensure that water licences are purchased on just and fair terms from willing sellers, with incentives for early sale of licences. 	<p>Completed. \$400 million was brought forward in the 2007-08 Estimates process. Subsequent adjustments have substantially increased this amount.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>Ensuring the Proper Development of the Water Market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Accelerate the development of a transparent and accessible water register. * Work with State Governments and water users to accelerate development of efficient national water trading rules and systems. * Reduce barriers to trade between the States. 	<p>In progress. All jurisdictions endorsed the National Water Market System model in October 2009.</p> <p>The water market rules and termination fee rules have been in full force since 1 January 2010 and 1 September 2009, respectively.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>Returning flows to the Snowy River</p> <p>Returning flows to the Snowy River</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Contribute \$50 million for Water for Rivers * The investment will purchase over allocated water licences and fund infrastructure projects that help deliver additional environmental flows to the Snowy River. * Ensure the Snowy Scientific Committee is immediately established. 	<p>In progress. Final payment will be made of the \$50 million commitment during 2009-10. Water for Rivers has secured 215 GL of entitlements so far, with further entitlements to be recovered by projects underway.</p> <p>The Snowy Scientific Committee is established.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Supporting innovative water projects and efficient irrigation in Western Australia Western Australia Irrigation - Harvey Water/Gascoyne Irrigation Pipeline Project	Will support innovative, nation-building projects to help deal with Western Australia's water crisis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvey Water Piping Project (\$49 million); and • Gascoyne Irrigation Pipeline Project (\$6.6 million). 	<p>Completed. Harvey Water Piping Project has been completed.</p> <p>In progress. Gascoyne Irrigation Pipeline Project (GIIP) being implemented through a National Partnership Agreement.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Supporting more efficient irrigation in Tasmania	Supporting more efficient irrigation in Tasmania Invest up to \$140 million modernising irrigation in Tasmania.	<p>In progress. The Department has completed the National Partnership Agreement and Implementation Plan with Tasmania.</p> <p>The CSIRO Sustainable Yields project has been completed and this information will be available to the program.</p> <p>Four proposals have progressed to business cases for assessment.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
\$1 billion National Urban Water and Desalination Plan	National Urban Water and Desalination Plan * Help secure water supplies of Australia's major cities. * Support desalination; water recycling and major stormwater harvesting projects.	<p>In progress. The first round of the stormwater harvesting and re-use funding component closed on 30 June 2009. Funding for 13 projects was announced on 2 November 2009. The second grant round for stormwater projects closed on 10 February 2010. The Glenelg to Adelaide parklands recycling project was launched on 11 January 2010. The Adelaide desalination project and the Geelong-Shell recycling project are meeting their milestones. The two National Centres of Excellence have been established and are developing research investment frameworks. A call for proposals in desalination, water recycling and stormwater closed on 30 June 2009.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Specific investments in urban water infrastructure					
Specific investments in urban water infrastructure - Australian Water Fund	In the 2007 election, the Government committed to provide funding from the Australian Government Water Fund (AGWF).	In progress. Specific project commitments are meeting milestones or have been completed.	N/A	N/A	N/A
National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns	Commitment to work in partnership with government and local water authorities to minimise water loss, through investment in water infrastructure and practical water saving projects.	In progress. All projects are meeting milestones or have been completed. A competitive grants round closed on 1 December 2009 and applications are being assessed.	N/A	N/A	N/A
High profile demonstration projects in Green Precincts					
Green Precincts	* Invest \$15 million in at least 10 high profile practical projects to encourage water and energy savings measures, such as solar and rainwater. * Funding for two specific election commitment projects (Windy Hill – Victoria and Solar Farm- NSW).	In progress. All 13 Green precinct projects were announced individually between 12 July 2009 and 23 September 2009. All projects are meeting milestones or have been completed.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Centres of Excellence in Desalination and Water Recycling					
Centres of Excellence in Desalination and Water Recycling	Establish a Centre of Excellence in Desalination in Perth and a Centre of Excellence in Water Recycling in Brisbane.	Completed. Centres of excellence have been established (see National Urban Water and Desalination plan above).	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harnessing savings for large water users					
Water Efficiency Opportunities	<p>Will establish a Water Efficiency Opportunities program, providing a practical reporting framework and encouragement of large water users to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Improve the identification of cost-effective opportunities for increased water efficiency; * Fast-track the implementation of cost-effective water saving measures; * Report publicly on water saving measures; * Establish the Prime Minister's Water Wise Awards; * Establish a network linking businesses with waste water streams to those with identified uses of recycled water; and * Harmonises commercial and industrial water efficiency programs (WEP). 	In progress. The program is meeting milestones. The Prime Minister's Water Wise Awards were announced on 9th March 2010.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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<p>Helping families take practical action in their homes</p> <p>National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative</p>	<p>* Invest up to \$3 million to provide up to \$10,000 to every surf life saving club to install rainwater tanks, or contribute to a larger water saving project.</p> <p>* Offer rebates of up to \$500 to 500,000 homes to help install new piping for greywater use or rainwater tanks.</p>	<p>In progress. Surf Life Saving Club applications closed on 31 January 2010. Household Rebates were launched in January 2009.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Other commitments</p> <p>30% Wastewater Recycling by 2015</p>	<p>Labor supports recycling wastewater and sets a goal of 30 per cent of Australia's wastewater being recycled by 2015.</p>	<p>In progress. A number of urban programs are actively contributing to achieving this goal including the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan, the National Water Security Plan for Cities and Towns, the Green Precincts Fund, and the Strengthening the Basin Communities program.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Single Coherent National Water Strategy</p>	<p>Bring together existing urban and rural strategies into a single coherent strategy focussed on rapidly improving water use and infrastructure, preparing for less water because of climate change.</p>	<p>Completed. 'Water for the Future' was announced by Minister Wong on 28 April 2008.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Restoration of Tuggerah Lakes Coastal Estuary System</p>	<p>\$20 million investment to clean up Tuggerah Lakes over five years, that will assist Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan to be put in to effect to manage increased sediment and nutrient loads on the Tuggerah Lakes through the management of bank erosion, stormwater runoff and degraded foreshores.</p>	<p>In progress. Milestones for this project are being met.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	191
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA – Electorate reports		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator FISHER asked:

1. Are there plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included?
2. Does the Department prepare electorate level reports for Ministers? What data is included in these reports? How often is this updated? Why is this material not publicly available? Request copy of latest reports.
3. Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?

Answers:

1. No. To our knowledge, the Department has never collected aggregated information on the Department's activities in all Commonwealth electorates. Providing consistent and up-to-date information for all electorates would involve a very large commitment of staff resources.
2. The Department prepares electorate level reports to provide the Ministers with information regarding portfolio activities in the relevant electorate prior to each Community Cabinet meeting. Information is collected on an as-needs basis. This material is not publicly available as the Department provides electorate-level information regarding the status of current projects to the Ministers in the form of Ministerial briefing. This briefing may contain sensitive information related to the project proponents, or to personal representations to the Ministers.
3. The Department has not provided its Ministers with electorate information when recommending grants since 3 December 2007 except in cases where, under the *Commonwealth Grant Guidelines*, the Department is required to advise the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts if a recommended application falls within his electorate.

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Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA – gender ratio across boards		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator BARNETT asked:

What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?

Answer:

The gender ratio on *each* board across the portfolio is shown in Table A.

The gender ratio across *all* boards under the portfolio was 292 male to 167 female.

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**Table A
Gender Ratio by Board - Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio**

Body	F	M	Total	Notes
Independent Expert Group	1	3	4	
Threatened Species Scientific Committee	2	8	10	
Artbank Board	3	2	5	
Australia Business Arts Foundation	1	2	3	
Australia Council	3	8	11	
Australia Council - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Arts Board	3	5	8	
Australia Council - Dance Board	4	2	6	
Australia Council - Literature Board	4	3	7	
Australia Council - Major Performing Arts Board	3	4	7	
Australia Council - Music Board	1	6	7	
Australia Council - Theatre Board	4	3	7	
Australia Council - Visual Arts Board	2	6	8	
Australian Children's Television Foundation (ACTF) (Board)	10	3	13	Note 1: The Australian Government is responsible for appointing 3 ACTF members (currently 3 females). The ACTF is not an Australian Government agency.
Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) Council	4	4	8	Note 2: The Australian Government is responsible for appointing 4 of 9 AFTRS Council members (currently 2 female, 1 male and 1 vacancy).
Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM)	3	4	7	Note 3: The Australian Government is responsible for appointing 4 of 7 ANAM Council members (currently 1 female and 3 male).
Australian National Maritime Museum	4	7	11	Note 4: Includes 1 Naval member appointed by the Chief of Navy.
Bundanon Trust Board	3	7	10	

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Body	F	M	Total	Notes
Committee on Taxation Incentives for the Arts	5	5	10	Note 5: The Australian Government is responsible for appointing 9 of 10 Committee members (currently 5 female and 4 male).
Contemporary Music Touring Program Committee	0	5	5	
Festivals Australia Committee	3	3	6	Note 6: Plus two ex-officio members (1 female and 1 male)
Film Certification Advisory Board	1	2	3	
Film Certification Advisory Board (II)	1	2	3	
National Cultural Heritage Committee	4	5	9	
National Film and Sound Archive Board	4	3	7	
National Gallery of Australia Council	3	6	9	
National Library of Australia Council	5	6	11	Note 7: This includes 1 Senator elected by the Senate (male) and 1 member of the House elected by the House (male)
National Museum of Australia	4	6	10	
National Portrait Gallery Board	2	3	5	
Playing Australia Committee	4	3	7	Note 8: Plus two ex-officio members (1 female and 1 male)
Public Lending Right Committee	4	3	7	
Screen Australia Board	3	5	8	
Visions of Australia	6	4	10	
Antarctic Science Advisory Committee	3	5	8	
Australian Antarctic Division Programme Human Research Ethics Committee	3	5	8	
Bureau of Meteorology Advisory Board	4	6	10	
Hazardous Waste Technical Group	2	7	9	
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	1	4	5	

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Body	F	M	Total	Notes
Australia Netherlands Committee on Old Dutch Shipwrecks	1	3	4	
Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Consultative Committee	4	12	16	Note 9: Of these appointments 2 are joint, 7 are appointments by each government
Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Property Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee	3	11	14	
National Oceans Advisory Group	4	9	13	
National Water Commission	3	4	7	
Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee	2	11	13	
Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management	4	6	10	
Kakadu National Park Board of Management	5	10	15	
Booderee National Park Board of Management	3	9	12	
Alligator Rivers Region Advisory Committee	8	21	29	
Alligators Rivers Region Technical Committee	3	9	12	
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Board of Trustees	2	6	8	
Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee	7	11	18	
Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum Scientific Advisory Panel	1	5	6	

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	193
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA FOI		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator BARNETT asked:

1. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. How many FOI requests has the Department received?
3. How many have been granted or denied?
4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answers:

1. The Department has on a number of occasions sought advice from the Australian Government Solicitor on matters relating to the interpretation of various provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth) ("the FOI Act").
2. In the 2008-9 financial year, 48 FOI requests were received. From 1 July 2009 to date, 48 FOI requests were received.
3. From 1 July 2009 to date 32 FOI requests have been finalised. These 32 applications were finalised as follows:

Granted in full –	6	Withdrawn –	8
Granted in part –	9	Transferred –	1
Refused –	8		
4. From 1 July 2009 to date, nil.

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Outcome:	Corporate	Question No:	194
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	Community Cabinet expenses		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senators BARNETT & FISHER asked:

1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?
2. How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting?
3. What was the total cost of this travel?
4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

Answers:

1. a) As at 23 March 2010, the Department of Finance and Deregulation had paid the following costs for Minister Garrett's travel to Community Cabinet meetings held between Budget Estimates 2009 and the date of the Question:

Beenleigh Community Cabinet Meeting on 30 June 2009 - \$2,120.62
Port Macquarie Community Cabinet Meeting on 25 August 2009 - nil
Geraldton Community Cabinet Meeting on 01 October 2009 - \$3,151.42
Hobart Community Cabinet Meeting on 13 October 2009 - \$976.37
Bathurst Community Cabinet Meeting on 9 November 2009 - nil
Townsville Community Cabinet Meeting on 8 December 2009 - \$890.00
Adelaide Community Cabinet Meeting on 20 January 2010 - \$1,108.90
Ballarat Community Cabinet Meeting on 18 February 2010 - \$640.28

- b) As at 23 March 2010, the Department of Finance and Deregulation had paid the following costs for Minister Wong's travel to Community Cabinet meetings held between Budget Estimates 2009 and the date of the Question:

Elizabeth Community Cabinet Meeting on 28 July 2009 - nil
Geraldton Community Cabinet Meeting on 01 October 2009 - \$3,286.78
Townsville Community Cabinet Meeting on 8 December 2009 - *\$1,195.18
Adelaide Community Cabinet Meeting on 20 January 2010 - nil
Ballarat Community Cabinet Meeting on 18 February 2010 - \$998.83

**Note. The financial information provided includes costs for additional destinations. Given the nature of the flight bookings, the cost of the additional destinations are not able to be disaggregated from the cost of travel to attend Community Cabinet meetings.*

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2. (a) Minister Garrett was accompanied by three ministerial staff members to the Hobart, Bathurst, Townsville and Ballarat Community Cabinet meetings, two to the Beenleigh and Geraldton meetings and one to the Port Macquarie and Adelaide meetings.
 - (b) Minister Wong was accompanied by three ministerial staff members to the Elizabeth and Townsville Community Cabinet meetings, and two staff members to each of the Geraldton, Adelaide and Ballarat meetings.
 - (c) Two Departmental officers from DEWHA attended the Bathurst, Townsville, Adelaide and Ballarat Community Cabinet meetings to support Ministers and one officer attended each of the Beenleigh, Elizabeth, Port Macquarie, Geraldton and Hobart meetings.
3. The total cost of travel for Ministers Garrett and Wong, their ministerial staff and accompanying Departmental officers to attend the nine Community Cabinet meetings covered by this Question was \$75,171.03.
 4. As at 23 March 2010, the total cost for the Minister's Offices and the Department for Community Cabinet meetings held between Budget Estimates 2009 and the date of this question:

Minister Garrett's Office:	\$32,132.34
Minister Wong's Office:	\$21,647.29
DEWHA:	\$21,391.40

Note. The above figures include airfares and Travelling Allowance (including Motor Vehicle Allowance) claims. They do not include travel by taxis (due to the difficulties determining exact destinations using the electronic information as provided by Cabcharge) or travel on Special Purpose Aircraft (which is administered by the Department of Defence).

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Outcome:	Corporate Outcome	Question No:	195
Program:	Corporate Outcome		
Division/Agency:	Policy Coordination Division		
Topic:	DEWHA – Ministers Accommodation		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written Question on Notice		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

1. Where did the Minister stay on the night of 7 October 2009?
2. Did the Minister incur any expenses in relation to his accommodation on the night of 7 October 2009? If so, to whom were payments made?

Answers:

1. On 7 October 2009 Minister Garrett camped on the Voyages property near the Yulara Resort at Uluru, Northern Territory, with the permission of the General Manager of the property.
2. There was no charge for camping, and no other costs were incurred in relation to the Minister's accommodation on the night of 7 October 2009.