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<b>Program 1.1: Broadband and Communication Infrastructure</b>						
1	ECA52	Minchin	<b>NBN Expert Panel Member's payments</b> Are you able to tell me how much each of the non-government panel members actually got paid? In due course could you supply us with some precedents for the hourly rate?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
2	ECA60 ECA61 ECA65	Minchin	<b>NBN Expert Panel letter of advice to Government</b> What date was the letter transmitted to the minister? Can you check for us when the letter with that advice is dated?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
3	ECA65	Minchin	<b>NBN Expert Panel Report re copies provided to the Prime Minister and Ministers</b> Was there only one copy handed over just to the minister? Did any other ministers or the Prime Minister receive copies of it at the same time at that time?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
4	ECA65	Minchin	<b>Briefing the Prime Minister re NBN Expert Panel Report</b> Did you give the Prime Minister a copy of the report and the secret letter at that time, or is this an old briefing? Were you the only person present briefing the prime Minister, or did you have official or panel members or anybody with you to assist you in the briefing process?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
5	ECA65 ECA66	Minchin	<b>Briefing the Cabinet re NBN Expert Panel Report</b> When was cabinet actually briefed on the Panel's Report? Minister, have you been advised in the break as to any cabinet meetings that occurred between the time that you met the Prime Minister on 21 January and the cabinet consideration to which you referred as having occurred on 6 and 7 April?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
6	ECA67	Minchin	<b>Cabinet Subcommittee Establishment &amp; Brief re NBN Process</b> I am interested in the process. To go to process, what you now concede as being a subcommittee was apparently not established by the cabinet. Was it established by the Prime Minister? I would like to know who formally established that subcommittee. Was it the cabinet or was it the Prime minister, and at what stage was the cabinet involved? Was the brief to that subcommittee to look at all options for the government to advance once you had abandoned the RFP or was it specifically to look at an FTTP?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
7	ECA67	Minchin	<b>Cabinet Subcommittee Consideration of NBN Technology</b> I am just trying to see to what extent you are able to advise the parliament and the public on the brief of that subcommittee. You have talked about what went on within the government prior to 7 April in terms of reaching its position, so I am trying to understand whether, as from 21 January and the establishment of the subcommittee, the government was only looking at the issue of a fire-to-the premises network as an	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09

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			alternative or whether it was actively considering other options.			
8	ECA67	Minchin	<b>Cabinet Subcommittee re NBN Process – Departmental Involvement</b> Did the department of communications service that subcommittee or is it multitasked?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
9	ECA69	Minchin	<b>Cabinet Subcommittee Conclusion of Deliberations re NBN Process</b> Having received all of this advice, when did the cabinet subcommittee conclude its deliberations?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
10	ECA69	Minchin	<b>Cabinet Meeting Dates re NBN Expert Panel Report &amp; Cabinet Subcommittee considerations</b> Can you confirm that the 6 and 7 April meetings were the first time, and indeed the only time, that the cabinet considered the considerations of the cabinet subcommittee? I wanted to know if the cabinet, at the start of this process between 21 January and 7 April, had met to consider the report? Presumably, based on what you have said and what is publicly available, the first and only time the cabinet considered this whole matter in any depth was on 6 and 7 April?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
11	ECA69 ECA70	Minchin	<b>Cabinet Meeting / Dinner on 6 April to discuss NBN</b> The cabinet meeting on 6 April has been described as a dinner at Kirribilli. Is that correct? I suspected it probably was not. Mr Hartcher, for once, did not get his facts correct. Presumably, there was a dinner at the Lodge or something? You are in danger of leaving an impression that the cabinet of this country only met to consider what you repeatedly and have today described as the biggest infrastructure investment in the history of mankind or at least in the history of Australia over dinner at the night of the 6 <sup>th</sup> and on the morning of the 7 <sup>th</sup> immediately prior to the announcement. That is what we want to determine. Was that, in fact, the only occasion on which the cabinet had to opportunity to consider, discuss and decide on this?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
12	ECA 85	Wortley	<b>Tasmanian Broadband Speeds</b> What about available speeds in Tasmania compared with other states and territories?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
13	ECA92	Nash	<b>NBN - Delivery of Digital Platform to Regional and Remote Cinemas</b> It was just that I was specifically asked in context, <i>'Will the new NBN be able to deliver the same platform to these cinemas?'</i> There are some questions around compatibility and whether or not the systems that they currently have in place, which are obviously carried on the network in a particular way, will be compliant with the proposed new network. I will get you to take those on notice.	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
14	ECA 103	Minchin	<b>Regulatory Neutrality with Infrastructure Providers re NBN</b> My simple question was on guaranteeing regulatory	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09

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			<p>neutrality with other infrastructure providers. It is a simple question.</p> <p>There seems to be no reference to a clear statement of the government's objective of ensuring regulatory neutrality between this infrastructure provider and other infrastructure providers. I put it to you that is an omission. You can take it on notice, but I, and I think the community and the industry, would like an assurance that that is the case.</p> <p>I would also like an assurance that this new company will compete on a level playing field with other infrastructure providers for government business. Again, my concern is that this is regrettably another government company where the government has a vested interest in its profitability and in acquiring customers, including the government. I would like that assurance. You can take that on notice.</p>			
15	ECA 104	Minchin	<p><b>NBN Company – Government Neutrality</b></p> <p>I make the point that the worst period for the ownership of Telstra was when we had 51 per cent of it in government hands and 49 per cent in private hands. You are setting out to have a structure of that kind. I think that is risky. I just sought an assurance in your absence that this company will operate on a level playing field when it comes to other providers and government business. Can you assure us that the government, in buying access to a wholesale provider, will show no favouritism whatsoever? I just want a guarantee of a level playing field.</p>	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
16	ECA105	Minchin	<p><b>NBN Private Investment – Analysis of the risks of private investment freeze and/ or reduction in private investment in telecommunications infrastructure</b></p> <p>I am asking whether the department or the implementation study or anybody is doing any detailed analysis of the risks of private investment freeze or a dramatic reduction in private investment in telecommunications infrastructure during the period in which you take to roll this out, which will be at least eight years. It will be 2018 before we see this thing. That must be one of the risks to be assessed. I want to know who is analysing that risk?</p>	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
17	ECA106	Minchin	<p><b>NBN – Aerial and Underground Cable Cost Differential</b></p> <p>I am asking a factual question about the differential on a per kilometre basis between aerial and underground; can you give me that? Also, to come up with your \$43 billion figure, you must have had to make a presumption about how much would be aerial and how much would be underground.</p>	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
18	ECA107	Minchin	<p><b>NBN Cost per Home for Mandated Fibre</b></p> <p>Do you have any idea at this stage what the estimated additional cost per home will be for mandated fibre?</p>	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
19	ECA111	Birmingham	<p><b>Final Cost of NBN RFP Process</b></p> <p>I do not need you to go through them all now, but you undertook at the beginning on notice to give Senator Minchin the final costs associated with the</p>	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09

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			RFP process and NBN stage one.			
20	ECA115	Minchin	<b>International Telecommunications Union</b> Are all OECD countries members of this ITU?  Does the ITU have a wide membership base?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
21	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network RFP Process Final Costs</b> Please provide a final reconciliation of all costs associated with the National Broadband Network (NBN) Request for Proposals (RFP) process, including final payments and costs related to the Panel of Experts, detailing how much was paid to each member of the panel. Where external consultants were involved, please break down for each external consultant.	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
22	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network External Consultants</b> Does any of the work provided by external consultants have any relevance to the fibre to the home (FTTH) version of the NBN?	NBNI	1.1	16/09/09
23	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network Expert Panel Meetings</b> How many times did the Panel of Experts meet? Where and when did it meet?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
24	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network FTTH Version – Expert Advisory Panel</b> Will there be an expert advisory panel in relation to the FTTH version of the NBN? If so, when will it be constituted?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
25	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network Expert Panel Recommendations re Estimated Cost</b> Did the Panel of Experts cite the \$43 billion estimated NBN cost in any of its reports or recommendations?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
26	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network – ACCC Report and NBN Cost</b> Did the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) cite the \$43 billion estimated NBN cost in any of its reports or recommendations?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
27	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network – Estimate of Number of Premises that will have FTTH</b> How many premises are estimated to be covered by the FTTH version of the NBN?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
28	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network – Estimate of Number of Premises Not Covered by FTTH</b> How many premises are estimated to be not covered by the FTTH version of the NBN but by the planned wireless and other network upgrades?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
29	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network – Cable Rollout Kilometres</b> How many kilometres of cable are involved in the FTTH rollout?	NBNI	1.1	16/09/09
30	Written	Birmingham	<b>USO Review and the Cancellation of the FTTN NBN Process</b> Where does the review of the Universal Service	NP&R	1.1	31/07/09

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			Obligation (USO) stand in light of the cancellation of the fibre to the node (FTTN) version of the NBN? Are there any plans to update the USO? If so, how will they be implemented and when?			
31	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network – Letter to the Minister re Alternatives to Fibre to the Node</b> Was the content of the letter handed by Ms Scott to the Minister on 21 January regarding alternatives to the originally proposed FTTN version of the NBN seen, approved and agreed to by all members of the Panel of Experts? If not, who did see the content and who did give their support to it?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
32	Written	Birmingham	<b>National Broadband Network Implementation Study – Number of Tenders Lodged</b> How many tenders have been lodged for the implementation study on the FTTH version of the NBN?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
33	Written	Birmingham	<b>Sale or Reallocation of Spectrum</b> How much has the Government budgeted to receive from the sale or reallocation of spectrum for each of the years covered by the forward estimates? As far as possible, please break down by band frequency/sector.	NP&R	1.1	02/09/09
34	Written	Bushby	<b>NBN - Tasmania</b> Which Tasmanian communities of fewer than 1000 people will be receiving 100Mbps fibre-to-the-premises connection? Is the NBN rollout on track to begin construction in Tasmania in the coming months? What is the projected timetable for Tasmania's major population centres to receive 100Mbps fibre-to-the-premises connections?	NBNI	1.1	16/09/09
35	Written	Minchin	<b>Large Scale Commercially Viable Wholesale Networks</b> Can the Department provide examples of other large-scale, wholesale only networks that are commercially viable and do not require ongoing Government subsidy.	NBNI	1.1	16/09/09
36	Written	Minchin	<b>NBN – Basis of Cost</b> Can the Department confirm whether the proposed Network, costed at \$43 billion, is based on GPON or Point to Point network architecture?	NBNI	1.1	31/07/09
37	Written	Minchin	<b>NBN – Cabling</b> Is it envisaged that aerial deployments will be utilised in every state and territory? What percentage of aerial cabling was factored into the network costings? Was a Fibre to the Premise network option utilising predominantly underground cabling costed and if so please provide that costing? Can the Department provide a comparison of cost and deployment time frame between aerial cabling and underground cabling on a per kilometre basis or other metric? Is the eight year roll-out time frame based on aerial cabling not being the subject to state and local council planning requirements?	NBNI	1.1	16/09/09

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38	Written	Minchin	<b>Splitter technology</b> Minister Conroy: "The new splitter technology can punch you 60 km, so you can put something on the side of the road and go 60km to a home and still deliver the 100 mgbs." Where is this technology being currently used?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
39	Written	Minchin	<b>Satellites and wireless</b> When do you plan to launch the new 'NBN' satellites and what new services will you deliver in the interim? Will the satellite technology deliver minimum speeds of 12 megabits per second across the country?	NP&R	1.1	16/09/09
40	Written	Minchin	<b>NBN Job Creation</b> Do you expect this project to "create" 25,000 jobs each year, or simply "support" existing jobs? For example, if Telstra decides to play a part in this project, wouldn't many of the jobs you refer to be carried out by existing employees and contractors? How were these job figures arrived at?	NBNI	1.1	16/09/09
41	Written	Minchin	<b>Fibre backhaul</b> The \$250 million appears to come from the \$400 million the Government had previously allocated to fund Glasson Review recommendations, that is correct? Towns including Geraldton, Mt Gambier, Broken Hill, Mildura and Mt Isa have been identified as candidates for new backhaul – Can you guarantee that these towns will be delivered fibre to the premise services under the NBN?	NBNI	1.1	16/09/09
42	Written	Minchin	<b>International Telecommunications Union – Lisbon Consensus</b> According to the Senate Order for contracts BCDE in 2008 paid \$4.8 million for ITU membership (\$4.2 million) and \$651,000 for ITU targeted projects. What does Australia get in return for these sizable contributions? Presumably the Government and the Department observe key policy directions and approaches reached in consensus through the ITU? Are you aware of the Lisbon Consensus which emerged out of the ITU World Telecommunications Policy Forum?	NP&R	1.1	02/09/09
43	Written	Birmingham	<b>auDA Reporting Requirements</b> What reporting role, if any, does .au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA) have to the Department, ACMA or Minister? Has the Department or ACMA undertaken any review of auDA's role and/or work? In how many legal disputes is auDA currently involved?	NP&R	1.1	02/09/09
44	ECA111 (26/5/09)	Birmingham	<b>NBN Company</b> Will the NBN company be appearing at future Senate Estimates?	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
45	ECA86 (26/5/09)	Nash	<b>Back-haul</b> Could we perhaps have provided for the committee the amount of existing back-haul and the amount of existing services? I know you mentioned penetration.	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09

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			But in 2003 there was \$230 million for 450 kilometres of back-haul. I think that, since then, 2005, there has been another 100 kilometres of underground. I would be interested in knowing how much is already existing and the government is not going to do before it comes out and claims that it has done the whole thing.			
46	ECA 92 ECA 97 (26/5/09)	Nash	<b>Black spots</b> Perhaps the department could provide for the committee those areas of black spots that I know do exist, as the minister has just pointed out, particularly in the outer metropolitan areas; what access they have, if any; and up to what speed. I could then get a very clear picture, comparative to regional areas, how many under served areas exist in metro and outer-metro areas.	NBNI	1.1	16/10/09
<b>Program 1.2: Telecommunications, Online and Postal Services</b>						
47	Written	Bushby	<b>Youth Advisory Group (YAG)</b> Of the 305 young Australians announced as members of the Youth Advisory Group, how many of these have completed consent forms to gain access to YAG Online Site? How many queries or suggestions have been submitted through the online site since it was launched? Have any meetings at individual schools been scheduled, if so, which states and schools will these meetings take place at? Have members of the Youth Advisory Group provided comments or suggestions regarding compulsory ISP-level Internet filtering and their understanding of how to bypass such measures?	DE Strat	1.2	16/10/09
48	ECA 9	Lundy	<b>Australian Communications Consumer Action Network</b> What new applications will become available in a ubiquitous high-bandwidth network? What are the policy plans to ensure people with disabilities in that high-bandwidth network are supported?	DE Strat	1.2	02/09/09
49	ECA 43	Lundy	<b>NICTA research labs</b> Which universities have contributed to the development of the research labs?	DE Strat	1.2	31/07/09
50	ECA 113	Lundy	<b>Digital Regions Initiative</b> Can you tell us how this initiative works?	DE Strat	1.2	31/07/09
51	ECA 28	Minchin	<b>Budget for Cyber-safety</b> What is the budget for cyber-safety in 2009-10, including the ISP filtering component?	DE Strat	1.2	02/09/09
52	ECA 30	Birmingham	<b>ISP Filtering Pilot - Expenditure</b> What is the expenditure for the ISP filtering pilot?	DE Strat	1.2	16/10/09
53	ECA 32	Ludlam	<b>ISP Filtering Pilot - Customer Participation</b> How many customers are participating in the ISP filtering pilot?	DE Strat	1.2	16/10/09
54	ECA 34 & ECA40	Ludlam Minchin	<b>ISP Filtering – Implementation of Policy</b> Is legislation required to implement ISP filtering of the refused classification material on the Australian	DE Strat	1.2	02/09/09

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			Communications and Media Authority blacklist?			
55	ECA 9	Lundy	<b>Australian Communications Consumer Action Network</b> What is the Department's forward-looking agenda for people with disabilities? To be answered by Consumer Policy and Post Branch	DE Serv	1.2	02/09/09
56	ECA 12	Minchin	<b>Section 593 grants payments</b> When did the previous program terminate? When were the last grants made? Were grants paid in the financial year 2008-2009? To whom were the grants paid and of what size?	DE Serv	1.2	02/09/09
57	Written	Minchin	<b>Australian Broadband Guarantee</b> In the Budget the ABG is to be reduced by \$23.1 million over the next two years; how many people who were previously eligible are no longer as a result of the Optus decision? What role do you see the ABG playing into the future? Under this NBN proposal what will be considered metro equivalency, will it be 100 megabits per second or 12 megabits? You couldn't possibly argue that 12 megabits is equivalent to users in the city getting 100 megabits? Will you be providing an ABG subsidy to rural and regional users above and beyond the cost of using the NBN to recognise the fact they will not be getting a metro equivalent service?	DE Serv	1.2	16/10/09
58	ECA 20	Birmingham	<b>Australian Broadband Guarantee</b> How many connections have been subsidised to date this financial year?	DE Serv	1.2	02/09/09
59	ECA 21	Minchin	<b>Australian Broadband Guarantee</b> Perhaps if I take your question on how the (Broadband Service) Locator works on notice.	DE Serv	1.2	02/09/09 + 1 att't
60	ECA 21	Minchin	<b>Australian Broadband Guarantee</b> We are about to post up a detailed FAQ which I am more than happy to provide to you on notice as well.	DE Serv	1.2	02/09/09
61	Written	Minchin	<b>Australian Broadband Guarantee</b> I refer to a discussion, Budget Estimates, 26 May 2009, regarding the Australia Broadband Guarantee (ABG) and also the eligibility of residence in Haricot Way, Lilydale. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the Department amended the wording on the ABG Locator in relation to eligibility since this issue was raised in Budget estimates on 26 May? When did this occur?</li> <li>• Has the Department reduced the coverage status of the Optus 3G network in Haricot Way, Lilydale, the street provided as an example during the Estimates hearing? If so when was this done and why?</li> <li>• Have actual field tests been conducted to assess Optus 3G coverage in Haricot Way at any time or in other streets across the country, as the Minister inferred that field test are conducted, when he said trees or other objects could result in some addresses in one street obtaining coverage, while others do not?</li> </ul>		1.2	16/10/09



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Department reduced or expanded the coverage of the Optus 3G network in other locations across the country since Budget Estimates or at any other time since January 2009; please provide details?</li> </ul>			
62	ECA49 (26/5/09)	Lundy	<p><b>Pair Gain Complaints</b>            Could you take on notice providing information about TIO complaints relating to pair gain systems? I still get complaints about people who cannot access ADSL services because of the existence of pair gain systems and the trouble they have getting that resolved. I am interested to follow that up from the TIO's perspective.</p>	DE Serv	1.2	16/09/09
63	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Cuts</b>            What programs have been cut in this latest budget? Please provide a detailed list of the specific programs which have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Been axed</li> <li>▪ Had their funding reduced by more than 10 per cent?</li> </ul>	FAB	1.2	16/09/09
64	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Ministers Office Staffing</b>            Please provide the names, salaries, titles and responsibilities of all staff in the Minister's office. Please indicate what their salaries were in October 2007 (or when they started) and what their salaries are now.            Please identify which staff has government cars as part of their package. What model vehicles do they drive? What is the cost of the vehicle packages?            Which staff are entitled to fly business class?            What is the home base for each of the staff? If they are not located in the home base of the employing Minister/Parliamentary Secretary or Canberra, what is the reason?</p>	C&B	1.2	31/07/09
65	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Staff Training</b>            In relation to both Departmental and Ministerial staff, please provide details of staff training activities undertaken this financial year, and planned for next financial year. Please provide a breakdown of costs, the nature of the training programs run, numbers of staff involved by level of employment and any instances of external consultants being engaged. Where external consultants were engaged, please detail their expertise and the specific deliverables of the program.</p>	C&B	1.2	16/09/09
66	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Phone Conferences</b>            How many teleconferences have been held by the Minister with overseas events or conferences over the last year?            What funding has been provided for such teleconferences?            What plans does the government have to commence or increase the use of teleconferences by the Minister?            How much has been spent on teleconferences over the last year? How much is planned to be spent over the coming year?</p>	C&B	1.2	31/07/09

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67	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Graduates program</b>                      Is the department cutting back on its graduate intake? If so, by how much and when, and how many graduate places are being cut? To what areas in the department would these positions have gone? Has a date been set for when the program will be re-established?</p>	C&B	1.2	31/07/09
68	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Hospitality</b>                      What is the Department's hospitality spend for 2008-09? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.                      For the Minister's office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2008-09. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>	C&B	1.2	16/09/09
69	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Ministerial Travel</b>                      Has the Minister travelled overseas on official business in 2008-09?                      If so, where was the travel, what was the purpose and what was the duration?                      What was the total cost of:                      a) travel                      b) accommodation, and                      c) any other expenses?                      How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister?                      For these staff (please outline their position)/family what was the cost of:                      a) travel                      b) accommodation, and                      c) any other expenses?                      How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister?                      In relation to these Departmental officers (please outline their position), what was the total cost of:                      a) travel                      b) accommodation, and                      c) any other expenses?                      Were any costs or expenses, as covered above, met by private companies, unions or other organisations? If so, please provide details.                      Please detail total travel expenses met by the Department. In relation to all departmental travel expenses, please provide estimated resulting carbon emissions. Were any offsets purchased? If so, how many and at what cost?</p>	C&B	1.2	31/07/09
70	Written	Minchin	<p><b>Journals, films, reports and other research material</b>                      Does the Department pay for journals, films, reports and other research material for the Minister's office? Is there a Budget for these types or purchases? Are you able to provide details of such materials that have been purchased for the Minister's office since December 2007? Has the Minister's office agreed to purchase a Market Clarity Industry Atlas and if so when? What is the cost of this Atlas? Why is it required?</p>	C&B	1.2	31/07/09

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			What does the Department and Minister's office currently rely upon to know where existing infrastructure is located?			
71	ECA 4	Birmingham	<b>Senator Conroy attendance at Community Cabinet Meetings between June and September 2008</b> I just note that between June and September last year there were four community cabinet meetings and you only appear to have made one of them.	C&B	1.2	16/09/09
72	Written	Boyce	<b>Staffing</b> How many people with a disability were employed full-time and how many part-time? What classifications were these staff employed under? What percentage of staff in the Department had a disability at March 30, 2008 and March 30, 2009? What programs does the Department have to encourage the employment of people with a disability?	C&B	1.2	31/07/09
<b>Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television</b>						
73	ECA127	Ludlam	<b>Equipment required by consumers for receipt of NBN and Digital TV via satellite</b> Is the equipment that people will be installing and is the dish that will go onto the roof for the TV rollout likely be compatible with the infill services that are being proposed for the NBN rollout or are people going to have two separate dishes set in different directions at different satellites?	BDS	1.3	16/10/09
74	ECA127	Ludlam	<b>Information in Digital Tracker on types of aerials in use in Mildura</b> So the tracker survey did not go into the kinds of aerials that people have currently installed?	BDS	1.3	31/07/09
75	ECA131 (26/5/09)	Ludlam	<b>Community Broadcasters</b> How much do capital city community broadcasters need to make the transition?  How does that compare with what you have needed to appropriate for the digital pathway for the ABC and SBS, the public broadcasters, for example? The figure I have got here, so correct me if I am wrong, spread across three years is \$795 million. Does that sound about right?  For the upgrade path for ABC and SBS over three years, does that sound roughly right?	BDS	1.3	16/10/09
76	Written	Birmingham	<b>Community TV</b> Has the Government budgeted any funding to assist community broadcasters and regional broadcasters – television or radio – to support their transition to digital broadcasting?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
77	Written	Birmingham	<b>Community TV</b> Will the Government make an allocation of spectrum for community TV broadcasters? If so, when?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
78	Written	Birmingham	<b>Digital Switchover Taskforce Public Awareness Campaign</b> With reference to Question on Notice 44 from	BDS	1.3	16/09/09

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			February Additional Estimates, does the \$1,034,198.36 paid to BMF in relation to the Digital Switchover Taskforce Public Awareness Campaign include the purchase of airtime for the placement of advertisements? If not, how much has been spent and how much is budgeted to be spent on advertisements for this campaign? Please break down the \$1,034,198.36 payment between creative, production and any airtime purchases.			
79	Written	Birmingham	<b>Digital Switchover Taskforce Public Awareness Campaign</b> Have free-to-air networks provided any free airtime for advertisements relating to the Digital Switchover Taskforce Public Awareness Campaign?	BDS	1.3	31/07/09
80	Written	Birmingham	<b>Transmitters</b> How many transmitters are owned by parties other than broadcasters? Please break down by ownership group (i.e. local government, community self help group etc).  How many households or premises are estimated to be covered by these transmitters?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
81	Written	Bushby	<b>Television Black Spots Program</b> Will the Government implement a Television Black Spots Program to address digital blackspots in the lead up to the switch-off of analogue television signals?  What other solutions are the Government working on to ensure digital television signals to all households in the country by the time analogue signals are switched off?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
82	Written	Hanson-Young	<b>Sexualisation of children</b> Has the Government formally responded to the recommendations from the Senate inquiry into the sexualisation of children in the contemporary media environment that handed down its final report on Jun 26 2008?  If so, what Government measures have been implemented to protect young children?  If not is there a timeframe for response?	BDS	1.3	31/07/09
83	Written	Ludlam	<b>Digital Tracker</b> In view of the work on domestic aerial systems in Mildura DBCDE's answer to Question on Notice from 23 February 66 (a), (b) and (c) revealed would be undertaken by ACMA, what were the results of any questions asked in the Tracker survey concerning what aerials respondents used in Mildura?  What did those responses indicate to DBCDE concerning the state of readiness for digital terrestrial reception of those aerials?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09

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			From the Tracker what proportion of TV homes in Mildura have at least one TV set attached to a portable indoor TV aerial?			
84	Written	Ludlam	<b>Digital Tracker</b> One of the major “negatives” the Tracker reported regarding digital was “reception difficulties”. To what extent do you think these difficulties are contributed to by the need for a significant upgrade of a significant number of domestic aerial systems?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
85	Written	Ludlam	<b>Digital Tracker</b> If a house finds itself having to replace its current terrestrial aerial system and get those signals to all rooms where terrestrial TV is received, would such a digital conversion be likely to justify a description of “a simple and inexpensive task”. Would such house be likely to find that the cost of a set top box would only be a small proportion of its cost to convert to digital?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
86	Written	Ludlam	<b>New Satellite Services</b> The new satellite services for Mildura will include the ABC and SBS HD and main SD channels. Is it true that apart from the resolution of the picture there is no content difference between the ABC and SBS HD and main SD channels? Why would the Government pay for the satellite capacity to carry two identical content services of the ABC and SBS? If the ABC and SBS SD simulcast services were not carried is it true that 2 other SD broadcasting services with unique content could be carried within the same budget set aside for the satellite services?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
87	Written	Minchin	<b>DST – Digital ready Conference</b> Further to the answer provided on notice, are you now in a position to provide a final reconciliation on the costs of the digital ready conference? What proportion of total expenses was offset by delegate registration, sponsorship, etc?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
88	Written	Minchin	<b>DST – Community Liaison Officer</b> When will the Community Liaison Officer be appointed in the Mildura switchover area? Is the Community Liaison Officer a paid position? How will the Community Liaison Officers be recruited and appointed?	BDS	1.3	31/07/09
89	Written	Minchin	<b>DST – Communications</b> Can you confirm that in 2009/10, you are budgeting to spend approximately \$12 million on communication campaigns regarding switchover, \$17.8m in 2010/11 and \$8.6m in 2011/12? How much do you anticipate having spent on information/communications activities regarding switchover this financial year? Can you provide an itemised costing for this communications plan for the current FY - Including the number of print, tv and radio advertisements?	BDS	1.3	31/07/09
90	Written	Ludlam	<b>NITV and Community TV</b> The Government has appropriated \$795m for just ABC and SBS digital and analog distribution and	BDS	1.3	16/09/09

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			transmission operational expenses for the next 3 years. When is it going to provide digital TV spectrum and relevant funding to NITV and Capital City Community TV for digital TV distribution and transmission?			
91	Written	Ludlam	<b>NITV and Community TV</b> What is the future for the digital TV trial run by Broadcast Australia in Sydney which carries at no charge the NITV service? What would happen to these NITV transmissions were the new owners of Broadcast Australia to close the trial down?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
92	Written	Ludlam	<b>NITV and Community TV</b> When the Government determines the digital conversion for the Capital City Community TV stations in the metropolitan markets and Lismore will it provide separate digital spectrum on that frequency to NITV as well? If not, and assuming a standard definition version of the Community TV services would take at most only 25% of the capacity of that frequency, who would use the remaining transmission capacity and when would that use be allocated and how?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09
93	Written	Ludlam	<b>NITV and Community TV</b> NITV is already provided to the Mildura TV market via: a) Free-to-air Aurora satellite for those who decide to buy a separate satellite reception facility just for NITV; and b) Via the basic tier of Neighborhood Cable's cable system and Austar's satellite platform. Given its current penetration into the Mildura market, if there is room on the transponder used to provide the new satellite services to Mildura would the Government consider providing the NITV service to those homes in Mildura who will need to avail themselves of these new satellite services?	BDS	1.3	16/09/09

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94	ECA 7	Abetz	<b>Post Office Boxes at Hobart GPO</b> Can you confirm that Australia Post has removed the nomenclature of GPO Boxes from the Hobart city location?	Australia Post	10/08/09
95	ECA 7/8	Abetz	<b>Licensee Advisory Council (LAC)</b> How many full time Australia Post staff work on LAC matters? Has Australia Post engaged any consultants to work on LAC related matters? Is the LAC a wholly owned subsidiary of Australia Post? How often are LAC elections held? What was the total cost of LAC elections in 2008? What is the composition of the LAC – Australia Post staff and Licensees? What roles does a director of the LAC have in relation to compliance monitoring, performance and those sorts of things? Are directors of the LAC paid a fee?	Australia Post	10/08/09
96	Written	Abetz	<b>Licensee Advisory Council (LAC) - Staff and Resources</b> How many full-time Australia Post staff work on LAC matters? Please indicate total amount of full time staff that work for the national LAC and the total amount that work for the state LACs. If there is no full-time staff working for the LAC, how many FTE work on LAC matters? Are the staff working for the LAC paid by Australia Post? Has Australia Post engaged any consultants to work on LAC-related matters? a) Please provide details for 2007/08 and 2008/09 financial years. Has the LAC raised any funds from outside of Australia Post revenues, eg advertising? Is the Australia Post LAC a wholly owned subsidiary of Australia Post? What was the cost of operating the LAC in 2007/08? What is the projected cost of operations of the LAC in 2008/09? What was the total cost of LAC elections in 2008?	Australia Post	10/08/09
97	Written	Abetz	<b>Licensee Advisory Council (LAC) - LAC Directors</b> What role do the Directors of the LAC have? Please give details with regard to: a) Compliance b) Monitoring performance c) Strategic planning d) Reporting to members of the LAC e) Any other duties the Directors may carry out for the LAC Is there a management team that reports to the LAC Board? How are Australia Post's LAC Directors appointed?	Australia Post	10/08/09
98	Written	Abetz	<b>Licensee Advisory Council (LAC) – General</b> Will Australia Post consider holding State and National LAC meetings by teleconference or video conference due to current economic circumstances and in an effort to lower costs? Does Australia Post prefer Licensees from capital city locations for its State and National LAC committees and Board? Do committee and Board members of State and National LAC have all their out of pocket expenses reimbursed by	Australia Post	10/08/09

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			Australia Post? Do Licensee members of State and National LAC Committees and Boards have sufficient numbers to carry a vote?		
99	ECA 8	Abetz	<b>Licensee State Conferences</b> Is Australia Post going to hold annual Licensee conferences in every state this year?	Australia Post	10/08/09
100	Written	Abetz	<b>State LPO Conferences</b> Will Australia Post hold LPO Conferences in every State this year? What were the attendance figures for each of the State LPO Conferences held in 2008? How many LPOs were represented? Has Australia Post engaged a professional conference organiser to organise the 2009 Conferences? What is the cost to exhibitors for a booth/stand at an Australia Post LPO conference in 2009? Are there any variations in the costs to exhibitors? How does Australia Post select the exhibitors at the LPO Conferences? Have any exhibitors been denied the opportunity to exhibit at the LPO Conference? If so, why? In 2008, how much did Australia Post spend on the LPO Conferences, including all costs such as staff, travel, venue hire, promotions, printing, catering? What was the total income for the 2008 State LPO Conferences? In 2008, did Australia Post show a profit from the LPO Conferences? Does Australia Post plan on holding LPO conferences in 2010 considering the amount of work and resources involved and the current economic climate?	Australia Post	10/08/09
101	ECA 9	Abetz	<b>Express Post Articles</b> If a plane gets in late with Express Post articles, are you looking at compensating Licensees for any special trips they may have to make to ensure that Express Post articles are delivered on time to the customer?	Australia Post	10/08/09
102	Written	Abetz	<b>Express Post – late delivery</b> What efforts does Australia Post take to deliver Express Post mail items which may arrive at a destination late due to, for example, late arrival of an interstate flight, broken sorting equipment, or missorts? Has Australia Post performed a cost/benefit analysis on delivering the late arriving items compared to giving the customer a replacement Express Post envelope/satchel? Has Australia Post considered amending its guarantee to take allowance of bad weather, eg fog preventing flights from landing on time to meet the delivery schedule?	Australia Post	31/07/09
103	ECA 9	Abetz	<b>Insurance Brokers</b> Does Australia Post have an arrangement with two insurance brokers to promote insurance services to Licensees and Mail Contractors?	Australia Post	31/07/09
104	ECA 10	Abetz	<b>Dog Attacks</b> Concerning your previous reply to QoN 182 about dog attacks on mail contractors being “appropriately followed up” – can you explain what “appropriately followed up” means?	Australia Post	31/07/09
105	ECA 11	Minchin	<b>New Headquarters building</b>	Australia	31/07/09



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			Can you provide details of the rentals you currently pay for the different properties you currently occupy around Melbourne, what you will be paying in the new premises and the relevant size?	Post	<b>Revised</b> answer 02/09/09
106	ECA 12	Abetz	<b>Prescribed lifetime of vehicles</b> Is it a requirement that Licensees and Contractors have vehicles that are not over five years old?	Australia Post	31/07/09
107	ECA 23	Minchin	<b>Passport fraud allegation</b> Is there any suggestion of breach of contract (with DFAT) in relation to this matter?	Australia Post	10/08/09
108	ECA 26	Birmingham	<b>Bicentenary Celebrations</b> Can you give us details of how the \$1.5 million is apportioned across the different celebrations?	Australia Post	31/07/09
109	ECA 28	Birmingham	<b>Beijing Olympics - Hospitality</b> Did you do any follow up assessments of value gained from such activities?	Australia Post	31/07/09
110	ECA 29/30	Birmingham	<b>Consultancies</b> Can you provide us with any headline details of what the major consultancies out of your \$60 million (2008/09 forecast) may be? What is your budget for 2009/10 in terms of consultancy expenditure?	Australia Post	10/08/09
111	ECA30	Birmingham	<b>Media and Communication</b> <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b> —Thank you. Lastly on these areas, I note in response to question on notice No. 205, on the media spend on recurrent promotion of commercial products et cetera, that for the calendar year 2008 you forecast an expenditure of \$6.6 million and for 2008 09, until 28 February, that expenditure was just \$2.68 million. That appears, unless it is quite backloaded into the financial year, to be a reduction across two different 12 month periods. Is there a reduction in those activities?	Australia Post	31/07/09
112	ECA 32	Wortley	<b>Mercedes Benz Mail Vans</b> Is it the case that if changes to the vans were made (i.e. installation of rear side windows) they would not be able to carry out the function for which you sought the vans in the first place?	Australia Post	31/07/09
113	ECA 32	Wortley	<b>Leightonfield Delivery Centre</b> Is the management representative at the centre of the complaint and allegations by Mr Brett Griffin now located at the Seven Hills delivery facility acting in a position at a higher level?	Australia Post	10/08/09
114	ECA 32	Wortley	<b>Facility Nominated Doctor</b> Was Ms Pamela Emmanuel, an employee at the Parcel Centre at Chullora, directed to attend a Facility Nominated Doctor after she had notified an injury and made a claim for workers compensation with a medical certificate from her treating doctor for three days off work due to her work related injury?	Australia Post	10/08/09
115	ECA 33	Abetz	<b>Bicentenary documentary – The Stamp of Australia Post</b> What sort of cost is the DVD?	Australia Post	31/07/09
116	ECA 34	Wortley	<b>Cheque clearance times</b> Why do cheque clearances take so long when they are deposited through Australia Post and what happens to the funds in the interim? Is Australia Post attempting to reduce clearance times for cheques and deposits made at post offices?	Australia Post	10/08/09

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117	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Channel enablement project</b>                      Has Australia Post embarked on a project to upgrade its point-of-sale retail terminals?                      Is there a proposal currently with the Board, awaiting budget approval?                      What will be some of the benefits of upgrading Australia Post's point-of-sale retail technology?                      Can Australia Post give the Committee an indication of what the project is likely to cost?                      How will Australia Post fund this project in light of the special dividend it paid the Government last year?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09
118	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Couriers</b>                      How many contractors are engaged as MessengerPost drivers?                      Is there a standard contract for MessengerPost couriers and a standard payment scheme?                      Do contracts with MessengerPost couriers have the flexibility to take into account movements in fuel price and CPI increases?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09
119	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Deliver</b>                      What is the maximum time per day that Australia Post transport drivers can spend on the road? Are the maximum times legislative requirements or part of an EBA?                      How does Australia Post calculate the estimated hours required for delivery for a mail contract?                      If a Contractor finds that they are spending excessive hours on the road, how can the Contractor remedy the situation in consultation with Australia Post?</p>	Australia Post	31/07/09
120	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Oversize and overweight parcels</b>                      How does Australia Post ensure that oversize or overweight parcels are only handled by suitably equipped mail facilities, post offices or delivery contractors?                      What does Australia Post do if an unauthorised overweight or oversize parcel is accepted into the mail delivery stream?</p>	Australia Post	31/07/09
121	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Age of Vehicles used by Mail Contractors and sub-Contractors</b>                      Does Australia Post specify what sort of vehicles (eg, van, 4WD) are to be used for a mail contract?                      Does Australia Post demand that vehicles used on mail contracts are less than five years old? If so, how does Australia Post check this requirement?                      Does Australia Post check that vehicles used by subcontractors meet Australia Post's requirements?                      What action does Australia Post take if a Contractor's vehicle is found to be unsatisfactory? For example, if it is an old vehicle, unreliable, in bad repair, or is in such a state that it reflects poorly upon Australia Post.</p>	Australia Post	31/07/09
122	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Peel &amp; stick labels v regular gummed labels</b>                      How many airmail labels does Australia Post have printed each year? How many are actually used on postage items?                      Has Australia Post assessed the health risks posed by communal sponges or other devices used in the public space of post offices to wet stamps and airmail stickers?                      a) If so, how were the assessments carried out, and by whom?                      Has Australia Post investigated producing peel-and-stick airmail stickers similar to those used in New Zealand and the UK?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09

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			<p>a) Airmail stickers can be handed out over the counter to save wastage</p> <p>b) Airmail stickers could be put in mini-sheets and sold for a nominal sum</p> <p>It would be practical to produce overseas stamps in a booklet form with airmail stickers enclosed, similar to Christmas stamp booklets. Has this option been considered?</p>		
123	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Transfer of business</b> Does Australia Post have a policy regarding transferring business away from LPOs to corporate offices?</p> <p>a. If so, please give details of that policy.</p> <p>b. Please provide detail of how the policy is communicated to relevant staff, including Australia Post sales staff.</p> <p>c. Are precautions taken to ensure that Australia Post does not cannibalise its own business by transferring business from one type of outlet to another?</p> <p>Does Australia Post offer discounts on postage or products to customers as an incentive to lodge mail at a corporate outlet rather than an LPO?</p> <p>What other incentives has Australia Post offered customers to transfer business away from an LPO?</p> <p>Does Australia Post reimburse the Licensee for business revenue lost when a business customer is transferred to an Australia Post corporate outlet?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09
124	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Mail Contractors</b> Are all Mail Contracts allocated following a competitive tender process?</p> <p>Are Australia Post staff members involved in the mail contract tendering process obliged to disclose personal relationships with tenderers?</p> <p>Is the assessment of tenders subject to any external or internal review?</p> <p>If a tenderer has concerns regarding the integrity of the tender process, to whom can they address their concerns?</p> <p>Is Australia Post aware of any instances where Australia Post staff members have disclosed the details of tenders received to another prospective tenderer? If so, was any disciplinary action taken?</p> <p>How does Australia Post ensure the integrity of the tendering process?</p> <p>Are tenders opened in advance of the close of tenders? Or are all tenders opened at the same time?</p> <p>Is there any scope within the mail contract tendering process for late tenders to be accepted?</p> <p>Has the new eTendering system had any impact on the tendering process?</p> <p>Are any mail contracts advertised exclusively through Australia Post's website?</p> <p>How was eTendering promoted?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09
125	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Drivers</b> Can you outline what programs are available for driver training for Australia Post employees?</p> <p>When was the last time that a driver training program for new drivers was provided at Underwood Transport Depot in Queensland?</p> <p>What in-service driver training is provided for Australia</p>	Australia Post	02/09/09

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			<p>Post drivers, especially long haul drivers?</p> <p>How much time does Australia Post allow for a trip in a single trailer from Brisbane to Dubbo? What was the time allowed in 2004?</p> <p>Does Australia Post use a single or a B-double truck for this run?</p> <p>What emphasis does Australia Post place on road safety, both for their drivers and for the community?</p> <p>What is the schedule of breaks permitted for drivers on runs which exceed six hours in length?</p> <p>Is it true that, as a cost-cutting exercise, in the five weeks leading up to Christmas, the Underwood depot has significantly reduced the number of deliveries it does, compared with 2004?</p> <p>In the past ten years, how many drivers with less than six months experience have been involved in crashes since 2004?</p> <p>Does Australia Post have any in-house driver-trainers at Underwood? If so, how many and what is their level of accreditation?</p> <p>Can Australia Post provide a list giving the ratios of Km driven per accident for all years between 2000 and 2008 for the Underwood depot?</p>		
126	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Delivery Trucks</b></p> <p>In relation to the Bundaberg-Maryborough-Sunshine Coast run, what was the extra cost for travel allowance and overtime, per week, when this run was conducted by Australia Post drivers? What is the current weekly cost now that the run has been contracted to a firm in Bundaberg?</p> <p>Is it true that when an Australia Post B-double truck gets to Gladstone, at around 9pm, it must stop and de-couple a trailer because the local council won't let B-doubles in at that time of night?</p> <p>Is it true that a single trailer would be allowed into Gladstone at that time of night? Is it also true that Australia Post pays for a security guard to watch the trailer until such time as it is able to be collected? What is the annualised cost for employing this security guard?</p> <p>Is it true that before 2000, Australia Post drivers were able to provide 'next day' mail on the Brisbane-Bundaberg-Gladstone-Rockhampton-Mackay run? Is Australia Post able to do so now?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09
127	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Stock Distribution and Warehousing (relates to q223 from Feb Est)</b></p> <p>Can Australia Post confirm that it has further centralised its stock ordering?</p> <p>Is any stock held at State level for emergency orders?</p> <p>Are stock orders for LPOs sent in one order? Are the orders sent by Express Post?</p> <p>What is the timeframe for receipt of stock orders for all States? Have delivery times increased due to stock being distributed from interstate?</p> <p>Are there cost savings to Australia Post in centralising stock distribution?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09
128	Written	Abetz	<p><b>Sequencing Mail (relates to q226 from Feb Est)</b></p> <p>Australia Post responded to this question by noting that the capability for sequencing mail for private boxes would be</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09

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			<p>considered as part of the Future Delivery Design Program. Has the Future Delivery Design Program commenced? Will Australia Post be seeking input from all players in relation to this Program?</p> <p>Does Australia Post currently provide sequenced mail for any corporate post offices?</p> <p>Has Australia Post performed a cost/benefit analysis for sequencing mail versus hand sorting at post offices? (with regard to both Corporate and Licensed outlets)</p>		
129	Written	Hutchins	<p><b>Staffing</b></p> <p>I understand that nearly 170 Full Time equivalent positions will be abolished by shutting down your Sydney call centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How many actual people will lose their jobs out of the Sydney centre – not just Full Time Equivalents?</li> <li>▪ How many jobs will affected call centre workers be able to transfer to within Australia Post when Australia Post shuts this centre down?</li> <li>▪ Will Australia Post guarantee that every call centre worker who wants to stay with Post will have a job with Post?</li> <li>▪ If so, where precisely in Australia Post’s Sydney operations are there similar jobs available to accommodate these affected employees?</li> </ul>	Australia Post	31/07/09
130	Written	Hutchins	<p><b>Staffing</b></p> <p>Following these latest proceedings before the Australian Industrial Relations Commission held on Tuesday, 19 May, an employee by the name of Pamela Emmanuel who is employed at the Sydney Parcel Facility at Chullora NSW was directed to attend an FND after she had notified an injury, made a claim for workers compensation with a medical certificate from her treating doctor for 3 days off work due to her work related injury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What was the reason for directing this employee to a FND and threatening her with disciplinary action if she didn’t attend the FND?</li> </ul> <p>I understand that the FND has assessed the employee fit for duty with restrictions. I also understand the employee is following the assessment and treatment by her treating doctor where she is fully incapacitated for 3 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will the FND assessment be given to the workers compensation section of Australia Post as evidence of accepting the opinion of the FND against the treating doctor to deny this employee her workers compensation claim?</li> <li>▪ On what basis does Australia Post have the authority to direct an employee to attend an FND under fitness for duty and under duress with threats of disciplinary action if she failed to do so, and then pass that medical assessment to the workers compensation section for determining workers compensation claims?</li> <li>▪ Is the Australia Post workers compensation section independent of Australia Post management? Can it make its decisions independent of line management?</li> <li>▪ Does this process of administering workers compensation claims comply with Commonwealth OH&amp;S laws, the <i>Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act</i> and associated regulations and</li> </ul>	Australia Post	10/08/09

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			<p>Australia Post's licensed provisions provided for by Comcare?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will Ms Emmanuel have her Workers compensation claim approved and if not, on what basis?</li> </ul>		
131	Written	Hutchins	<p><b>Staffing</b> I refer you to a matter involving FNDs associated with an employee by the name of Mr Glenn Davies who is employed at the Kirrawee Delivery Facility. On 14 April Mr Davies sustained an injury at work. Like Ms Emmanuel he was directed to attend an FND under fitness for duty reasons despite being a work related injury. The FND name is a Dr Britten who found Mr Davies unfit for 1 Day due to his injury. Following this advice by this Dr Britten to management, Mr Davies was directed to attend another FND for further assessment in which Mr Davies declined and rang his Union. I understand that following Union intervention the second FND appointment was cancelled by management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Could you please advise of the reasons for initially requiring Mr Davies to attend a second FND and could you please provide the name of the HR representative who we understand was advising the local management to make such arrangements for a second FND appointment.</li> <li>▪ Like Ms Emmanuel could you please advise whether Mr Davies will have his workers compensation claim accepted and if not, why not?</li> </ul>	Australia Post	10/08/09
132	Written	Hutchins	<p><b>Complaint</b> Senator Wortley referred to the case of an Australia Post employee, Brett Griffin in Estimates on 25 May 2009. Is Australia Post aware of the seriousness and nature of the complaint made by Mr Griffin? Is Australia Post aware of the complaint by Mr Griffin involving serious allegations relating to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. unlawful work practices imposed on him by management resulting in an injury sustained by Mr Griffin?</li> <li>b. Management purposely interfering with workers compensation processes to result in Mr Griffin not receiving workers compensation entitlements?</li> <li>c. Threatening to force Mr Griffin off work onto sick leave and/or out of employment with Post because of his injury?</li> <li>d. Placing Mr Griffin in an office with no work during the period of his injury?</li> <li>e. Is Australia Post aware that this investigation continues and has not been finalised despite numerous enquires made by Mr Metcher for investigation and findings to be concluded?</li> <li>f. Is Australia Post aware that the management representative at the centre of the complaint and allegations made by Mr Griffin is now located at the Seven Hills Delivery Facility acting in a position at a higher level?</li> <li>g. Is it normal practice for Australia Post to reward their managers with temporary promotions during an</li> </ol>	Australia Post	10/08/09

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			<p>investigation that is considered to be very serious indeed?</p> <p>h. Can Australia Post advise when this investigation will be completed and can Australia Post provide a copy of their investigation report, findings and any recommendations to both me and the Minister accordingly given I am sure the Minister would have an interest in the outcome of the investigation given the approach made by Mr Griffin to both him and Mr Metcher for help in the first instance that has caused for this investigation to occur?</p>		
133	Written	Parry	<p><b>Mail Scams</b>                      In light of the scams that many Australians have been victim to over the last few years (like the scams from Nigeria and other African nations) is there any policy that Australia Post has in double checking financial transactions to countries like Nigeria and Sierra Leone?                      Is there at least a warning that your officers give to people that are transferring money at all?                      Are your officers made aware of recent scams circulating as a matter of course?</p>	Australia Post	10/08/09
134	ECA 40	Lundy	<p><b>Rating of Sport on ABC2</b>                      Can you provide the committee with any information about the respective ratings of the football and the WNBL, and how it performed as content?</p>	ABC	02/09/09
135	ECA 40	Lundy	<p><b>Penetration of ABC2</b>                      Could you provide details of the penetration of ABC2 to date?</p>	ABC	10/08/09
136	ECA 40	Lundy	<p><b>Coverage of Event based Women's Sport</b>                      Could you provide the committee with an outline of the range of commitments the ABC has entered into with respect to event based coverage of sport that women play?</p>	ABC	02/09/09
137	ECA 43	Troeth	<p><b>Correction of Incorrect Report issued by United Nations on AM program</b>                      Can the ABC provide a record of the findings of the investigation when completed? Has the ABC corrected the record regarding false allegations broadcast on the AM program on 6 May?</p>	ABC	02/09/09
138	ECA 44	Abetz	<p><b>Apologies Concerning Pro-Israeli Bias</b>                      Has there been a requirement for any on-air apology or retraction or editor's note in relation to a story that might be deemed as being too pro the Israel point of view?</p>	ABC	10/08/09
139	ECA 46	Abetz	<p><b>SMS Texts by ABC during 2007 Election</b>                      Can the ABC provide copies of the content of texts sent by SMS during the 2007 election period?</p>	ABC	10/08/09
140	ECA 53	Abetz	<p><b>Leave Arrangements for Peter Lloyd</b>                      Was Peter Lloyd on sick leave at the time of his arrest? When did he plead guilty? Did the ABC know that Peter Lloyd intended to plead guilty? If so, why was he continued in employment until 3 December?</p>	ABC	02/09/09
141	ECA 54	Wortley	<p><b>New ABC Children's Television Channel</b>                      Where will the children's channel be located and how many jobs will be created?</p>	ABC	10/08/09
142	ECA55	Wortley	<p><b>Programming Production Positions</b>                      In relation to the five programming production positions, will they be located in one location?</p>	ABC	02/09/09
143	ECA 55	Wortley	<p><b>Jobs in Independent Production Sector</b>                      Has the independent production sector given the ABC any</p>	ABC	10/08/09

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			indication of the number of jobs that are likely to be created through the commissioning of Australian children's television content?		
144	ECA 55	Wortley	<b>Australian Drama Hours</b> How many hours of original Australian drama were broadcast annually on the ABC on average over the last decade?	ABC	02/09/09
145	ECA 60	Ludlam	<b>Funding of External Production</b> Can you provide an estimate of the proportion of funds contracted by the ABC to external providers of production in the last financial year and an estimate of the leverage this provided?	ABC	10/08/09
146	ECA 60	Ludlam	<b>Joint Projects with Commercial Broadcasters</b> Does the ABC currently have any projects or proposals for joint productions with the commercial and subscription broadcasting sector?	ABC	10/08/09
147	ECA 61	Ludlam	<b>Australian Drama Hours</b> Can the ABC estimate how many hours of Australian drama will be produced with the new funding in the second and third years of the next triennium?	ABC	02/09/09
148	ECA 61	Birmingham	<b>Percentage of Australian Content</b> What percentage of overall drama would be Australian content at the 90 hour range?	ABC	02/09/09
149	ECA 67	Minchin	<b>Cost of Regional Broadband Hubs</b> Can you provide a breakdown of how the funding of \$8 million provided for the 15 regional broadband hubs will be allocated?	ABC	02/09/09
150	ECA 70	Ludlam	<b>Venues for Play School Concerts</b> Can you provide details of the venues used by the ABC for public <i>Play School</i> concerts?	ABC	10/08/09
151	ECA 71	Ludlam	<b>Contractual Arrangements for Play School Concerts</b> Can you provide details of the contractual arrangements between the ABC and the company Kids Promotions for providing the <i>Play School</i> concerts? How long has Kids Promotions had the contract and do the licensed clubs pay the ABC directly?	ABC	02/09/09
152	ECA 71	Ludlam	<b>Branding and Revenue for the ABC</b> What ABC branding do the concerts have and what revenue is derived by the ABC from this arrangement?	ABC	10/08/09
153	ECA 71	Ludlam	<b>Use of ABC Brand in Licensed Premises</b> Is the ABC aware of any concerns raised about the potential impact on children and parents and on the ABC brands?	ABC	10/08/09
154	ECA 73	Minchin	<b>Interviews on the ABC</b> At what point in the interview process does recording of persons being interviewed in ABC studios commence and should they be notified that recording has commenced?	ABC	02/09/09
155	ECA 74	Birmingham	<b>ABC Investigation of Misconduct by Stephen Crittenden</b> What misconduct was ultimately found in that matter?	ABC	10/08/09
156	ECA 75	Birmingham	<b>Guidelines for Broadcast of Personal Views by ABC staff</b> What proactive steps have been taken since the Crittenden incident?	ABC	02/09/09
157	ECA 75	Birmingham	<b>Use of ABC Footage on You Tube</b> Was the employee who posted ABC owned footage on You Tube asked to resign?	ABC	02/09/09



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158	ECA 80/81	Ludlam	<b>Commercial Details of Harper Collins Partnership</b> Can the ABC provide details of its commercial partnership with publisher Harper Collins, including how payment to Harper Collins is calculated? How often has the ABC rejected a book proposal from Harper Collins under the new contract?	ABC	10/08/09
159	ECA 81	Ludlam	<b>Staffing of ABC books</b> How many staff did ABC Books have prior to the announcement of the Harper Collins contract? What were their roles? How many staff does ABC Books now employ? How many editorial staff are there in ABC Books and what is the size of the Unit?	ABC	10/08/09
160	ECA 81	Ludlam	<b>Number of Books Published</b> How many books has ABC Books commissioned and how many books has ABC Books published in each of the three financial years leading up to this one? How many books does the ABC estimate will be published under the new arrangements?	ABC	10/08/09
161	ECA 82	Ludlam	<b>Promotion of Product from Commercial Agreements</b> Can the ABC provide a copy of legal advice that the ABC can promote products produced in commercial partnerships?	ABC	10/08/09
162	Written	Birmingham	<b>ABC program complaints</b> (a) How many complaints have been received this financial year? Please detail and group by program or incident. (b) How long did it take to assess/resolve these complaints? (c) How many of these complaints were upheld and how many dismissed? What were the outcomes of those upheld?	ABC	02/09/09
163	Written	Birmingham	<b>Hours of Australian Content</b> How many hours of Australian content were broadcast for each of the last five years, broken down by category (drama, sport, news etc) and what was the amount invested in each of those categories?	ABC	02/09/09 + 1 att't
164	Written	Birmingham	<b>Hours of New Australian Content</b> How many hours of new Australian content were broadcast for each of the last five years, broken down by category (drama, sport, news etc) and what was the amount invested in each of those categories?	ABC	02/09/09
165	Written	Birmingham	<b>Forecast Hours of Australian Content</b> How many hours of Australian content are forecast to be broadcast in the coming financial year and other years covered by the triennial funding agreement, broken down by category, and what is the amount forecast to be invested in each category?	ABC	02/09/09
166	Written	Birmingham	<b>Forecast Hours of New Australian Content</b> How many hours of new Australian content are forecast to be broadcast in the coming financial year and other years covered by the triennial funding agreement, broken down by category, and what is the amount forecast to be invested in each category?	ABC	02/09/09
167	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – 3 June 2009</b> In relation to the program of The Chaser's War on Everything of Wednesday 3 June 2009, I was particularly disgusted by the 'Making A Realistic Wish Foundation' segment. In relation to this segment, please advise the	ABC	10/08/09

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			<p>following.</p> <p>(a) The total number of complaints which were received about this segment.</p> <p>(b) Who made the decision to send the segment to air?</p> <p>(c) What process for review consideration or otherwise vetting process occurred prior to the decision to send the segment to air?</p> <p>(d) Was the segment subject to any review or consideration prior to the decision to send the segment to air? If so please provide details of the date of such consideration or review, the person who considered or reviewed the segment, and the reasoning of that person to proceed with the segment.</p> <p>(e) Name each member of ABC staff or management who viewed the offending segment prior to it going to air.</p> <p>(f) In the lead-up to the segment going to air, did anyone suggest that the sketch not go to air but that suggestion or decision was over-ridden? If so, please provide details of the person who made the suggestion and the reasons why he or she was over-ridden.</p> <p>(g) Was any legal advice sought by any person in the ABC in relation to the segment? If so, what was the nature of the legal advice sought and provided, including any in-house legal advice or external legal advice.</p> <p>(h) What were the production costs associated with this segment?</p> <p>(i) Were any of the participants in the sketch related to any person employed at the ABC?</p> <p>(j) How were the actors sought for the segment, and what, if any remuneration did they receive?</p> <p>(k) What information was provided to the participants or their parent/s, or guardian/s?</p> <p>(l) Was any person at the ABC aware that any of the participants were or had been cancer sufferers?</p> <p>(m) Was any contact made by any person at the ABC with the Make-A-Wish Foundation?</p> <p>(n) In relation to any footage or usage of any logos in the segment, is the ABC aware of any breach or potential breach of copyright?</p> <p>(o) Where was the sketch filmed? If the segment was filmed at other than an ABC studio location, please provide details as to the location where the segment was filmed, any person or persons from that location who knew or had otherwise authorised the filming of the segment, and what information was provided to the owners/occupiers of the premises where the sketch was filmed.</p>		
168	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<p><b>The Chaser's War on Everything – Article in <i>The Australian</i></b></p> <p>I refer to the article in <i>The Australian</i> dated 9 June 2009 regarding the offending segment. Please advise of Ms Duthie's position including her immediate supervisor and the "chain of command" to the Managing Director Mr Scott.</p>	ABC	10/08/09
169	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<p><b>The Chaser's War on Everything – 3 June 2009 – Editorial Guidelines</b></p> <p>Please outline the editorial policies and guidelines that Ms Duthie or any other person in her position ought to have</p>	ABC	10/08/09

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			considered and complied with prior to sending the segment to air.		
170	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – Action Taken by ABC</b> What action has been taken in relation to the controversy surrounding this segment, including what specific action has been taken regarding Ms Duthie and the members of the Chaser team.	ABC	10/08/09
171	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – Editorial Guidelines</b> Please outline what guidelines and policies are in place to deal with material normally sent to air by The Chaser's War On Everything.	ABC	10/08/09
172	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – Total Number of Complaints</b> Since The Chaser's War On Everything first went to air, how many complaints have been received by the ABC regarding any of their programs? In relation to each complaint, please outline what action the ABC took to deal with each complaint.	ABC	10/08/09
173	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – Breaches of Law</b> Since The Chaser's War On Everything first went to air, please advise each instance or circumstance where any member of the Chaser team has been involved in any contravention, alleged contravention, breach, or alleged breach, of any Australian or overseas law.	ABC	10/08/09
174	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – Total of Legal Expenses</b> Since The Chaser's War On Everything first went to air, please provide details of all legal expenses including legal consultations, appearance costs, fees, or other related expenses incurred by the ABC related to any segment or action undertaken by The Chaser team.	ABC	10/08/09
175	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>ABC Legal Costs and Expenses</b> Please provide details of all legal costs and expenses incurred by the ABC over the last 5 years, including in the financial year to-date.	ABC	10/08/09
176	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>Legal Expenses Associated with any Chaser Segment</b> What component of the legal expenses is directly associated or indirectly associated with any Chaser segment?	ABC	10/08/09
177	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – Annual Budget</b> Please outline the annual budget for The Chaser's War On Everything for the last 5 years including in the financial year to-date.	ABC	10/08/09
178	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>The Chaser's War on Everything – 28 April 2009</b> In relation to the segment in The Chaser's War On Everything relating to the incident at the Vatican on 28 April 2009, please advise the following.  (a) The total number of complaints which were received about this segment. (b) Who made the decision to send the segment to air? (c) What process for review consideration or otherwise vetting process occurred prior to the decision to send the segment to air? (d) Was the segment subject to any review or consideration prior to the decision to send the segment to air? If so please provide details of the date of such	ABC	10/08/09

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			<p>consideration or review, the person who considered or reviewed the segment, and the reasoning of that person to proceed with the segment.</p> <p>(e) Name each member of ABC staff or management who viewed the offending segment prior to it going to air.</p> <p>(f) In the lead-up to the segment going to air, did anyone suggest that the sketch not go to air but that suggestion or decision was over-ridden? If so, please provide details of the person who made the suggestion and the reasons why he or she was over-ridden.</p> <p>(g) Was any legal advice sought by any person in the ABC in relation to the segment? If so, what was the nature of the legal advice sought and provided, including any in-house legal advice or external legal advice?</p> <p>(h) Given the location of the segment, did anyone at the ABC seek advice (legal or otherwise) in relation to potential breaches or offences that could arise from the segment under Italian and/or Vatican jurisdiction?</p> <p>(i) What were the production costs associated with this segment?</p> <p>(j) Please provide details of the incident including any recourse to diplomatic assistance, interaction, detention and questioning by Italian and/or Vatican authorities.</p> <p>(k) Please provide details of any legal or other costs incurred by the ABC associated with or linked to the incident at the Vatican.</p> <p>(l) Is the ABC aware of any official complaint made by either the Italian or Vatican authorities?</p>		
179	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<p><b>Boston Consulting Group Report – Actions by ABC</b>                      What action has been taken by the ABC following its receipt of The Boston Consulting Group report entitled “Project W Summary Findings October 2008?”</p>	ABC	02/09/09
180	Written	Minchin	<p><b>ABC Participation in Freeview Campaign</b>                      (a) How much is the ABC paying for participation in the Freeview Campaign?                      (b) What contribution is, or will, the ABC be required to make for the Freeview electronic program guide?                      (c) How much input is the ABC having into the development of the program guide?</p>	ABC	10/08/09
181	ECA 96	Birmingham	<p><b>SBS TV program <i>Top Gear</i></b>                      Are there any commitments by SBS to the Australian version of <i>Top Gear</i> beyond the second series?</p>	SBS	31/07/09
182	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>SBS program complaints</b>                      (a) How many complaints have been received this financial year? Please detail and group by program or incident.                      (b) How long did it take to assess/resolve these complaints?                      (c) How many of these complaints were upheld and how many dismissed? What were the outcomes of those upheld?</p>	SBS	31/07/09
183	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Hours of Australian Content</b>                      How many hours of Australian content were broadcast for each of the last five years, broken down by category (drama, sport, news etc) and what was the amount invested in each of those categories?</p>	SBS	31/07/09
184	Written	Birmingham	<p><b>Hours of New Australian Content</b>                      How many hours of new Australian content were broadcast</p>	SBS	31/07/09

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			for each of the last five years, broken down by category (drama, sport, news etc) and what was the amount invested in each of those categories?		
185	Written	Birmingham	<b>Forecast Hours of Australian Content</b> How many hours of Australian content are forecast to be broadcast in the coming financial year and other years covered by the triennial funding agreement, broken down by category, and what is the amount forecast to be invested in each category?	SBS	16/09/09
186	Written	Birmingham	<b>Forecast Hours of New Australian Content</b> How many hours of new Australian content are forecast to be broadcast in the coming financial year and other years covered by the triennial funding agreement, broken down by category, and what is the amount forecast to be invested in each category?	SBS	16/09/09
187	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>Budget for SBS Radio</b> In relation to the SBS budget, please outline the proportion of the budget that is allocated to SBS Radio. Please provide details for the last 5 years.	SBS	31/07/09
188	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>SBS Complaints</b> Please provide details of all complaints that have been provided to SBS over the past 5 years.	SBS	31/07/09
189	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>Employment of Former Head of SBS Radio</b> I refer to previous questions regarding Ms Masselos, the former head of SBS Radio including at the Budget Estimates hearings of 21, 23 and 24 May 2007. In view of Ms Masselos' recent resignation, please advise as follows. (a) Does SBS still maintain that Ms Masselos met each of the selection criteria for fulfilling the position of Director, SBS Radio? (b) Does SBS still maintain that Ms Masselos had a "a strong record in leading and managing a large workforce engaged in radio program production?" Does SBS still maintain that Ms Masselos had "demonstrated capability to build effective radio programs and schedules?" (c) In relation to each of the selection criteria for fulfilling the position of Director, SBS Radio, how does SBS maintain that Ms Masselos met each of the criteria required of her role?	SBS	31/07/09
190	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>Complaints Regarding Former Head of SBS Radio</b> During the time that Ms Masselos was Director of SBS Radio, were there any complaints or issues raised about her pertaining to her conduct or role as Director, SBS Radio?	SBS	31/07/09
191	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>Recruitment of New Director SBS Radio</b> (a) What processes have SBS put in place to replace Ms Masselos? (b) In the selection criteria for the position of Director, SBS Radio, will the new Director be required to have experience with ethnic radio or ethnic communications? (c) Please outline in detail what the selection criteria and selection process will be for Director, SBS Radio? (d) What assurances will SBS give that the person appointed as Director, SBS Radio, meet all the relevant selection criteria? (e) Who will be on the selection panel for the position Director, SBS Radio?	SBS	31/07/09 + 1 att't

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192	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>SBS Radio Schedule</b> Please provide details of a standard 24 hour/7 days of SBS radio broadcasts.	SBS	31/07/09 + 1 att't
193	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>Quality Assurance Procedures – SBS Radio</b> What procedures are currently in place to deal with quality assurance and ensuring balanced and non-biased reporting on SBS Radio?	SBS	31/07/09
194	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>Government Advertising on SBS</b> Please provide details of Government advertising on SBS in the financial years 2007/2008, and 2008/2009 to-date.	SBS	31/07/09
195	Written	Fierravanti-Wells	<b>SBS Charter</b> I refer to the SBS Charter, which sets out the obligation of its principle function to “provide multi-lingual and multicultural radio and television services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians, and in so doing reflect Australia’s multicultural society.” In performing its principle function, the Charter states that SBS “must” comply with paragraphs 2a to 2h of the Charter. Please list what programs currently on SBS television and broadcast on SBS radio, comply with or meet each of paragraphs 2a to 2h.	SBS	31/07/09
196	Written	Minchin	<b>SBS Participation in Freeview Campaign</b> (a) How much is SBS paying for participation in the Freeview Campaign? (b) What contribution is, or will, SBS be required to make for the Freeview electronic program guide? (c) How much input is SBS having into the development of the program guide?	SBS	31/07/09
197	ECA 100	Wortley	<b>Cybersafety Education Programs</b> What age are the students that have access to the courses or the program?	ACMA	31/07/09
198	ECA 104	Minchin	<b>Family Friendly filter providers</b> Is Websense one of the Family Friendly filter providers? If so, why is an abortion page included on the Australian Communications and Media Authority blacklist still accessible from parliamentary computers?	ACMA	02/09/09
199	ECA 111	Fielding	<b>Ability to locate the origin of emergency calls from mobile phones</b> Could you provide an update to the 2004-05 report that examined the technology available?	ACMA	02/09/09
200	ECA 115	Birmingham	<b>Do Not Call Register revenue</b> What will be the ongoing annual cost and ongoing annual revenue of the Do Not Call Register after 2011-12?	ACMA	31/07/09
201	ECA 118	Minchin	<b>Gershon Review</b> The Gershon efficiency dividend is 2.5 per cent of ACMA’s IT business-as-usual costs this year. What does that equate to in terms of the effective increase in the efficiency dividend?	ACMA	31/07/09
202	ECA 119	Minchin	<b>Wind Farms</b> Do the wind farms at Gunning and Cullerin interfere with digital TV and mobile phone reception? Is it generally true that wind farms can affect reception?	ACMA	31/07/09
203	ECA 124	Minchin	<b>Budget item for ‘Digital Television Switchover – regional South Australia, Victoria and Queensland’</b> What will ACMA spend over the next three years on evaluating digital transmission reception to assess whether digital TV etc, is the same coverage?	ACMA	31/07/09

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204	ECA 125	Minchin	<b>Digital Television Switchover</b> Can ACMA provide detail of the full funding allocated to it for digital switchover related tasks?	ACMA	31/07/09
205	ECA 126	Minchin	<b>Trigger events and local content</b> How many licences have been affected by trigger events since 1 January 2008?	ACMA	31/07/09
206	ECA 126	Minchin	<b>Trigger events and local content</b> How many commercial radio licensees, having been notified, have failed to comply with the rules that you impose on them regarding local content?	ACMA	31/07/09
207	Written	Siewert	<b>Audio Description</b> How do Australian levels of audio description on broadcast and subscription television compare with markets such as Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom? How much have the DBCDE, ABC and SBS committed in the past three years to the investigation, trial or subsidy of audio description on television broadcasting in the past three years? Given that there has been a significant history of Federal Government support for the establishment of key captioning initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1981 Seed funding for the establishment of the Australian Caption Centre.</li> <li>• 1989 Subtitled Video Project grant covering captioning of entertainment videos – now used to caption education and community DVDs (around \$134,000 pa).</li> <li>• 1990 Special funding for captioning of Australia’s first live news program – <i>ABC Late Edition News</i>.</li> <li>• 1997 Special funding for captioning the <i>SBS World News</i> and <i>ABC Evening News</i> (in every State), a total of \$7m over 4 years.</li> </ul> What support has the Government committed to audio description on television to support blind and vision impaired Australians?	1.1	31/07/09
208	ECA 33 ECA 34 (26/5/09)	Ludlam	<b>ACMA Blacklist</b> What proportion of the current ACMA Blacklist consist of RC material?	ACMA	02/09/09