

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

Budget Estimates 2010-2011, May 2010

Answers to questions on notice

Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio

Outcome:	1	Question No:	83
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Government Advertising		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator BARNETT asked:

1. What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken?
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).

Answer:

The Department has undertaken the following communications programs since Additional Estimates (8 February 2010):

1. Shout Out For Climate Change Schools Competition (May – October 2010)

The Department is currently running a national schools and universities competition called *Shout out for Climate Change*.

This year's competition builds on the success of the 2009 *Think Climate, Think Change* schools competition and invites primary, secondary and tertiary students to submit a creative piece to raise awareness or encourage the community to take action to address climate change. A suite of classroom resources for primary and secondary teachers has also been developed to complement the competition. Resources are available on the competition website.

To date, the Department has spent a total of \$198,138.83 (excluding GST) to develop and administer the competition. This includes \$70,321.50 (excluding GST) for the design, development and maintenance of the competition website, and \$127,817.33 (excluding GST) for the development, design and production of competition collateral, and promotion of the competition through social media channels.

Additional spending for the competition is expected to be approximately \$115,000 (excluding GST), comprising:

- competition administration including moderating and judging of entries, responding to enquiries, designing and implementing a digital marketing strategy and general promotion of the competition – \$50,000 (excluding GST);
- competition website and entry moderation – \$20,000 (excluding GST); and
- awards ceremony and prizes – \$45,000 (excluding GST).

2. Climate Change Foundation Campaign

The Department has undertaken development work on the *Climate Change Foundation Campaign* to provide Australians with the information they need to better understand and respond to climate change.

To date, the Department has spent a total of \$338,783.10 (excluding GST) developing the campaign, comprising:

- creative concept development – \$206,906.46 (excluding GST);
- market research – \$109,647.36 (excluding GST); and
- public relations – \$22,229.28 (excluding GST).

The total budget for the campaign is approximately \$30 million.

3. Australian Football League sponsorship

The Department and the Australian Football League (AFL) entered into a partnership of \$200,000 for 2009-10 to help promote positive climate change actions to national and local Australian Rules Football clubs, players and fans.

The final activity under the partnership was conducted in June 2010. This included:

- the distribution of a promotional kit to all Australian Rules Football clubs in Australia for World Environment Day (5 June 2010); and
- the establishment of the Green Clubs program – www.aflcommunityclub.com.au.

The total amount spent by the Department was \$200,000 (excluding GST).

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	84
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Information Campaigns		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

1. How much has the Department spent on the ‘Think Climate, Think Change’ information campaign over the past financial year?
2. What is the total amount the Department has spent over the past financial year on information campaigns?
3. How many reports has the Department produced over the past year and at what cost?
4. How much has the Department spent on website design or redesigns over the past financial year?

Answer:

1. There has been no expenditure by the Department in relation to the *Think Climate Think Change* campaign in the 2009-10 financial year.
2. The Department spent a total of \$1,140,220.20 (excluding GST) to develop two information campaigns, the *Integrated Advertising Campaign on Climate Change* and the *Climate Change Foundation Campaign* during the 2009-10 financial year. This expenditure included market research, creative concept development and public relations services.
3. The Department prepared and commissioned nine reports to a total value of \$486,396.41 (excluding GST) in relation to “Information Campaigns” over the past year.
4. The Department spent approximately \$700,000 (excluding GST) on website design and redesign for the 2009-10 financial year.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	85
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Bungles		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Could the Department explain the circumstances leading to the incorrect allocations in the Budget for its \$30 million climate change advertising campaign?

Answer:

Budget Paper 2 reported an allocation of \$17 million in 2009-10 and \$13 million in 2010-11 for the campaign. These figures were incorrect. The correct breakdown of funds was \$7 million in 2009-10 and \$23 million in 2010-11.

As preparation of Budget Papers is the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency is not aware of how the mistake was made.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	86
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ASCD		
Topic:	Climate Change – Foundation Campaign		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senators Birmingham and Fisher asked:

1. What is meant by the statement “educate the community ... on climate change science”?
2. Why is this campaign needed, particularly given the deferral of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme?
3. Is this advertising campaign about the CPRS?
4. Why is the Government spending \$8 million before July and \$22 million after July on advertising, in what will be an election period?
5. How will the Government avoid any perception this funding is being used for a political election campaign?
6. Who is approving this expenditure?
7. What is the campaign’s start date?
8. Which companies have been contracted to deliver this campaign?
9. Are the contracts being put out to tender?
10. Is this an open tender process?
11. Will there be a call centre, as was the case in an earlier climate change advertising campaign?
12. If so, what will be the nature of this call centre and any information it provides?

Answer:

1. The statement means the campaign will provide the Australian community with information about the basics of climate change science, including what climate change is and how scientists say it will affect Australia.
2. This campaign is intended to provide Australians with information they need to better understand and respond to climate change. Climate change is a significant economic and environmental challenge that will affect all Australians.

Unfortunately, the science of climate change has been subject to an ill-founded, orchestrated assault during the past year.

The Government has a responsibility to communicate the science and impacts of climate change, along with the actions that can be taken by individuals, business and Government to help combat climate change.

3. No.
4. Final decisions on the timing and arrangements for the campaign have not been made.
5. The *Climate Change Foundation Campaign* will be run in accordance with section 28 of the *Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies March 2010*, which states campaign material must not:
 - a. mention the party in government by name;
 - b. directly attack or scorn the views, policies or actions of others such as the policies and opinions of opposition parties or groups;
 - c. include party political slogans or images;
 - d. be designed to influence public support for a political party, a candidate for an electorate, a Minister or member of parliament; or
 - e. refer or link to the web site of politicians or political parties.
6. The Secretary of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency is responsible for the overall approval of campaign expenditure.
7. The campaign start date is yet to be determined.
8. Work has been undertaken to develop phase one of the *Climate Change Foundation Campaign* under existing advertising campaign contracts with Open Mind Research, Ogilvy Worldwide Public Relations and George Patterson Y&R. These contracts were awarded as a result of a select tender for campaign services conducted in October 2009, involving agencies chosen from the Commonwealth Multi User List administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
9. Please see answer to question 8.
10. Please see answer to question 8.
11. Campaigns typically involve a call centre. However, no decisions have been made in relation to call centre arrangements for the *Climate Change Foundation Campaign*.
12. Please see answer to question 11.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	87
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	ALCD		
Topic:	HIP advertising		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Birmingham asked:

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.”

1. How was this money spent?
2. What on?
3. Where?
4. When?
5. Has the budget increased since then?
6. To how much?
7. Are there plans for further expenditure on the insulation program?
8. What value for money did taxpayers actually get?

Answer:

- 1-4. Out of a budget of \$4.137 million allocated to Home Insulation Program (HIP) communications in 2009-10, \$2.932 million remains unspent. In 2009-10 approximately \$1.205 million was spent on HIP communications such as publication production and print (fact sheets, rebate guidelines and flyers), the provision of communication services, and media and promotional items such as public notices and web advertisements.
- 5-6. No.
7. The Department plans to run a series of local print media advertisements to promote awareness of the Government’s safety inspection programs.
8. For programs such as the HIP, the provision of information and promotion of availability of the program and its requirements is a normal and essential component. Value for money is a central element of Commonwealth procurement practice.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	88
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staffing		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Barnett asked:

1. How many permanent staff recruited since additional estimates (Feb 2010)?
2. What level are these staff?
3. How many temporary positions exist or have been created since additional estimates?
4. Since additional estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer:

1. 132 ongoing staff were recruited in the period from 8 February 2010 to 31 August 2010.

A total of 251 ongoing staff and 160 non-ongoing staff were transferred under Machinery of Government changes on 18 March 2010 from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

2. Classifications of ongoing staff recruited were:

Classification	Number
APS 2	1
APS 4	22
APS 5	16
APS 6	29
Executive Level 1	33
Executive Level 2	19
Legal Officer	1
Senior Legal Officer	1
Public Affairs Officer 1	1
Public Affairs Officer 2	3
Public Affairs Officer 3	3
Senior Executive Service Band 1	3
TOTAL	132

3. This information is not available for non-ongoing positions.
4. 139 non-ongoing staff are employed on contracts at an average length of 3.7 months.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	89
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staffing – Efficiency Dividend / Budget Cuts		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Barnett asked:

1. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
 - a) Since the efficiency dividend was introduced?
 - b) Since additional estimates?
2. If so, where and at what level?
3. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
4. 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?)
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.

Answer:

1.
 - a) No.
 - b) No.
1. Not applicable.
2. Staff reductions could occur in the future as a result of government decisions. The exact number of any such reductions is unknown at this time.
3. Not applicable.
4. The Department is looking to increase graduate recruitment in 2011 in response to the changed nature of the Department due to the Administrative Arrangement Order in March 2010.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	90
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Hospitality		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Barnett asked:

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

Answer:

1. The Department's total hospitality spend for 2009-10 (1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010) is \$393,105, comprising:
 - 330 Australian based events costing \$372,483; and
 - 19 international events costing \$20,622.
2. Details of hospitality relating to the date, location and purpose of all events are not recorded in the Department's financial system.
3. For the period 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010, hospitality spend for the Office of the former Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, was \$749. Hospitality spend for the Office of the former Minister Assisting, the Hon Greg Combet AM MP, was \$183.

4.

Date	Location	Purpose	Cost
Minister			
22-Jul-09	Parliament House	NGO consultations	\$99
4-Aug-09	Parliament House	Meeting with Kreab Gavin Anderson	\$33
21-Sep-09	Parliament House	Supplies purchased for catering to thank ministerial staff	\$85
22-Oct-09	Parliament House	NGO Roundtable	\$99
9-Dec-09	Restaurant 98	Media breakfast	\$168
26-Feb-10	Parliament House	Committee meeting and lunch	\$25
10-Mar-10	Parliament House	Bilateral meeting with Indonesian State Minister for the Environment Professor Gust Muhammad Hatta	\$125
12-Mar-10	Parliament House	NGO Debrief Copenhagen	\$87
3-Jun-10	Parliament House	Meeting with Coasts and Climate Change Council	\$28
Minister Assisting			
23-Mar-10	Parliament House	Reimbursement of working lunch	\$183

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	91
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Grants		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Barnett asked:

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

Answer:

Since the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines came into effect on 1 July 2009, the Department has identified seven instances of non-compliance with the reporting requirements. Those grants were subsequently recorded on the Department's website.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	92
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	GPSD		
Topic:	Reviews		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Barnett asked:

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?

Answer:

This answer incorporates the response of the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator provided in Question on Notice No. 123.

1. The total number of reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency since November 2007 is ten.
2. a), b), c): please refer to table below.

Review Title	Reviewer	a) When review was provided to Government	b) Estimated cost (total cost where review complete) of producing	c) Has the Government responded to the review? When has the Government indicated it will respond?
Strategic Review of Australian Government Climate Change Programs	Mr Roger Wilkins AO	31 July 2008	Total Cost for Mr Wilkins' services: \$75,000 (cost advice provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation)	Government formally responded – available at http://www.climatechange.gov.au/~media/Files/minister/wong/2009/media-releases/May/wilkinsresponse.ashx
Garnaut Climate Change Review	Professor Ross Garnaut AO	30 September 2008	Total cost: \$2,136,588.70	Government formally responded through the White Paper on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
Review of Management of the Green Loans program	Australian National Audit Office	Report tabled 29 September 2010	Total cost: \$685,000	The Department's response is included in the final report
Independent Inquiry – Green Loans Program – Review of procurement processes and contractual arrangements	Ms Patricia Faulkner AO	June 2010	Total cost: \$250,000	The Department has formally responded. Response is available at: http://www.climatechange.gov.au/media/whats-new/green-loans.aspx
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts – Green Loans	Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts	Report not yet tabled	As a matter of course Senate inquiries do not provide a cost figure for undertaking an inquiry	To be determined once the outcomes from the inquiry are known

Audit of the Establishment and Administration of the Home Insulation Program	Australian National Audit Office	Report due to be tabled mid-October 2010	Cost will not be known until report is tabled in mid-October	To be determined once the recommendations are known
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts – Inquiry into the Energy Efficient Homes Package	Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts	Report tabled 15 July 2010	As a matter of course Senate inquiries do not provide a cost figure for undertaking an inquiry	The Government will respond shortly to the report of the Senate inquiry into the Energy Efficient Homes Package
Review of Design, Implementation and Delivery of the Home Insulation Program	Dr Allan Hawke AC	6 April 2010	Total Cost: \$25,676.35 (cost advice provided by PM&C)	The Department has formally responded. Response is available at: http://www.climatechange.gov.au/media/whats-new/green-loans.aspx
Audit Report Number 26 – 2009-10 Administration of Climate Change Programs	Australian National Audit Office	Publicly released 20 April 2010	Published cost: \$272,500	The Department's response is included in the final report
Audit Report Number 27 – 2009-10 Coordination and Reporting of Australia's Climate Change Measures	Australian National Audit Office	Publicly released 20 April 2010	Published cost: \$272,500	The Department's response is included in the final report

3. There are two ongoing reviews (yet to be tabled) for the portfolio/agency:

- the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts – Green Loans; and
- the Audit of the Establishment and Administration of the Home Insulation Program.

4. Two reviews have been completed since Additional Estimates:

- the Independent Inquiry – Green Loans Program – Review of procurement processes and contractual arrangements; and
- the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts – Inquiry into the Energy Efficient Homes Package.

5. The following further reviews are planned for the agency:
- An external review of the establishment of the Green Start program is scheduled for late 2010.
 - Under section 162 of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity Amendment Act 2010*, the Minister must cause an independent review of the operation of this Act and the scheme constituted by this Act as soon as practicable after 30 June and every two years thereafter.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	93
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Consultancies		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Barnett asked:

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 contracts 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.

Answer:

1. The Department engaged 44 consultancy contracts in the 2008-09 financial year and 95 contracts in the 2009-10 financial year to date. The Department's financial management information system was implemented on 1 July 2008. Refer to Attachment A for detailed information.

Consultancy contracts entered into by the Energy Efficiency Divisions prior to the Machinery of Government changes on 8 March 2010 have not been detailed in Attachment A as they were managed and approved by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

2.

Financial Year	Contracts Awarded	Expenditure Amount
2008-09	\$4,318,331	\$3,282,383
2009-10	\$11,074,032	\$7,081,768
2010-11 (1 July-31 August 2010)	\$295,360	\$1,745,882

3. Purchase order amendments have resulted in a slight variation between amounts reported on AusTender and actual contractual commitments.
4. As consultancy needs are finalised, the Department will assess business requirements and departmental outcomes on as needs basis to determine if consultancy services are required. The Department will also utilise existing panel arrangements as required in line with the Commonwealth Procurement Guideline's and the Department's Chief Executive's Instructions.

The Department's Annual Procurement Plan (APP) has been published on AusTender. Changes to the APP will be managed through quarterly updates.

FY 2008-09

Vendor Name	Description of Services	Start Date	End Date	Contract Value \$	Procurement Method
Minter Ellison	Legal Services	07-May-08	28-Aug-08	30,290	Open
Clayton Utz (Canberra)	Legal Advice	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	10,000	Open
Ernst and Young	EITE Assistance	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	23,980	Open
Allen Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Strategic View	01-Jul-08	01-Jun-09	57,000	Select
Attorney-Generals Department Departmental	Greenhouse and Energy Reporting	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	88,125	Direct
KPMG	EITE Assistance Program	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	76,120	Open
Booz and Company (Aust) Pty Ltd	Intelligence Capability Design Project	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	51,062	Open
Department of Environment and Conservation	Climate Change Biodiversity	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	110,000	Direct
Booz and Company (Aust) Pty Ltd	NGER Registrant Lists	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	24,200	Direct
Geoscience Australia	Coastal Vulnerability	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-10	55,000	Direct
CSIRO	Benchmarking Survey	01-Jul-08	30-Jun-11	46,800	Open
Sparke Helmore Lawyers	Legal Services	22-Jul-08	14-Nov-08	200,913	Open
Pricewaterhousecoopers	Consultancy	17-Aug-08	15-Jan-09	91,795	Open
Clayton Utz (Canberra)	Probity Advice	27-Oct-08	30-Jun-09	35,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal Services	05-Nov-08	05-Nov-10	34,932	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	NGER Act Legal Advice	14-Nov-08	31-Jan-09	30,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal Advice AGS	19-Nov-08	28-Feb-09	10,000	Open
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (formerly Maunsell Australia)	Review Barriers	05-Dec-08	27-Feb-09	65,000	Direct
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	AGS Legal Services	01-Jan-09	30-Jun-09	439,725	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	01-Jan-09	30-Jun-09	97,075	Open
KPMG	Probity Advice	22-Jan-09	30-Jun-09	12,379	Open
KPMG	Internal Audit Services	27-Jan-09	27-Jan-12	18,129	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	NGER Amendment	29-Jan-09	04-Feb-09	13,200	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal Advice	01-Feb-09	07-May-09	50,000	Open
URS Australia Pty Ltd	Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System	10-Mar-09	26-Jun-09	54,381	Select
Brodthmann Communications	Communications protocols	13-Mar-09	30-Sep-09	49,995	Direct
Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide Pty Ltd (Parker and Partners)	Public Relations Activities	23-Mar-09	30-Jun-09	215,000	Select
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (formerly Maunsell Australia)	Research of Infrastructure and Climate Change	08-Apr-09	30-Jun-10	28,083	Open
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Provision of legal advice on CPRS auctions: structuring re	09-Apr-09	07-Aug-09	24,505	Open
Royal Melbourne Institute Technology	Strategic Advice	15-Apr-09	30-Jun-09	16,500	Direct
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal Services	22-Apr-09	31-Dec-09	110,000	Open
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal Services	22-Apr-09	31-Dec-09	110,000	Open
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal Services	22-Apr-09	31-Dec-09	88,398	Open
Deloitte Growth Solutions Pty Ltd	FBT Compliance Services	22-Apr-09	31-Jul-09	17,105	Select
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal Services	22-Apr-09	31-Dec-09	110,000	Open
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal Services	22-Apr-09	31-Dec-09	88,398	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal Advice	24-Apr-09	30-Jun-09	15,000	Open
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Cost and Benefit	26-May-09	29-Jun-09	27,000	Select
Morgan Stanley Australia Limited	Open Book Analysis of Generator Finances	03-Jun-09	23-Nov-09	1,018,492	Direct

Vendor Name	Description of Services	Start Date	End Date	Contract Value \$	Procurement Method
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal Advice	09-Jun-09	30-Sep-09	69,850	Open
Murphy Davis Consulting Group	ACCRA Establishment Strategy	22-Jun-09	30-Jun-09	67,948	Direct
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (formerly Maunsell Australia)	Economic Analysis	23-Jun-09	30-Mar-10	499,000	Open
Yanna Rider Consulting (Rider, Yanna)	Critical Thinking	23-Jun-09	14-Jul-09	21,450	Select
CSIRO	Coastal Research	24-Jun-09	14-Nov-09	16,500	Direct
Total				\$4,318,331	

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Vendor Name	Description of Services	Start Date	End Date	Contract Value	Procurement Method
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (formerly Maunsell Australia)	Base Building Brief	15-Oct-09	30-Oct-09	12,450	Direct
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (formerly Maunsell Australia)	Green Loans Program Audit Services	12-Apr-10	15-Mar-11	39,500	Open
Ascent Consulting Pty Ltd	Whole of program assurance planning	03-Aug-09	30-Oct-09	117,288	Direct
Ascent Consulting Pty Ltd	Contact Centre Strategy	30-Nov-09	08-Jan-10	27,500	Direct
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	20-Jul-09	31-Mar-10	247,500	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	01-Aug-09	30-Jun-10	140,951	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	10-Aug-09	31-Dec-09	227,304	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	10-Aug-09	28-Feb-10	164,472	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	10-Aug-09	27-Nov-09	185,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	25-Sep-09	31-Dec-09	77,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Provision of Legal services	03-Mar-10	30-Jun-10	71,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Provision of legal services	29-Mar-10	28-Jun-10	125,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor	Provision of Legal Services	01-Apr-10	30-Jun-10	800,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal Services	01-Jan-09	30-Jun-09	97,075	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal advice for Department of Climate Change	01-Oct-09	07-Oct-09	10,034	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	AGS Legal Advice	12-Feb-10	30-Jun-10	80,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Provision of legal advice	08-Mar-10	30-Jun-10	50,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Advice to support the National Energy Efficiency Initiative	21-Apr-10	30-Jun-10	70,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Advice on implementation of the building energy efficiency	21/06/2010	30/11/2011	120,000	Open
Baker & McKenzie	Legal services	01-Jul-09	31-Jul-09	62,599	Select
Baker and McKenzie	Legal services - Australian Carbon Trust (Energy Efficiency)	04-Aug-09	29-Sep-09	69,000	Open
Baker and McKenzie	Advice on International Bunker Fuel reporting under the	07-Sep-09	14-Oct-09	10,293	Open
Beletich, Steven Argeo t/a Beletich Associates	Expert Technical Support and Advice on Lighting Energy	01-May-10	25-Jun-10	50,000	Open
Black Is White Pty Ltd t/as Black is White Communications	Communication protocols	16-Mar-10	30-Apr-10	26,000	Direct
Blake Dawson	Legal Advice - Australian Carbon Trust	26-Oct-09	15-Feb-09	103,500	Open

Vendor Name	Description of Services	Start Date	End Date	Contract Value \$	Procurement Method
Blake Dawson	Legal Advice - Australian Carbon Trust	26-Oct-09	15-Feb-09	49,453	Open
Blake Dawson	Legal Advice on superannuation and payslip issues	23-Feb-10	30-Apr-10	15,000	Open
Brodtmann Communications	Communications protocols	21-Sep-09	29-Jan-10	64,625	Direct
Brodtmann Communications	Communications protocols	01-Oct-09	30-Jun-10	20,100	Select
Business Aspect (ACT) Pty Ltd (t/aTarcus Personnel)	Benefits Realisation Management Plan	01-Dec-09	30-Jan-10	12,065	Open
Business Outlook and Evaluation	Energy efficiency program analysis - Australian Carbon Trust	06-Sep-09	24-Dec-09	59,950	Direct
Clarius Group Limited (t/a One Umbrella, Candle ICT)	Provision of Program Assurance Advice	08-Feb-10	30-Jun-10	40,000	Open
Colmar Brunton Pty Ltd t/as Colmar Brunton Social Research	Department of Climate Change Market Research - Carbon	04-Aug-09	30-Jun-10	164,780	Open
Conexxion	Advice on Procurement Options for Urgent Rectification	28-Apr-10	30-Jun-10	8,500	Direct
CSC Australia Pty Ltd	Security policy review	21-Sep-09	13-Nov-09	29,700	Open
CSC Australia Pty Ltd	Threat Risk Assessment	15-Mar-10	14-Apr-10	15,345	Open
CSIRO	Provision of services for Aust's 2008 national greenhouse	24-Sep-09	31-Dec-09	14,850	Direct
CSIRO	Provision of forum documentation	07-May-10	19-Jul-10	7,425	Direct
CSIRO	Provision of a statistical risk identification methodology	25-Jun-10	30-Jun-11	120,000	Direct
Cultural Perspectives Pty Ltd t/as CIRCARESEARCH	Renewable energy targets and solar credits module	01-Jul-09	30-Jun-10	10,634	Open
Databuild Research and Solutions Limited	Research into the Effectiveness of Commercial Building	19-Feb-10	30-Jun-10	64,320	Select
Delaney and Associates Pty Ltd	Develop DCC Business Planning	12-Feb-10	11-Mar-10	28,600	Open
DLA Phillips Fox	Provision of Legal Services	01-Apr-10	31-May-10	45,000	Open
DLA Phillips Fox	Legal services	07-Apr-10	30-Jun-10	60,000	Open
Dobes and Associates Pty Ltd	Economic Analysis	28-Oct-09	25-Jun-10	50,000	Direct
Ecopolis Architects Pty Ltd	Review contents of the 4th edition of the Your Home	23-Mar-10	30-May-10	44,000	Direct
Energetics Pty Ltd	Scoping Study for Phase 2 of Commercial Mandatory Disclosure	08-Apr-10	30-Jun-10	59,939	Direct
EnerGreen Consulting	Collection of Data	13-Jul-09	30-Nov-09	19,850	Select
Environmental Computing and Visualisation	Refinements to the Australian Greenhouse Emissions	01-Jul-09	31-Jul-09	220,000	Direct
Gemtil Pty Ltd	Analysis Report on ACT Commercial Property Market	18-Aug-09	31-Aug-09	19,800	Direct
George Patterson Y and R Pty Limited	Campaign development	01-Nov-09	30-Jun-10	179,768	Select
George Patterson Y and R Pty Limited	Campaign development	01-Nov-09	30-Jun-10	2,000,000	Select
GHD Pty Ltd (Victoria)	Collection of Data on Emissions	13-Jul-09	30-Nov-09	24,606	Select
GHD Pty Ltd (Victoria)	National Greenhouse Accounts: Estimation of Emissions From	25-Sep-09	23-Oct-09	16,489	Select

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GrantIT Pty Ltd	Research and Analysis	21-Apr-10	29-Jun-10	49,280	Select
Hyder Consulting Pty Ltd	National Greenhouse Accounts: Estimation of Emissions from	25-Sep-09	23-Oct-09	20,306	Select
IT Power (Australia) Pty Ltd	Final Report Concentrating Solar Power in India	18-Jun-10	10-Jan-11	69,300	Direct
Kathy Jones and Associates Pty Ltd aka KJA	Provision of Specialist Communications Services	24-Mar-10	23-Apr-10	55,000	Direct
Kathy Jones and Associates Pty Ltd aka KJA	Critical situation advice & communications plan	03-May-10	03-Jun-10	70,000	Direct
Ken Erwood and Assoc (t/a Erwood Accelerated Purchasing)	Procurement Strategy	12-Aug-09	27-Aug-09	18,169	Direct
KPMG	The International Review of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions	07-Jul-09	28-Aug-09	17,864	Direct
KPMG	The International Review of the Greenhouse emissions	07-Jul-09	16-Oct-09	69,300	Select
KPMG	The International Review of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions	07-Jul-09	22-Dec-09	87,120	Select
KPMG	Review of DCC Records Management	11-Nov-09	31-Dec-09	35,000	Open
KPMG	Review of DCC leave balances	11-Nov-09	31-Dec-09	103,760	Open
KPMG	The International Review of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions	11-Jan-10	12-Mar-10	19,800	Select
KPMG	Review of IT Environment	23-Jan-10	30-Mar-10	40,000	Open
KPMG	To provide an independent and expert review of smart grid	29-Jan-10	31-Mar-10	31,054	Open
KPMG	Identify fraud & outstanding debt activity	31-Mar-10	25-Jun-10	800,000	Open
KPMG Actuaries Pty Ltd	Actuarial modelling	16-Dec-09	30-Jun-10	82,500	Select
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal advice	09-Apr-09	07-Aug-09	24,505	Open
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal Advice	09-Jun-09	30-Sep-09	177,398	Open
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal services	27-Jan-10	02-Mar-10	17,000	Open
McLennan Magasanik Associates Pty Ltd	Stationary Energy Sector Greenhouse Gas Projections to 2020	14-Sep-09	31-Dec-09	75,000	Direct
McLennan Magasanik Associates Pty Ltd	Review of Specific Renewable Energy	06-Oct-09	31-Oct-09	60,000	Direct
Minter Ellison	Trade Mark Legal Advice	01-Jan-10	30-Jun-10	20,000	Open
Morison Consulting	Staff Survey	20-Jan-10	01-Mar-10	12,100	Direct
Morvell, Gerry	Operational review	05-Feb-10	30-Jun-10	44,600	Select
Murphy Davis Consulting Group	Blueprint Development	20-Jul-09	30-Sep-09	148,243	Direct
Murphy Davis Consulting Group	Management Advisory services	15-Mar-10	30-Apr-10	400,000	Direct
Noetic Solutions Pty Ltd	Consultant Service for the EDRMS Project	08-Jun-10	28-Sep-10	150,000	Open
Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide Pty Ltd	Market Research	2/11/2009	30/06/2010	68,450	Direct
Open Mind Research Group Holdings Pty Ltd	Market research services for Climate Change Advertising	16-Sep-09	30-Jun-10	550,000	Open
PALM Consulting Group Pty Ltd (t/a Tempo Strategies)	Design and facilitation of SES Leadership forum	27-Jul-09	28-Jul-09	14,036	Direct
Pitt & Sherry Holdings Pty Ltd	Study into setting the pathway for future Energy Efficiency	20-Apr-10	18-Jun-10	76,900	Select
Pitt and Sherry Holdings Pty Ltd	Fugitive sector Oil and Natural Gas Greenhouse Gas Emissions	10-Sep-09	31-Dec-09	39,600	Direct

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PricewaterhouseCoopers	Machinery of governance change advice	25-Mar-10	30-Jun-10	67,045	Open
Providence Consulting Group	Procurement Strategy	19-Aug-09	31-Aug-09	36,300	Open
Reed International Books Aust Pty Ltd (t/a LexisNexis)	Legal research tools	28-Oct-09	28-Oct-10	28,650	Direct
Royal Melbourne Institute Technology	Gap analysis of Residential Buildings Mandatory Disclosure	19-Apr-10	15-Jun-10	40,040	Select
Swell Design Group Pty Ltd	Design Services for the Climate Change Action Fund Brand	01-Oct-09	31-Oct-09	39,589	Select
Tailored HR Solutions Unit Trust	HR Strategic Plan	17-Dec-09	30-Mar-10	45,000	Direct
Tamsitt Family Trust	Risk Management Advice	12-May-10	27-May-10	14,300	Direct
Technology Partners International	Value management of PwC Foil contract	17-May-10	02-Jul-10	254,000	Open
The Building Commission	Provide specialised advice & input into the closure of the HIP; the proposed Renewable Energy Bonus Scheme & other proposed related programs	18-Mar-10	30-Jun-10	150,000	Direct
Trevor Deeming Consulting	Management Advisory services	15-Mar-10	30-Apr-10	33,920	Direct
Triple Helix Consulting Pty Ltd	Operational review	05-Feb-10	02-Apr-10	38,500	Select
University of Tasmania	Erosion risk analysis under climate change	11-Jun-10	30-Jun-11	332,585.00	Select
WalterTurnbull Pty Ltd (old Co structure)	Probity Advice	17-Nov-09	30-Jun-10	66,000	Open
Wilde and Woollard Consultants Pty Ltd	Quantity Services for new DCCEE Office Accommodation	15-Jan-10	30-Jun-10	13,970	Open
Xact Project Consultants Pty Ltd	Fitout refurbishment - Feasibility Options	15-Mar-10	30-Jun-10	19,585	Select
				\$11,074,032	

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Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal Services	01-Jul-10	30-Sep-10	22,000	Open
Australian Government Solicitor Operating	Legal Services	01-Jul-10	06-Aug-10	69,300	Open
Databuild Research and Solutions Limited	Enforcing and Evaluating Department Equipment Efficiency	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-11	17,250	Direct
Kimball, Brian	Provision of Departmental Travel Review	13-Jul-10	31-Aug-10	40,000	Direct
Centre for International Economics	Economic Analysis & Projections-Agriculture	29-Jul-10	31-Dec-10	84,810	Direct
Thombolo Pty Ltd	Professional Services	29-Jul-10	31-Dec-10	62,000	Direct
				\$295,360	

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	94
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Government Payment of Accounts		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator Barnett asked:

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 previous financial year?
3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is the rate determined?

Answer:

1. For the financial year 2009-10, the Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio (which includes the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator) paid 80 per cent of accounts to contractors/consultants within 30 days. The on-time payment rate increases to 85 per cent when including all payments to small enterprises.

As the Portfolio's financial functions have matured, there has been an improvement in the timeliness of payments. In 2007-08, 73 per cent of invoices were paid within 30 days, and in 2008-09, 77.5 per cent of invoices were paid within 30 days.

The Portfolio continues to monitor its performance in relation to the timeliness of invoice payments and intends to further improve processes to reduce the average timeframe in which invoices are paid, including revising financial processes, increased education of staff and increased use of credit cards.

2. The Portfolio has not received any claims relating to interest applied to the late payment of invoices from small businesses to date.
3. Not applicable.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	95
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Advice to staff		
Hansard Page ECA:	46		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—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?

Dr Parkinson—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.

Ms Weir—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.

Dr Parkinson—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.

Answer:

The Protocols for Managing Change including Restructuring, Redeployment and Retirement were initially prepared by the Personnel Operations Unit in February 2010.

Consultation within the Branch and with the First Assistant Secretary, Corporate Support Division, occurred until the document was forwarded to the Staff Consultative Committee members on 14 April 2010 for consideration out of session.

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Outcome: 1 **Question No:** 96
Program: Corporate
Division/Agency: CSD
Topic: Departmental Program Expenses
Hansard Page ECA: 47-48

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—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.

Senator Wong—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.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—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.

Answer:

In accordance with Budget Measures previously announced for the Department, the total program support funding from 2010-11 to 2013-14 comprises the following:

Program	2010-11 ('000)	2011-12 ('000)	2012-13 ('000)	2013-14 ('000)
Sustainable Resourcing – DCCEE	61,039	60,641	59,864	57,102
Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme – Deferral	31,031	-	-	-
Greenhouse and Energy Data Office	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400
Campaign Advertising	976	-	-	-
Australian Carbon Trust	(820)	(652)	(597)	(346)
Parameter Adjustments	(352)	(248)	(181)	(78)
Total	95,274	63,141	62,486	60,078

The allocation of funding as reported in the Portfolio Budget Statements for all programs reflects an estimate based on information available at that time. As at Budget night, the Department had yet to finalise its internal budget allocations.

Note that the total funding does not include funding to be transferred from the former Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts for the energy efficiency functions.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	97
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staff Attrition		
Hansard Page ECA:	56		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—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?

Dr Parkinson—I would have to take that on notice. It depends very much—

Senator BIRMINGHAM—I need something as approximate as the approximation you just gave Senator Marshall.

Dr Parkinson—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.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—I am happy for you to provide the answer in detail, but as Senator Abetz said, what is the stab—and subject to correction?

Dr Parkinson—I was just asking if we have any data at all.

Ms Weir—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.

Answer:

The attrition rate for the Department for 2009-10 is 13.8 per cent. Of the 145 cessations from the Department from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, 48 staff – or 33 per cent – transferred to other Commonwealth agencies.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	98
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staff Costs		
Hansard Page ECA:	61		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—What are the costs of those three positions?

Dr Parkinson—We would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The costs of the three positions are as follows:

- Ms Hand is an SES Band 2 officer within the salary range of \$215,700 to \$253,400 for a Band 2 officer within the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, as per Schedule 1 of the SES Remuneration Structure (Attachment A).
- Mr Bamsey is an SES Band 3 officer within the salary range of \$265,700 to \$312,400 for a Band 3 officer within the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, as per Schedule 1 of the SES Remuneration Structure (Attachment A).

Mr Bamsey holds two positions:

- Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Climate Change; and
- Head of the Secretariat to the Prime Minister's Task Group on Energy Efficiency.

For privacy reasons the Department is unable to provide individual salary amounts.

Schedule 1 – SES Remuneration Structure – Extract

Band 1

Min \$	175,600
Max \$	205,900

Band 2

Min \$	215,700
Max \$	253,400

Band 3

Min \$	265,700
Max \$	312,400

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	99
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Overseas Travel		
Hansard Page ECA:	61		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM— How many departmental staff travelled overseas in this financial year?

Dr Parkinson— Again, we are happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

A total of 93 departmental staff travelled overseas in the 2009-10 financial year.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	100
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Overseas Travel		
Hansard Page ECA:	61		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—What is your budget for overseas travel this financial year?

Dr Parkinson—I do not have that in front of me.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Can anybody else help with that?

Dr Parkinson—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.

Answer:

The Department's total budget for overseas travel in the 2009-10 financial year was \$4,805,866.25.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	101
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Staff Redeployment		
Hansard Page ECA:	72		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Regarding those extra 18, are you able to provide us—if not now then on notice—with what band levels they were at, please?

Mr Leeper—I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Between Additional Estimates in February 2010 and the Prime Minister's announcement, three staff left the ACCRA Establishment and CPRS Implementation Division, and the Department employed 21 ongoing staff:

Classification	Number
APS 5	4
APS 6	6
Executive Level 1	9
Executive Level 2	1
Public Affairs Officer 3	1
Total	21

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	102
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Departmental expenses		
Hansard Page ECA:	83		

Senator Birmingham asked:

Senator BIRMINGHAM—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 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?

Dr Parkinson—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.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—Correct; another other area disappearing, and I guess particularly the—

Dr Parkinson—Or shrinking.

Senator BIRMINGHAM—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.

Dr Parkinson—Can we come back to you on the specifics?

Senator BIRMINGHAM—If you could provide the details, that is fine. That is not something worth holding us up over.

Answer:

An explanation of the decline in departmental expenses for Program 1.3 – Adapting to Climate Change from 2009-10 to 2010-11 is provided in the table below.

	2009-10 (\$'000)	2010-11 (\$'000)	Explanation
Ordinary annual services (Appropriation Bill No. 1)	28,225	23,190	The Department's total funding for Appropriation Bill No. 1, relating to operating activities, declines from 2009-10 to 2010-11. The allocation of funding as reported in the Portfolio Budget Statements for all programs reflects an estimate based on information available at that time. As at Budget night, the Department had yet to finalise its internal budget allocations.
Other services (Appropriation Bill No. 2)	9,930	511	The Department's total funding for Appropriation Bill No. 2, relating to equity injections for capital projects, declines from 2009-10 to 2010-11. The allocation of funding as reported in the Portfolio Budget Statements for all programs reflects an estimate based on information available at that time. As at Budget night, the Department had yet to finalise its internal budget allocations.
Revenue from independent sources	8,000	-	The reduction reflects an anticipated decline in funding for externally funded projects.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	103
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Travel		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

1. How many Departmental staff travelled overseas in the past financial year?
2. What was the total cost of overseas travel for the Department in the past financial year?
3. What was the total amount spent by the Department in the past year on overseas accommodation and meals?
4. How many staff travelled first class? How many travelled business class?
5. How many staff travelled interstate in the past financial year?
6. What was the total accommodation and meals bill for staff travelling interstate over the past year?
7. How many future overseas trips is the Department currently planning?

Answer:

1. A total of 93 departmental staff travelled overseas in the 2009-10 financial year.
2. The total cost of overseas travel for the Department in the 2009-10 financial year was \$2,741,198.34.
3. The total amount spent by the Department in the 2009-10 financial year on overseas accommodation and meals was \$1,631,183.89.
4. Only one staff member travelled in first class, 91 staff members travelled in business class and one staff member travelled in economy class internationally in the 2009-10 financial year.
5. There were 405 staff that travelled interstate in the past financial year.
6. The total accommodation and meals bill for staff travelling interstate over the 2009-10 financial year was \$546,758.11.
7. There are 30 future overseas trips currently planned.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	104
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Consultancies		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

1. How many consultants has the Department engaged with in the past financial year?
2. What is the total value of the consultancies the Department has engaged in over the past year?
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?

Answer:

1. In the 2009-10 financial year, the Department engaged in 101 contracts for consultancy services.
2. For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, the total commitment value for consultancy contracts was \$11,074,032 (GST inclusive).
3. The Department allocates each Division with an operational budget. Each Division will assess their requirements to procure consultancy services from business needs and departmental outcomes.

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Outcome:	1	Question No:	105
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Leases		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

How much has the Department spent to date on its fit out at 2 Constitution Avenue in the ACT?

Answer:

The Department has spent \$1,261,373.34 (excluding GST) on various fit outs since its occupation of 2 Constitution Avenue, Canberra City, in 2008.

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Outcome: 1 **Question No:** 106
Program: Corporate
Division/Agency: CSD
Topic: Staff Training
Hansard Page ECA: Written

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

1. How many staff training programmes has the Department conducted this year and at what cost?
2. How many of these staff training programmes were held outside Canberra?
3. How many staff attended these programmes and where were they held?

Answer:

1. The Department conducted a total of 31 training programs for the 2009-10 financial year, at a total cost of \$291,587.10.
2. All programs were held within the Canberra district.
3. 542 staff attended these training programs.

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Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio

Outcome:	1	Question No:	107
Program:	Corporate		
Division/Agency:	CSD		
Topic:	Buildings' Energy Efficiency		
Hansard Page ECA:	Written		

Senator BIRMINGHAM asked:

Please list every building occupied by the Department. For each building:

- a) Has an energy efficiency audit been undertaken?
- b) If so, what rating was achieved and what action has been taken to improve energy efficiency as a result of any audit undertaken?

Answer:

As at 31 August 2010, the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency was responsible for leases in four buildings, being:

- 2 Constitution Avenue, Canberra, ACT;
- 20 Allara Street, Canberra, ACT;
- 1 Farrell Place, Canberra, ACT; and
- 5 Farrell Place, Canberra, ACT.

Departmental staff occupied space in 1010 La Trobe Street, Docklands, Victoria which is controlled by another Commonwealth agency.

The Department also occupies space within the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme Headquarters, Avelo Road, Valima, Apia, Samoa.

In February 2008, a tenancy Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) assessment was conducted on the space currently occupied by the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency at 2 Constitution Ave. A rating was not obtained at that time because there was insufficient data available relating to the Department's energy use. The assessment did identify measures that may assist in improving the environmental performance. The following recommendations have been initiated:

- the lighting system has been placed on timers (within the limitations of the system currently installed in the building);
- the Department purchases electrical appliances with the highest energy rating available;
- the time of operation for the supplementary air-condition systems in the meeting rooms has been reduced; and
- the Department has internal policies limiting the use of printers and other appliances.

5 Farrell Place construction was completed in June 2007 to a design minimum of 4.5 Star AGBR. The building incorporates an advanced HVAC system which is controlled by the latest generation Building Management System (BMS) with highly efficient glass facade.

In the remaining premises, the Department's presence is either on a short term basis or the area occupied is not significant. However, the Department has implemented energy saving measures similar to the above at these sites wherever possible.