

ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 MAY 2010

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO

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1	40	Abetz	CPRS deferral decision	<p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—Yes, and we want to know when you were told and by whom. We are not making any criticism that you were not involved in that decision; all we want to know is when you were told and by whom.</p> <p><b>Mr Leeper</b>—If you want me to be precise, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	EXEC	1.1	15/10/10
2	34-35	Birmingham	Advice to staff	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—We will move beyond whatever point shortly before the announcement was made that you were informed, at least for now. However, when did you communicate that information to the rest of your department?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—He personally?</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—When was it communicated, how and by whom, if we would like to get there?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Can I take that on notice? I will give you the answer. I know the answer. I am just trying to get the dates right in my own head. I think it would have been 28 April, so the day after the Prime Minister's announcement. I think that would be the day on which I communicated it formally to the department. Can I caveat that? I will check and get back to you.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—By what means? Was it by email, staff meeting?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I will check this, but my recollection was that I had a meeting with my SES and it was subsequently followed up later with an email to staff later in the week about the issue, just as part of the normal traffic, but I addressed my SES and they then advised their staff. Just allow me to caveat that slightly. I will have to go back and check that.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Certainly. In terms of the details, if you could take those details on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I am fairly sure I am right, but I just want to be 100 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Who communicated what information to—</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Communication was definitely from me to the staff. The first format was me to the SES, and the SES then to the staff. I think I followed up later in the week with a broadcast email to staff, but I will check that.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Okay. If you could: who, when, what medium—and if it was an email or a written brief that went out to staff, if you could provide a copy of that to the committee as well, that would be appreciated.</p>	EXEC	1.1	15/10/10
3	30	Abetz	Cabinet meeting	<p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—When was the last cabinet meeting closest to the time of the announcement that we are talking about?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10
4	31	Abetz	Cabinet meeting	<p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—Was there a cabinet meeting on the day that the announcement was made?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10

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5	27	Birmingham	Advice to Cabinet	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Was the department asked to provide that advice?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Departments do not get to lodge advice in front of cabinet without there being a formal process. The fact that the department provided the minister with advice and members of cabinet with advice by itself says that we were asked for advice.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—By whom were you asked?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—By the minister and by members of the cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—When were you asked to provide this advice or input?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I would have to take that on notice. We were asked a number of times over a period for pieces of advice, so I would have to take on notice when we were asked for advice at various times.</p>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10
6	42	Birmingham	CPRS deferral decision	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Minister, where were you on 27 April?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I would have to check my diary, but I think I was in Sydney.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Were you asked to be with the Prime Minister for the announcement?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I am not going to go any further into these details. I was not with the Prime Minister at the Nepean Hospital announcement. I believe I was in Sydney on that day, but I will check my diary.</p>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10
7	47	Birmingham	Representations	<p><b>Mr Comley</b>—The department has had representations from carbon sink providers who have suggested that is one potential solution to the problem they perceive. It is not so much a legislative issue. As part of the CPRS framework the government made a decision to not allow exports of credits until at least 2015. What they are effectively asking for is the transfer of an AAU, an assigned amount unit, out of Australia to the international markets, so that would fall within a policy of not exporting at the moment. It is a policy decision that the government has made to date.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Have those representations been made to the department and not to you at present, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I will have to take that on notice, meaning they may well have been. I cannot recall every representation that is made to me on climate change.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Is the government considering such a policy change or have any decisions or discussions been made surrounding it?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I do not know that I can reasonably add to Mr Comley's answer on that.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—If you could take on notice any details of discussions, that would be appreciated.</p>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10
8	Written	Birmingham	CPRS deferral	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was the decision to defer implementation of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) taken by a meeting of the full Cabinet?</li> <li>2. If so, when?</li> <li>3. Was a submission by the Department considered at this meeting?</li> <li>4. If so, was that submission circulated to other departments for comment prior to the meeting?</li> <li>5. If so, to which departments and which, if any, provided comment?</li> </ol>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10
9	Written	Birmingham	CPRS deferral	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was the decision to defer implementation of the CPRS taken by a meeting of the Strategic</li> </ol>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10

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				<p>Priorities and Budget Committee (SPBC) of Cabinet?</p> <p>2. If so, when?</p> <p>3. Was a submission by the Department considered at this meeting?</p> <p>4. If so, was that submission circulated to other departments for comment prior to the meeting?</p> <p>5. If so, to which departments and which, if any, provided comment?</p>			
10	75	Ludlam	Power stations	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I do not want to get hung up on the definition of what is proposed and maybe that is what is happening here. Are you able to table the chart or graph, the reference that you are reading from?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I will table the names.</p>	ETD	1.1	15/10/10
11	76	Ludlam	Modelling	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—That is a helpful distinction, thank you. In that answer you have done an analysis rather than modelling of the alternative proposition that has been put to the government by the Australian Greens? You have done some thinking about what that would look like?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—We have provided some advice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—When was that?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Because you do not know or you are not sure if you are allowed to tell me?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—I do not know. These proposals have been around for some time, so we may have provided a range of analyses and advice at different times. I do not know off the top of my head exactly when that was done.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I am hoping that is not rocket science. Maybe somebody is able to look that up for us, just as to the scope and the quantity of the work that you were asked to provide?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—That goes to advice to government.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I am not asking for the advice.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—You just said the scope. That goes to advice to government. We will take the question on notice but I am just—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—That will not disappear never to be heard from again. At least get back to me on timing. I am not asking for the advice itself.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—We will take the question on notice.</p>	ID	1.1	15/10/10
12	Written	Xenophon	RET	<p>1. Under the RET Bill currently before the House, with what justification do electric heat pumps continue to be eligible for RECs?</p> <p>2. While admittedly electric heat pumps may be "better than nothing", does the Office concede that it uses electricity and is therefore not wholly renewable and therefore should not be eligible for RECs?</p> <p>3. Would it be fair to argue that by awarding RECs to an electricity-powered device, it works against encouraging use of renewable energy?</p> <p>4. On another matter, I understand the Government has introduced regulations to address overloading of heat pumps at locations. The Government has advised me that statutory declarations are now required and spot checks are conducted. What confidence does the Government/Agency have that this will reduce or solve this issue?</p> <p>5. How many spot checks that have been conducted?</p> <p>6. What have the outcomes been?</p>	SCD	1.1	15/10/10

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				7. What assurance does the Agency have that these measures will stop such overloading from occurring?			
13	Written	Birmingham	Green Loans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the month of May, how many assessors contracted under the Green Loans program had bookings of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zero assessments (i.e. no bookings)</li> <li>1 to 10 assessments</li> <li>11 to 20 assessments</li> <li>More than 20 assessments</li> </ol> </li> <li>How many of these bookings were arranged through organisations such as Fieldforce and GLACO?</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10
14	Written	Birmingham	Green Loans	<p>Since the Government began contracting assessors under the Green Loans program, please detail by month:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of new assessors who entered into a contract</li> <li>The number of assessors who discontinued engagement with the program</li> <li>The total number of contracted assessors</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10
15	Written	Birmingham	Green Loans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many organisations, such as Fieldforce and GLACO, were involved in the booking of assessments on behalf of large numbers of assessors?</li> <li>Please name them, and detail for how many assessors each was involved in booking assessments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In total</li> <li>The peak number; and</li> <li>As at the end of May</li> </ol> </li> <li>What was the nature of any contractual arrangements between the Government and these organisations?</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10 + 1 att't
16	Written	Birmingham	Green Loans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following discontinuation of the loans component of the Green Loans Program, what was the final number of Government-subsidised Green Loans provided?</li> <li>What was the total value of these loans?</li> <li>What was the total sum paid to all financial institutions participating in the program?</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	
17	Written	Birmingham	Green Loans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Government expecting to have to pay compensation to any businesses, individuals or households affected by the program?</li> <li>If so, what amount has been budgeted?</li> <li>What risk assessment of such exposures has been completed?</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10
18	Written	Birmingham	NSSP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many schools have received funding under the National Solar Schools Program?</li> <li>Please list all schools, and detail the size of each system/tank etc installed</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10
19	Written	Birmingham / Fisher	SHCP	<p>This program includes \$122 million for 2010-2011. It included \$241 million in 2009-2010.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is there still \$122 million for the program, a year after it was axed?</li> <li>What are the funds being used for?</li> <li>Why the delay?</li> <li>How many approved orders for solar panels still to be installed?</li> <li>How many people are waiting to receive payments from the government?</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10
20	Written	Xenophon	Green Loan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given that many small businesses and individuals outlaid large amounts of their own money or</li> </ol>	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10

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			assessors	<p>went into debt to undertake training to become assessors, how does the Government intend to compensate them now that their businesses may not be viable under the changes made to the scheme?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. What changes has the Government implemented to ensure that assessors are paid within suitable timeframes?</li> <li>3. Are there any alternative employment options in the field available to people who have trained as assessors under the scheme?</li> <li>4. What types of assistance in terms of finding other work and dealing with financial difficulty is the Government offering to assessors now that the program may not offer them the opportunities originally promoted?</li> <li>5. Why did the Department not notify ABSA (the assessor accreditation body) of the proposed changes to the scheme?</li> <li>6. What information did the Department have on how the changes would affect assessors and their investments, and was this information taken into account when changes to the scheme were made?</li> </ol>			
21	Written	Birmingham	Program budgets	<p>For each of the programs identified in Table Program Expenses 1.2 as corrected in the Corrigendum, namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable Remote Power Generation</li> <li>• Solar Cities</li> <li>• National Energy Efficiency Initiative</li> <li>• Energy Efficiency Programs</li> <li>• Climate Change Action Fund</li> <li>• Solar Homes and Communities Plans (sic)</li> <li>• Solar Hot Water Initiative</li> <li>• Green Loans</li> <li>• Home Insulation Program</li> <li>• Industry Program</li> <li>• Foil Inspection Safety Program</li> <li>• Home Inspection Safety Program</li> <li>• Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters</li> <li>• Green Start</li> <li>• National Solar Schools Plan,</li> </ul> <p>please detail for each year of the forward estimates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On what basis were the amounts budgeted?</li> <li>b. What amount of the budgeted funding is expected to be provided in grants or payments to external contractors?</li> <li>c. What amount of the budgeted funding is expected to be related to departmental expenses and administrative costs?</li> <li>d. What is the Government's target for the services or grants that will be delivered under the program</li> </ol>	CSD	1.2	15/10/10

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22	120	Abetz	Training standards	<p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—I am told that the CPSISC is divided into a construction side and a property services side and that home insulation had always been seen as part of construction as opposed to property services. The suggestion has been put to me that it was in fact the department that requested that property services deal with the unit of competency as opposed to the construction side of this particular industry skills council. I was wondering if you could confirm that to me.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—I cannot confirm that. I do not have any information about that before me.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—I will take that on notice. I do know that at the time DEWHA was working very closely with the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations, who deal with the industry skills councils on a very regular basis. DEEWR were helping us to facilitate development of those modules and services.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
23	120	Abetz	Training standards	<p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—In that case you might like to also take on notice what interdepartmental discussions took place to get a quick outcome, because I understand all the industry training advisory bodies—all the state bodies—from the construction side in fact opposed the skills set that was being suggested, but the property services side of this double body agreed to it despite the protest of the various state bodies. In those circumstances I would like to know what pressure, if any, DEWHA put on DEEWR to rush this through, because some of the notations I have seen and received indicate that there was huge pressure brought to bear.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—That is the first I have ever heard of that allegation.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—I would like to tease it out a lot further, but given the time of night, I have tried to put it all on the table in a job lot rather than asking neat, discrete questions; otherwise we would be here until the appointed hour.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—The time we are here to, as it were. Mr Thompson said that is the first he has heard of it. Obviously you have placed a range of assertions on <i>Hansard</i>. They are not accepted, but we will take the question on notice. I did want to know: did you have a date?</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—For what?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—The meeting.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—In terms of the assertions about concerns raised within the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—A number of dates, but as I understand it, these sorts of competency units—if that is the correct term—are usually developed over a period of 18 months, and this one was pushed and shoehorned into about six months; is that right?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—No. The reason this is not ringing many bells for Mr Thompson—he has given you some information—and the reason I was inquiring about dates or a little more information was so that we could perhaps be clearer in terms of the question on notice. We will take the question on notice. If you are able to provide any more information about that issue to assist us we would appreciate it, because the officers are not advising me of anything that I think accords with what you have put on <i>Hansard</i>. We will certainly make enquiries.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—When this <i>Hansard</i> comes out, I can go back to my sources and they will undoubtedly provide further information. I will leave it there. Thank you very much, Chair.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10

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24	97	Abetz	Interaction with other Departments	<p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—You said that needed some interaction between departments. Can you advise us which departments?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I was referring to the machinery of government changes.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—Yes, but some of the information—</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—The evidence yesterday to this committee was that files in relation to this program have come over, but obviously some of the information you ask for may or may not be in the knowledge of the gentlemen at the table. What I am asking is if we can take the question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—I understand that. My ears pricked up when I heard, or I thought I heard, that there was still some information with another department.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—If I gave that impression, I was not referring to documentary information; I was more reflecting the fact. Just from my personal knowledge, I know that Mr Thompson and Mr Bowles have come in at various stages in this process, so I am not sure if they would need to get any additional information from others.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—Given I am not on the other committee, that could be taken on notice for this committee as well, which would be helpful.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—We can do that.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
25	99	Abetz	Fraud	<p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—That is not in question. Three matters have been referred to the Australian Federal Police. I want to know whether any have been referred to state police authorities and, if so, what is the number?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—As I said, I know we have spoken to a couple of states about specific cases, probably only in about two or three cases, but that does not mean we are not looking at a range of other companies where we will continue with our information gathering.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—I am just after the current figure. I would assume that as this investigation continues chances are that there will be a lot more referrals.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I can take that on notice because I do not have the specifics.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
26	121	Birmingham	Cost of inspections	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Whether any were department approved electricians; that would be the counterpoint. Of those 23,200, what has the total cost of inspections been?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—That is a good question. I do not have that off the top of my head. I would have to take that on notice. I just cannot recall. As I said, I think it was roughly, on average, a little bit below \$400 for those inspections. They varied, but the average at one stage was just less than \$400.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
27	Written	Birmingham	HIP	<p>With reference to Jacqui and Alex Qureitem of Berwick, Victoria, about whose predicament Mr Jason Wood MP has made representations to the Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has their roof been fixed?</li> <li>2. If not, why not?</li> <li>3. How long does it usually take to fix the roofs of homes assessed as a fire risk?</li> <li>4. In how many instances has the Department arranged for same people who initially installed the insulation to return in order to fix it?</li> <li>5. Is this usual practice?</li> <li>6. Is the Department aware of situations where it is the same people returning to the homes but under a different company name?</li> </ol>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10

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				7. Do homes get a second inspection by an independent third party after completion of the work? 8. If not, why not? 9. How much would it cost to ensure that each house got a second independent inspection on the work done? 10. How many homes are currently waiting to have their roofs fixed, and what was the number as at the end of May?			
28	Written	Birmingham	HIP	1. Is the Government expecting to have to pay compensation to any businesses, individuals or households affected by the program? 2. If so, what amount has been budgeted? 3. Would funds come from the remaining \$1 billion or from another source? 4. What risk assessment of such exposures, or any other preparatory work in advance of legal action, has been completed?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
29	Written	Birmingham	HIP	What is the Department's estimate of the numbers of insulation installers and insulation manufacturers operating in Australia: a. Immediately before the implementation of the Home Insulation Program? b. At these numbers' peak, during the life of the Home Implementation Program? c. As at the end of May 2010?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
30	Written	Birmingham	HIP Consultancies	What consultants have been engaged in relation to the Home Insulation Program: a. Prior to the program starting? b. Since the program began? c. Please detail the organisations by name, work undertaken, costs and dates of engagement.	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
31	Written	Birmingham	HIP Consultancies	1. How much will PricewaterhouseCoopers be paid to act as program broker for the Foil Insulation Safety Program? 2. What will this role entail? 3. To whom will PricewaterhouseCoopers report?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
32	Written	Birmingham	HIP advertising	With reference to the answer to Question on Notice 101 through February's Additional Estimates, which indicated that "The budget for Home Insulation Program communications was \$4.137 million. No additional resources have been provided to undertake these objectives." a. Are there any plans for further advertising expenditure in relation to any insulation program?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
33	Written	Birmingham	REBS	Please detail all consultants engaged in activities related to the development of the Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme: a. When was each consultant engaged b. When did they conclude their work c. What fees were paid; and d. What work was provided to the Government by them?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
34	Written	Birmingham	Green Start	1. How many tenders were lodged under the Green Start tender process initiated in 2009? 2. What costs were incurred through the tender process? 3. Why was this process terminated?	DDPD	1.2	15/10/10
35	Written	Birmingham	HIP	1. Has the department or government been the subject of, or received any advice of, any legal	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10



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		/ Fisher		action by installers or any other parties in relation to the Home Insulation Program? 2. If yes, please detail from whom, when, the claimants, the nature of the action including whether it is a class action.			
36	Written	Birmingham / Fisher	HIP	1. If installers accept the offer of 15 per cent of the value of their stock, is it the Government's view that this would prevent them from pursuing legal action against the Government? 2. Has the Government made, or planned to make, any condition of acceptance of this offer related to the pursuit of legal action?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
37	Written	Birmingham / Fisher	HIP	1. How much insulation has the government bought back? 2. What does the Government intend to do with this insulation it buys? 3. Will it sell it back to the major insulation suppliers? 4. If so, to whom and at what price, and is the Government expected to make a profit on these transactions?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
38	Written	Birmingham / Fisher	HIP Consultancies	1. Have consultants KPMG been engaged to carry out fraud assessment work for the Home Insulation Program? 2. If so: a. Who ordered the consultancy? b. How long was the project supposed to take? c. How long has it taken? d. Is it still ongoing? e. Is the length of engagement related to the volume of cases of fraud this project has uncovered? f. What was the original cost of the project supposed to be? g. What is it now (actual or estimate)? h. Who has received the report or any advice to date? i. Has the Prime Minister's office been copied in? j. What action has been taken in relation to any findings?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
39	Written	Birmingham / Fisher	HIP – unwanted insulation	1. What is the government doing to help insulation installers left with insulation they cannot sell and cannot afford to even take to the dump? 2. Is the government aware of insulation being dumped at rubbish dumps? 3. If yes, where, when, what amount or volume and to what estimated value? 4. Does the Department have any concerns about any such dumping in landfill of possibly toxic insulation? 5. Is the Government providing assistance for companies to dump insulation? 6. Is the Government examining other options, such as temporary storage of unwanted insulation in a warehouse or similar?	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
40	Written	Eggleston	Excess Insulation	What is the Department going to do with the excess insulation following the announcement of financial help to the value of 15 per cent of relevant items? ( <i>Australian Financial Review</i> 21/5/2010)	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
41	Written	Eggleston	IIAP	Please outline what consultation occurred in the preparation of the Insulation Industry Assistance Package (IIAP): a) In particular, please identify which groups were consulted. b) When these groups were consulted.	HIPRO	1.2	29/10/10

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Did these groups nominate these thresholds or did they seek higher figures, amounts or longer dates?</li> <li>d) Please release copies of their submissions with suggested assistance measures.</li> <li>e) Which Ministers were consulted in this process – and when?</li> <li>f) Was advice and consultation was provided with the Prime Minister and his office – and when?</li> </ul>			
42	Written	Eggleston	IIAP	<p>In relation to the IIAP assistance package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How was the 15% figure devised?</li> <li>b) Who suggested it?</li> <li>c) On what was it based?</li> <li>d) Why was the figure based on 30 April values for the insulation?</li> <li>e) On whose advice was that?</li> <li>f) Did the industry agree or support this?</li> <li>g) Why was there a maximum threshold of \$500,000?</li> <li>h) Was the industry consulted on this figure?</li> <li>i) Did they support it?</li> <li>j) If not, what threshold did they seek?</li> <li>k) Please release copies of industry and Departmental advice on the modelling.</li> </ul>	HIPRO	1.2	29/10/10
43	Written	Eggleston	Value of insulation	<p>Please outline the industry advice and/or Departmental advice on the value of ceiling insulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) On the date the program first came into force in February 2009</li> <li>b) On the date when the program fully started in July 2009</li> <li>c) On the day the Home Insulation Program was scrapped on 19 February 2010</li> <li>d) On 30 April 2010</li> <li>e) On 30 May 2010</li> <li>f) On the very latest figure</li> <li>g) What advice has been provided by the Department or industry in relation to when the price of insulation is expected to recover?</li> </ul>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
44	Written	Eggleston	Excess insulation	<p>In relation to payments made to clients of 15% of the stock value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What are businesses to do with insulation?</li> <li>b) Some businesses are paying significant amounts on rent to store the insulation – what advice is the Department providing to these businesses?</li> <li>c) Are businesses allowed to take the insulation to the dump?</li> <li>d) If so, how many have advised that they will?</li> <li>e) How many have?</li> <li>f) Has this measure been banned by environmental or other authorities such as councils on grounds such as hazardous waste disposal concerns?</li> <li>g) Will the Government take insulation off the hands of the applicants under any circumstances?</li> <li>h) If not, why not?</li> <li>i) If yes, what will the Government do with the insulation?</li> <li>j) What price will they sell it for?</li> <li>k) Will they provide any financial or other assistance to help companies to transport the unwanted insulation to another place?</li> </ul>	HIPRO	1.2	29/10/10

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45	102	Fisher	Multiple claims	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Can you please inform the committee on notice as of more recently than February this year, as of this week, how many cases there are where more than one installer has made a claim for the same address?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Yes.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	29/10/10
46	103	Fisher	Forms	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Can you provide us with copies of the standard paperwork?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I do not think that I would be prepared to do that, at this stage, on the basis that would breach privacy issues. There is a whole range of private details on them.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—In generic form.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—A blank.</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—You were asking for a blank form?</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Yes, indeed.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I can take that on notice to provide that.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—I would like the generic form or forms that are required to be filled out.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10 + 1 att't
47	103	Fisher	Deregistered companies	<p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—As I said, the easiest way to find out would be to ask Medicare.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—I am asking your department. Could you provide the committee with the advice that has been provided to you by Medicare from time to time relating to which companies have been deregistered and when and why?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I can take that on notice. I am not sure that I want to go down that pathway. I can give you the numbers or I can liaise with Medicare if I need to, but I am not sure it would be an appropriate thing to give you the names or places.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Sorry, I accept that. I would like the numbers of so-called installers who have been deregistered, the times at which they have been deregistered and the states in which they have been deregistered.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I will take that on notice but, as I said, we are not the keepers of that information. I can liaise with them.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	18/10/10
48	106-107	Fisher	Deregistered companies	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—On notice, more comprehensively, could you provide the committee with a breakdown of the numbers of companies deregistered month by month and on a state-by-state basis and also a reason for that deregistration, which may be self-deregistration, as Senator Abetz said, or a range of other reasons to which you have referred, Mr Bowles?</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—I think we can provide the number of companies that were deregistered.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—But in respect of the payments that have been made to companies that are subsequently deregistered, I would appreciate the full range of information, including those companies which have deregistered themselves.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—No, you see that is inconsistent with what I just clarified.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—That is what I am seeking.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—We will take it on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Absolutely, I would. The number you are after—maybe I am reading your mind here but—is of the ones that the department has deregistered? Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Month by month from the commencement up until now, deregistered from the</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10

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				<p>scheme.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—From the scheme, obviously only up until the scheme was closed on 19 February.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Yes, I will take that on notice. I will put that caveat back in. We will get advice, because I do see a significant difference to anyone who we may have deregistered and any company who voluntarily got out of the scheme or did whatever, because a number of companies did that for their own reasons as well, and they will all get lumped into the same thing if we are not careful, and I am very conscious of that.</p>			
49	106-107	Fisher	Deregistered companies	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Can I confirm that you have taken on notice how many payments were made to companies that were subsequently deregistered and in how many instances that occurred? Can you take that on notice, please; and how many instances?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I am not sure we can do that or whether it is even appropriate, but I will take on notice and consider how we can deal with that particular issue.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—All right.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—In that request are you anticipating inclusion of what Senator Abetz described as ‘the selfderegistration’?</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ</b>—Withdrawal.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—Withdrawal.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Yes, withdrawal.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
50	109	Fisher	Outstanding payments	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Can you inform the committee, on notice, how many companies that involves with amounts of money outstanding?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I will endeavour to do that. I will have to work with Medicare to do that, but I will endeavour to do that.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	29/10/10
51	114	Fisher	Foil insulation	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Can you provide the committee with a copy of the letter that you are sending to homeowners with foil insulation? I presume it is a standard letter.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—It will be, but until we are ready for it to go out I would not want to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Once it is ready can you do that?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Once things are ready we will do that.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10 + 1 att't
52	118	Fisher	Forms	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—...I am simply asking: what is the householder going to be required to give up in exchange for accepting this attempted acquittal of duty by the Commonwealth?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I will need to find out. As I said, I do not have the form in my hand at the moment. I will find out.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Forms are on paper. Perhaps when it is on paper, may we have a copy?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—Let him finish.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—That will be sufficient. Once the form is developed, then perhaps we could have a copy.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—We have been doing reasonably well. If he might just finish his answers before you ask the next question.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—We will get you that advice.</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—We will take that on notice.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10 + 1 att't

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53	119	Fisher	Inspectors	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—I have one more question on the FISP. You indicated your target number of inspectors is 760. How many do you have contracted at the moment?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Contracted at the moment it is much smaller than that. I think it is in the order of 140, but I would need to confirm that figure. UGL, the body that is managing that side, had a previous contract that we have this thing running on. As I said, we closed the tender last Friday for the electrical contractors and we should be in a position in early June.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	
54	96-97	Fisher	Consultants	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—As to the use of consultants with the Home Insulation Program, can you run us through which consultants were used prior to the program starting and since it got underway, and tell us what the consultants did, how much they were paid, whether they have finished their work or whether they are midway through?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I think there is a question on notice on this matter—</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—It touches on it, I think.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—My understanding is that it covers most of—</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—what you just asked.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—It is a very similar question.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—It is to the Senate inquiry, so I would ask if it would be possible for us to either take it on notice again, if you want, or if you can wait for that answer to be provided—</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Is it imminent, do you know?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—If I could finish, Senator? Because it does traverse pre the machinery of government changes and post, that does obviously require some interaction between departments. We are not going to be able to provide that to you in these estimates, so I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
55	98	Fisher	Consultants	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—So did that renegotiation of time necessitate renegotiation of cost?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—I will have to take that on notice. I am not specifically sure because I did not do that myself. We normally make an allocation of funding of what we believe it to be, but we do not always spend to that allocation. It obviously depends on the number of people that are in there.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
56	Written	Fisher	FISP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many contractors, engaged under the Foil Insulation Safety Program, are awaiting payment for inspections they have undertaken?</li> <li>2. How many payments to contractors were made later than 30 days after an inspection?</li> <li>3. How many payments to contractors were made later than 60 days after an inspection?</li> </ol>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
57	Written	Fisher	HIP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why is there \$347 million in 2010-2011 for the program?</li> <li>2. What about the \$17 million for the program in 2011-2012 – why is there still being money allocated then?</li> <li>3. It is understood that there was about a billion dollars left in the program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have all these funds been allocated and identified in the Budget?</li> <li>b. If not, how much is left to be allocated?</li> <li>c. What is it for?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Can you please provide an update on how many houses received insulation under this program?</li> <li>5. Do we know how many pink batts were purchased with taxpayer funds?</li> </ol>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
58	Written	Fisher	HIP	I refer to the letters from Peter Garrett to the Prime Minister on 14 August 2009 regarding the HIP	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10

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			Correspondence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a copy of this letter</li> <li>2. If not, why not especially given other similar letters were released from the same period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who else received this letter?</li> <li>b. Which Ministers received it?</li> <li>c. When?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. I refer to the Risk Registers of 31 July, 27 September and 1 October: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How widely circulated were they in the Department?</li> <li>b. Were Minister's briefed on these documents?</li> <li>c. Was the Prime Minister's Office briefed?</li> <li>d. Will you please release those letters to this committee?</li> <li>e. If not, why not?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>			+ 1 att't
59	Written	Fisher	Consultants	I refer to the use of consultants in the HIP. Please provide a list of consultancies used in this program, including dates, costs, purpose, findings.	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
60	108	Marshall	Fraud	<p><b>Senator MARSHALL</b>—I was wondering if you could just advise me, too, about the sorts of fraud that we have uncovered, without going to the individual cases, that you either referred or you know are under investigation. We know there are a small number of potential, fraudulent duplicate claims you have told us about—a small number that are not clerical errors—but what other sorts of fraud, what categories, have we actually seen through this program?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—We will take that on notice, although I would not want to do anything to suggest the type of fraud that may have been a motivation for the three cases that have been referred to the AFP. If you accept that and we will see what we can do.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL</b>—I do not want to jeopardise in any way the proceedings that you may have on foot—that is not the purpose—but are we seeing just claims put in for no work done or—</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Yes, we can tell you, without putting numbers against it, the types of things that lead to causes of concern...</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
61	99	Marshall	Fraud	<p><b>Senator MARSHALL</b>—With those three cases, are you talking about three companies?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Effectively, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MARSHALL</b>—Covering how many instances of fraud?</p> <p><b>Mr Bowles</b>—Each of the companies is different. I cannot remember. I would need to take that on notice. From memory, the highest one runs at around \$1 million, but I would need to take that on notice.</p>	HIPRO	1.2	15/10/10
62	123-124	Bilyk	Submissions to PM's Task Group on Energy Efficiency	<p><b>Senator BILYK</b>—Are you able to give us a sense of what is in the submissions, or not yet?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Not in the amount of time we have got.</p> <p><b>Senator BILYK</b>—You could take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—We could do that.</p>	PMTGEE	1.2	15/10/10
63	Written	Birmingham	Bungles	Could the Department explain the circumstances leading to the public release of International Power's confidential submission on energy efficiency?	PMTGEE	1.2	15/10/10
64	Written	Birmingham	REFF	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On what basis was the Renewable Energy Future Fund established?</li> <li>2. Was it in response to any recommendations to Government?</li> <li>3. If so, from what recommendations and from where?</li> </ol>	REED	1.2	15/10/10

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				4. How were the budgeted amounts determined? 5. Please detail aims, targets and timelines of the Fund? 6. Which Department will make decisions surrounding allocations under the Fund? 7. Is the Fund attempting to leverage private investment? 8. If so, what tender selection or qualification criteria will apply? 9. How will criteria for the Fund's expenditure be developed? 10. Will consultants be engaged? 11. If so, what has been budgeted for external consultants? 12. Will consultation be undertaken with relevant stakeholders? 13. If so, what is the process for that consultation?			
65	Written	Fisher	Renewable Remote Power Generation Program	Given the program was axed on 22 June 2009. 1. Why does the Budget include \$7.3 million for 2010-2011? 2. What will the funds be used on? 3. Where?	REED	1.2	15/10/10
66	Written	Fisher	National Energy Efficiency Initiative	<i>According to a joint media release by Ministers Garrett, Conroy and Ferguson on 12 May 2009, the program would: (quote)</i> "... invest up to <b>\$100.0 million</b> in partnership with the energy sector for the development of a new National Energy Efficiency Initiative - using 21st century technology to assist our transition to a low carbon economy by encouraging a smarter and more efficient energy network." 1. Is the program on time? 2. What will it actually do? 3. Has it been scaled back or will it be rolled out in its original form?	REED	1.2	15/10/10
67	Written	Fisher	Energy Efficiency Programs	1. What is the \$20m being spent on? 2. Where? 3. When? 4. Is it on time / on budget?	REED	1.2	15/10/10
68	112	Ludlam	Building codes	<b>Senator LUDLAM</b> —Do such numbers exist, or do you have to break it down by climate zone? <b>Mr Thompson</b> —I would have thought that there was some work done in the context of the decision RIS that building ministers considered, which would cover that. <b>Senator LUDLAM</b> —Are you able to provide that? Is that going to be unduly onerous to provide that material to us? <b>Mr Thompson</b> —I do not think it will be. If it is I will let you know— <b>Senator LUDLAM</b> —I will hear from you again. <b>Mr Thompson</b> —That is right.	REED	1.2	29/10/10
69	113	Ludlam	Building costs	<b>Senator LUDLAM</b> —I am quoting from a piece that ran in the <i>Financial Review</i> , page 27, on 23 April this year. I am not going to get into a debate about costs now, but that is just for your reference. The builders believe they could construct it for two per cent to five per cent more than a standard home, not including land costs and so on, which would disappear over the life of the home and which is why I was asking about payback periods before. <b>Senator Wong</b> —Why don't we take that on notice, because unless Mr Thompson has those figures in his head—	REED	1.2	15/10/10

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				<p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—No, I do not.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—He does have a lot in his head, but we will—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I will even wave the article at you, if that will help. My substantive question—not to nitpick about the costs—is: are we going to spend 20 years arguing with states and territories to get to seven and then eight when we have a perfectly good 10-star rating system which people could build to today? Could you outline that for us in as much detail as you are able to on notice? The sort of work that you are engaged in at the moment sounds extremely promising as to alternative pathways. Anything at all that you could provide us with would be helpful.</p> <p><b>Mr Thompson</b>—I would just add that the information I have in front of me indicates that there was a public discussion paper on this issue released earlier this year and that submissions closed on 7 May. I do not know whether you have seen that, but that may provide some of the information.</p>			
70	88	Wortley	Japan legislation	<p><b>Senator WORTLEY</b>—Are you able to provide a brief update on the status of Japan’s climate bill and Japan’s consideration of emissions trading?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—Off the top of my head that is more difficult. We can provide that on notice.</p>	ETD	1.4	15/10/10
71	Written	B Brown	Funds for climate change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What percentage of the funding allocated to climate change in the overseas development assistance budget is new funding to cover the costs of climate change adaptation and mitigation in developing countries?</li> <li>2. How much of this money will be spent this financial year?</li> <li>3. The government has allocated \$15 million for policy and analytical support for countries with national low-carbon development plans, which countries will be the recipients of this funding?</li> <li>4. What amount of funding will go the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change?</li> </ol>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
72	84	Birmingham	Copenhagen costs	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Have all costs related to the Australian delegation to Copenhagen been reconciled?</p> <p><b>Ms Sidhu</b>—They nearly all have. We are close to having final numbers on most of the costs that relate to our department.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—There is a question on notice which has not been finalised because of the reconciliation issue. As you know, the vast majority of these costs have already been well and truly ventilated, but we will attempt to finalise that and provide the question on notice answer as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Thank you. Is it possible to have an update tonight of where you are at?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I would like to take that on notice. It is not like we have not made these public. They were the subject of an FOI.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
73	85	Birmingham	Bilateral Delegations	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—By whom were we represented at the MRV discussions?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—My recollection is that Special Envoy Bamsey represented the minister at those discussions in Germany.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Do you know what size the delegation was?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—Two. It would have been Mr Bamsey and one other.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—And the Paris-Oslo process?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—The person who is principally representing at that meeting is Ambassador Hand. If your next question is the size of the delegation, the answer would be two more: Ambassador Hand</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10



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				<p>and two others.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—So just one meeting of that group has occurred so far?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—This is the second meeting that they are currently attending. There was an earlier meeting of the Paris-Oslo process, which would have been around two months ago.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Dare I ask where those meetings were?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—I believe it was in Paris.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Both meetings were in Paris?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—The first one was in Paris and the second one was in Oslo.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—I was just wanting to check that I was not about to leap to any conclusions on locations. Did the same people attend both of those meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—I would have to check exactly who attended.</p>			
74	86	Birmingham	Bilateral Delegations	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—The UNFCCC meeting in Guam?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—Bonn.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—I am sorry. I wrote down Guam. I obviously misheard you.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—The secretariat is located in Bonn.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Guam was an interesting location and not a particularly easy one to—</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—We can take on notice the precise number, but we recall that approximately five members of the DCCEE went to the Bonn meeting that has already been held, and the delegation that is being sent for the meeting that commences early next week is slightly larger than that. There are 15 members.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
75	86	Birmingham	Bilateral Delegations	<p><b>Mr Comley</b>—The Cartagena Group. There was a delegation of five. It was slightly larger than some of those bilaterals because Australia effectively had a co-chairing capacity and so it was involved with Columbia in assisting the process of managing the agenda. We can take on notice the precise number, but Special Envoy Bamsey and Ambassador Hand attended with some supporting staff.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
76	87	Birmingham	Cartagena Group	<p><b>Mr Comley</b>—We are just getting a precise number. There are 28 members of the Cartagena Group.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—I may well be able to Google it if need be, but perhaps if you could either table or provide on notice a list. We do not need to go through them all now.</p> <p><b>Ms Sidhu</b>—Yes.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
77	Written	Birmingham	International representation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For each of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Howard Bamsey, Special Envoy on Climate Change</li> <li>b. Louise Hand, Ambassador for Climate Change</li> <li>c. Harinder Sidhu, Chief Adviser International <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What is the value of their total salary package?</li> <li>ii. What were their total travel expenses for calendar year 2009?</li> <li>iii. What were their total travel expenses for financial year 2009-10 up until and including the 31 May to 9 June Bonn Climate Change Talks?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Please detail the total costs of all international travel related to climate change talks and negotiations (whether or not involving Mr Bamsey, Ms Hand and Ms Sidhu), itemised by trip and countries visited, inclusive of any accompanying officers (and detail the number of</li> </ol>	ID	1.4	15/10/10

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				accompanying officers where applicable) and detailing whether any of Mr Bamsey, Ms Hand and Ms Sidhu were in attendance.			
78	82	Boswell	Overseas aid	<p><b>Senator BOSWELL</b>—...‘How much was given for overseas climate aid?’</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—‘Given’?</p> <p><b>Senator BOSWELL</b>—How much did we provide for overseas climate aid?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I would have to take that on notice. There was a range of election policies that we went to the last election with. One matched, in fact, Mr Turnbull’s policy in terms of international forest assistance, which was a policy of \$200 million. There was a \$150 million international adaptation initiative, but in terms of expenditure to date, I will have to take that on notice.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
79	89	Ludlam	Climate change finance	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—How much can you tell us about what the government regards as fair contribution from Australia in both of those two tranches of funding?</p> <p><b>Mr Comley</b>—The government has not precisely defined what a fair contribution is. You can look at standard burden sharing arrangements in the aid area, which provides some guidance on the level of contribution. I think that varies depending on the particular context. We could probably provide on notice the precise number, but in rough orders of magnitude the amount that is normally assigned to Australia is in the order of 1½ per cent of a contribution pool.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
80	89-90	Ludlam	Climate change funds	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—That is right. That is what I was after. I was asking when you would be able to tell us what our contribution is likely to be for that first three-year period, or if you can tell us what proportion of announcements that you have already made will be reflected in the overall funding commitment that we make? What proportion of that have we seen so far?</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I would probably have to take that on notice because the programs are not all in this portfolio. I can tell you that in the budget papers, from memory, there were additional monies for the International Forest Carbon Initiative of some \$56 million. There was about \$170-odd million additional money under the International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative. If you go to Budget Paper No. 2 you will see a range of measures there. I think there was \$15 million for climate change partnerships and some multilateral climate change financing, which was also outlined. Obviously this builds on previous commitments and previous expenditure that the government has already made.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I appreciate that and that a lot of this is on the record.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
81	90	Ludlam	Climate change funds	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—...I am still trying to get a sense from you when you will be making an announcement of what our total contribution is going to be? If you cannot tell me then just say that you cannot tell me. You keep changing the subject.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—I will have to come back to you on that.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10
82	93	Ludlam	Overseas aid contribution	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—What I am asking does not detract from the fact that both budgets have gone up, and that is welcome. The question is about whether or not, by the time we get to our 0.5 per cent of, I think, gross national income, we will find that the climate adaptation and mitigation funds will have eaten into that or whether it is additional funding.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—It is possibly a matter that I would have to say you should refer to DFAT, but why don’t I take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—I will refer it to DFAT, but I would appreciate your views.</p>	ID	1.4	15/10/10

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83	Written	Barnett	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken?</li> <li>2. For each program, what is the total spend (a breakdown of how much was spent/is planned to be spent on each program/initiative should be provided).</li> </ol>	ALCD	Corporate	15/10/10
84	Written	Birmingham	Information campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has the Department spent on the 'Think Climate, Think Change' information campaign over the past financial year?</li> <li>2. What is the total amount the Department has spent over the past financial year on information campaigns?</li> <li>3. How many reports has the Department produced over the past year and at what cost?</li> <li>4. How much has the Department spent on website design or redesigns over the past financial year?</li> </ol>	ALCD	Corporate	15/10/10
85	Written	Birmingham	Bungles	Could the Department explain the circumstances leading to the incorrect allocations in the Budget for its \$30 million climate change advertising campaign?	ALCD	Corporate	15/10/10
86	Written	Birmingham / Fisher	Climate Change – Foundation Campaign	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is meant by the statement “educate the community ... on climate change science”?</li> <li>2. Why is this campaign needed, particularly given the deferral of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme?</li> <li>3. Is this advertising campaign about the CPRS?</li> <li>4. Why is the Government spending \$8 million before July and \$22 million after July on advertising, in what will be an election period?</li> <li>5. How will the Government avoid any perception this funding is being used for a political election campaign?</li> <li>6. Who is approving this expenditure?</li> <li>7. What is the campaign's start date?</li> <li>8. Which companies have been contracted to deliver this campaign?</li> <li>9. Are the contracts being put out to tender?</li> <li>10. Is this an open tender process?</li> <li>11. Will there be a call centre, as was the case in an earlier climate change advertising campaign?</li> <li>12. If so, what will be the nature of this call centre and any information it provides?</li> </ol>	ALCD	Corporate	15/10/10
87	Written	Birmingham /Fisher	HIP advertising	<p>I refer to an answer to a question on notice from the February estimates – question number 101 on Minter Ellison recommendations and advertising for the Home Insulation Program. We have just received an answer which said in total: “The budget for Home Insulation Program communications was \$4.137 million. No additional resources have been provided to undertake these objectives.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How was this money spent?</li> <li>2. What on?</li> <li>3. Where?</li> <li>4. When?</li> <li>5. Has the budget increased since then?</li> <li>6. To how much?</li> <li>7. Are there plans for further expenditure on the insulation program?</li> <li>8. What value for money did taxpayers actually get?</li> </ol>	ALCD	Corporate	15/10/10

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89	Written	Barnett	Staffing – efficiency dividend /budget cuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Since the efficiency dividend was introduced?</li> <li>b) Since additional estimates?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. If so, where and at what level?</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. If your Department/agency has been identified in the budget as delivering further efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, if the budget papers say ‘improvement to strategic work practices’ or similar, what are these and how will they be delivered?)</li> <li>5. What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.</li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
90	Written	Barnett	Hospitality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?</li> <li>2. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</li> <li>3. For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.</li> <li>4. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
91	Written	Barnett	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
92	Written	Barnett	Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total number of Reviews <i>both completed and ongoing</i> in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007?</li> <li>2. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since the government came to office (only those commenced after the current government came to office) including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) when those reviews were provided to Government,</li> <li>b) estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and</li> <li>c) if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How many reviews are ongoing?</li> <li>4. How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates?</li> <li>5. What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?</li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
93	Written	Barnett	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).</li> <li>2. Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total <i>spending</i> on consultancies and also <i>value of contracts awarded</i>? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.</li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10 + 1 att't

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				<p>3. Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?</p> <p>4. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>			
94	Written	Barnett	Govt Payment of Accounts	<p>1. Has the portfolio/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)</p> <p>2. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
95	46	Birmingham	Advice to staff	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Dr Parkinson, thank you for circulating the staff notice during the break. That is appreciated. I have one area of questioning out of that. I note in the middle of the document it states: 'The process of redeployment will be supported by formal guidelines that have already been reviewed by the staff consultative committee and agreed.' When were those guidelines drawn up and when did the staff consultative committee meet to agree them?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I can take that on notice, but Ms Weir might be able to assist. To be clear, these are a set of change management guidelines that had been in preparation for quite some time within DCC about how we would manage change in the event of it, so if not related to this then they carried across to DCCEE and they were worked on there. They were not designed specifically for the instance that we confronted but designed to allow for any type of circumstance.</p> <p><b>Ms Weir</b>—I believe we are referring to the managing change protocols document. That was the subject of significant consultation with the relevant unions and with our staff consultative committee over a period of some weeks. We also had a discussion about that document at a meeting of the SCC. The document was in existence and close to finalisation. I need to take on notice the date of that signing off, but the document was in train and had been through a process at the time of the staff note. I will take on notice the exact dates of that process.</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—We will also find out when I met with the staff consultative committee, which was not long after DCCEE had been created. It predates the CPRS decision quite considerably, but the formal sign-off will be closer to the date.</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
96	47-48	Birmingham	Departmental program expenses	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Could you take on notice providing some level of detail. I do note that there is a step down in the level of program support funding allocated from 2010-11 into the forward years, but if it is possible to break down any of those details further that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—We will consider that but I will flag to you that, as Senator Abetz and I spent a number of years arguing about this, further levels of disaggregation have not routinely been provided.</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10

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				<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b> —If you could look at it and obviously if I am not satisfied with your response we will bring it up again at another estimates. I can but ask you to take it on notice and take a look at it.			
97	56	Birmingham	Staff Attrition	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Firstly, there is a part of my question you did not answer. In terms of the 10 per cent issue or whatever departure rate, what proportion of those are transferred to other departments?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I would have to take that on notice. It depends very much—</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—I need something as approximate as the approximation you just gave Senator Marshall.</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I am able to give the approximation of around 10 per cent, because typically 10 per cent to 15 per cent are the sorts of turnover numbers that you see. But agencies go through cycles. After periods of disruption you often get higher departure rates. Things settle down. Departure rates stabilise. Where people go depends a lot on the skill-sets they have. If you typically think of a group of people, for example, macroeconomic forecasters, they do not tend to go to other agencies. They tend to go to the private sector. If you are thinking about generic policy development or program administration skills, your market might be much more other departments. We could have a stab, but that is all it would be and I would really have to have a look because off the top of my head I do not know, and I do not know whether Ms Weir knows, where our departures have gone.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—I am happy for you to provide the answer in detail, but as Senator Abetz said, what is the stab—and subject to correction?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I was just asking if we have any data at all.</p> <p><b>Ms Weir</b>—We do not collect information on where people transfer to. We do know people transfer across within the public service, so we could provide that. But we do not collect it in any more detail than that.</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
98	61	Birmingham	Staff costs	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—What are the costs of those three positions?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—We would have to take that on notice.</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10 + 1 att't
99	61	Birmingham	Overseas travel	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—How many departmental staff travelled overseas in this financial year?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Again, we are happy to take that on notice.</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
100	61	Birmingham	Overseas travel	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—What is your budget for overseas travel this financial year?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I do not have that in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Can anybody else help with that?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I have said to you that—when you are talking about this financial year, are you talking about 2009-10? We can pull that together for you. It is easy enough to do, but it is not something that we anticipated, dealing with PBS issues here.</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
101	72	Birmingham	Staff redeployment	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Regarding those extra 18, are you able to provide us—if not now then on notice—with what band levels they were at, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Leeper</b>—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
102	83	Birmingham	Departmental expenses	<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b> —That is fine, but it is still not really addressing the question, though. I note the couple-of-million-dollar increase there in administered expenses. It is still a major cut to	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10

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				<p>this area of the department. Are there just fewer staff working in that area of the department? Is that the answer and, if so, what were the staff who have gone previously doing?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Senator, just to be clear—you are looking at page 19, the departmental expenses dropping in 2009-10 through to 2010-11 from \$28 million to \$23 million, and then the other services, the \$9.9 million, the \$8 million, the \$1 million and the like disappearing.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—Correct; another other area disappearing, and I guess particularly the—</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Or shrinking.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—I note the other services, whatever they were—is probably the big one. Independent sources is a slightly different matter, but then there are further cuts in the forward estimates to 2011-12 as well.</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—Can we come back to you on the specifics?</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM</b>—If you could provide the details, that is fine. That is not something worth holding us up over.</p>			
103	Written	Birmingham	Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Departmental staff travelled overseas in the past financial year?</li> <li>2. What was the total cost of overseas travel for the Department in the past financial year?</li> <li>3. What was the total amount spent by the Department in the past year on overseas accommodation and meals?</li> <li>4. How many staff travelled first class? How many travelled business class?</li> <li>5. How many staff travelled interstate in the past financial year?</li> <li>6. What was the total accommodation and meals bill for staff travelling interstate over the past year?</li> <li>7. How many future overseas trips is the Department currently planning?</li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
104	Written	Birmingham	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many consultants has the Department engaged with in the past financial year?</li> <li>2. What is the total value of the consultancies the Department has engaged in over the past year?</li> <li>3. How many consultants does the Department anticipate it will require in the future and what is the total amount it has allocated for this?</li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
105	Written	Birmingham	Leases	How much has the Department spent to date on its fit out at 2 Constitution Avenue in the ACT?	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
106	Written	Birmingham	Staff training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff training programmes has the Department conducted this year and at what cost?</li> <li>2. How many of these staff training programmes were held outside Canberra?</li> <li>3. How many staff attended these programmes and where were they held?</li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
107	Written	Birmingham	Buildings' energy efficiency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list every building occupied by the Department. For each building: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Has an energy efficiency audit been undertaken?</li> <li>b) If so, what rating was achieved and what action has been taken to improve energy efficiency as a result of any audit undertaken?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
108	Written	Birmingham / Fisher	LEAPR	<p>Can the department explain how this \$131 million 'error' occurred?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Did this minister sign off on the Budget paper with the mistake? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) If not, why not?</li> <li>ii) And who did?</li> <li>iii) Who in the Department was responsible?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	CSD	Corporate	29/10/10

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109	Written	Fisher	Staffing	I refer to an article by Simon Kearney of The Sunday Telegraph on 4 April 2010 regarding the department building and staffing - 'We pay \$57m for climate change phantoms' 1. Can you please provide a copy of the response of the department to the Minister's office regarding these claims? 2. Please provide copies of associated correspondence and briefings with the Minister's and or Prime Minister's office.	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
110	Written	Fisher	CPRS	Budget Paper 2 on the CPRS (page 9) – says “additional net departmental savings have also been taken, amounting to \$237.6 million over five years from 2009-2010”. 1. How were these savings realised? 2. Were they the result of the transfer of staff from DEWHA to DCCEE?	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
111	Written	Fisher	Portfolio programs	Please provide, in spreadsheet form, a list of all programmes administered by your Department and portfolio agencies. Please show for each listed programme: a) The name of the programme. b) Full administered expenses for each financial year of the forward estimates period starting from 2010-11. c) Full departmental expenses for each financial year of the forward estimates period starting from 2010-11. d) Allocated Average Staffing Level (ASL) for the programme in 2010-11.  For any information unable to be provided please provide reason why this is the case.	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
112	Written	Fisher	Speeches	1. What speeches has Dr Parkinson delivered over the last 12 months? 2. Were any speeches given at the direction of the Minister? 3. Does the Minister or the Minister's staff vet his speeches, or have they previously?	Executive	Corporate	15/10/10 + 1 att't
113	Written	Barnett	Board Appointments	1. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 2. What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since the Government came to office in November 2007?	GPSD	Corporate	15/10/10
114	Written	Barnett	FOI	1. Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. How many FOI requests has the Department received? 3. How many have been granted or denied? 4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	GPSD	Corporate	15/10/10
115	Written	Barnett	Community Cabinets	1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since additional estimates? 2. How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting? 3. What was the total cost of this travel? 4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?	CSD	Corporate	15/10/10
116	50	Fisher	Questions on Notice	<b>Senator FISHER</b> —I am asking Dr Parkinson to group—so, to indicate the number of—those 77 questions that were returned from the minister's office to the department for one reason or another, rather than being passed to the committee. <b>Dr Parkinson</b> —Just to be clear then, you are asking of the 77, how many of those—	GPSD	Corporate	15/10/10



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				<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—If any.</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—if any, had to go through an iteration between the minister’s office and the department for whatever reason.</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator Wong</b>—We will take that on notice and I am flagging the resources which you are flagging that we would need to undertake a tracking process of every question on notice, I am not sure I am going to want to do that; I will be frank with you. These people have a lot to do and you are asking—</p> <p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—I genuinely find that surprising, but I will reconsider my request if you are able to convince me of that.</p>			
117	51	Fisher	Questions on Notice	<p><b>Senator FISHER</b>—I would have thought there would be an electronic record which would be reasonably easy to amass, but if it is a significant impost then I am happy to receive that information and reconsider my request. I presume I can do that since I am making it; I can withdraw it upon further advice, I would have thought, but I am happy to be convinced of that. Finally, Dr Parkinson, can you also indicate, of those 77 answers, the date upon which the penultimate draft, which became the answer, was provided to the minister’s office?</p> <p><b>Dr Parkinson</b>—I will have a look at what information we can pull out.</p>	GPSD	Corporate	15/10/10
118	Written	Barnett	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken?</li> <li>2. For each program, what is the total spend (a breakdown of how much was spent/is planned to be spent on each program/initiative should be provided).</li> </ol>	ORER	Corporate	15/10/10
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122	Written	Barnett	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	ORER	Corporate	15/10/10
123	Written	Barnett	Reviews	1. What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007? 2. Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since the government came to office (only those commenced after the current government came to office) including: a) when those reviews were provided to Government, b) estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and c) if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. 3. How many reviews are ongoing? 4. How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? 5. What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?	ORER	Corporate	15/10/10
124	Written	Barnett	Consultancies	1. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). 2. Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD. 3. Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct? 4. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	ORER	Corporate	15/10/10
125	Written	Barnett	Govt Payment of Accounts	1. Has the portfolio/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) 2. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? 3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	ORER	Corporate	15/10/10
126	Written	Barnett	FOI	1. Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. How many FOI requests has the Department received? 3. How many have been granted or denied? 4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	ORER	Corporate	15/10/10