

ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – 25-26 MAY 2010

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1	67-68 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Caring for Our Country Savings	<p>Senator SIEWERT—It is a reduction in the size of the money, which is getting back to the issue that it is a reduction in the size of the money that is being allocated to NRM.</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I think Mr Flanigan and Mr Early are also both clarifying that it is not a reduction in existing effort. It is my understanding—and I do not have the benefit of the background of this program as officers around the table do—that with a program of this size and length you would anticipate some efficiency in the life of the program. The onus is on us to have a look at how we can obtain that. I think Mr Cochrane has indicated that there is not too significant a concern in relation to targets. Mr Flanigan is no doubt undertaking a similar exercise, but I do want to stress that it is not a reduction of existing effort; it is a reduction in the additional funds that we would have got. Mr Early, am I correct? Without in any way claiming to be an accountant, this is my understanding.</p> <p>Mr Early—Yes, as Mr Flanigan said, we actually have more money in the next three years than we currently have in this financial year.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—It is not being indexed, so in actual fact the real value is going down.</p> <p>Mr Early—I would have to do the maths. I am not sure.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—That is what we were told on Monday.</p> <p>Mr Early—I am not sure that is right.</p>	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10
2	69-70 (26/5/10)	Boswell	North Queensland ranger program	<p>Senator BOSWELL—How many rangers does the Commonwealth employ in the peninsula?</p> <p>Ms Archer—We have 20 projects in Queensland and most of those are in the cape. I do not have the specific numbers of rangers in those programs here, but I could provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—You have 20 projects?</p> <p>Ms Archer—Twenty communities that we are working with.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—Are they communities such as Doomadgee and Hope Vale?</p> <p>Ms Archer—We certainly are funding rangers in Doomadgee, Hope Vale, Coen and Mossman—a number of areas—and going into the gulf.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—How many rangers would you have there?</p> <p>Ms Archer—I do not have the numbers, but I can provide them to you.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—How many rangers would be in Queensland? Did you not mention 20?</p> <p>Ms Archer—I said 20 projects. The teams of rangers range from three to 15. I could get you specific figures.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—And then in addition to that there are wild rivers rangers?</p> <p>Ms Archer—Yes.</p>	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10
3	73-74 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Mount Lyell remediation–	<p>Dr Zammit—... Knowing that we had a raft of national policy objectives under Caring for Country, the advice then</p>	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10

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			consultation re decision	to the Natural Heritage Ministerial Board was to make a judgment, essentially, as to whether to reinvest in a project that for 10 years had not delivered anything very much or to reallocate the funds to an independent and parallel request from the state for investment in foxes. The ministers took the decision then, balancing the inherent risks remaining in the Mount Lyell project with the opportunities to tackle the fox problem in Tasmania, to invest in foxes. That was just last year. ... Senator SIEWERT —Were the state consulted prior to the decision being made? Mr Flanigan —We will take that on notice.			
4	74 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Mount Lyell remediation – independent assessment	Senator SIEWERT —You have told us about the independent assessment; you went to the effort of getting that done. Who in the state knew that you were doing that? Mr Flanigan —The usual course of contract management is that, if the milestones are not met, the project is finished. It is a contractual arrangement to meet milestones to receive payments for delivery of activities as they go through. I will need to check our records, unless Dr Zammit has something additional in his detail. Dr Zammit —I do not have the detail. ... Senator SIEWERT —I will ask about one final issue. The decision was made around your taking an independent assessment and all those sorts of issues. Were those things done because the project was not meeting its milestones, prior to any consideration of the money being available for something else, such as funding for foxes? What is the time line regarding the application coming in for more money for foxes and the department acting on a project that was not meeting its milestones? Dr Zammit —The independent assessment of the Mount Lyell project happened well before the request for foxes arrived. Senator SIEWERT —If you could take on notice the actual timing of that and the consultation Dr Zammit —Yes.	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10
5	74 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Mount Lyell remediation – lapsed contract	Senator ABETZ —But when was the state government advised that the contract was deemed to be at an end? Dr Zammit —The contract lapsed in June 2008 and at that time— Senator ABETZ —No. The question is: when was the state government advised of the federal view that the contract had lapsed? You might have struck a view at a particular time, but was that ever communicated and, if so, when? Mr Flanigan —I will take that on notice. I just do not have the records here of that particular communication with the state.	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10
6	75-76 (26/5/10)	Colbeck	Mount Lyell remediation – request from Tasmanian	Senator COLBECK —This is a statement by the Tasmanian minister Ms O’Byrne that she had made a request in May, and we have those two things lining up for the federal government to extend the agreement. We have established that was post the lapsing of the contract. Was the review completed by the time the request to extend had been received?	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10

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			government	<p>Dr Zammit—The review was completed—</p> <p>Senator Wong—Can I just stop you there? Obviously a range of discussions may have occurred between the federal and state governments on this issue—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—I have two questions to go. I just want to know the answer to that and another question.</p> <p>Senator Wong—I have taken the issue on notice. I think you want to put to us a sequence of events and I am happy to hear you out and take it on notice, but I would rather that the minister have the opportunity to consider the totality of those requests.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—I am not trying to trip anyone up; I am not trying to do anything except establish what occurred and, effectively, who did what, particularly the Tasmanian government. Back to Ms O'Byrne's statement where she said that she had forwarded the request in May—and we have established that is the case—to extend agreement with the state government. That was declined in January 2010 and advice was received that the federal government funding would be reallocated to the fox eradication effort. So I will put that on the record and ask you to confirm that. But the advice from Ms O'Byrne, the Tasmanian minister, is that the Commonwealth responded in January 2010 with advice that the funding was to be reallocated.</p>			
7	Written	Birmingham	Wandering Trad – Biological Controls	Is there any funding currently in place to develop a biological control for Wandering Trad, in the Dandenong Ranges or elsewhere?	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10
8	Written	Fisher	Caring for our Country – Landcare and National Heritage Trust Cuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details as to how, where and why these cuts will be achieved? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which programs have been identified for cuts? 2. Please provide a full list with details of programs funded under Caring for Country in 2009-2010 and to be funded, as best known, in 2010-2011 3. Why then has the Government cut funding to Landcare? 4. What was the basis of this decision? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Did the Government receive advice? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, what was the advice? 5. How many jobs will be lost? 6. What will replace this program? 	AGLC	1.1	30/07/10
9	72 (26/5/10)	Birmingham	Caring for our Country – departmental program support	Senator BIRMINGHAM —I do not want to take up any more of the committee's time on this. I am always delighted to hear of efficiencies, always delighted to think that a department can manage to get the same outcomes or better outcomes with less administrative cost. That is what we all like to hear. You have not come remotely close to explaining to me what this line item entails, though. Specifically for the line on page 35 of the PBS described as annual departmental expenses, departmental program support, can you provide on notice a breakdown of how the \$88,297,000 in the 2009-10 revised budget has been expended, what components it is made up of and so on, and what decisions, if any, have been taken as to how you are going to meet the forward projections,	PCD	1.1	30/07/10

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				ultimately to slice more than \$25 million off that figure by 2013-14, which is integral to your plans to keep Caring for Country on track and of course the government's projected surplus. Ms Kruk —We will do so.			
10	36 (26/5/10)	Abetz	National average temperature measurement	Dr Ayers —We have selected 100 sites that are used to create the national average. The reason that they are selected is that they are sites that have records longer than a minimum of 30 years. This is the criterion that is used by the Bureau of Meteorology and is also recognised and used by the World Meteorological Organisation to define a length of record that can be considered useful for climate purposes rather than daily weather purposes. So paying attention to high quality records in regions that are not influenced, for example, by urban influences, provides the rationale for selecting a sufficient number of sites of high quality to provide an annual average. That is the process. ... Senator ABETZ —Out of the selected 100 sites, could you take it on notice and provide a list of those 100 sites and those sites which are not used? Dr Ayers —The sites are publicly available. They are on the bureau's website. I am happy to reply on notice. Senator ABETZ —If you could, please. I do not want the reading out of a list of 100 sites.	BOM	1.1	30/07/10
11	40 (26/5/10)	Birmingham	National Plan for Environmental Information	Senator BIRMINGHAM —In relation to the additional funding provided to the bureau in this area, large amounts of it appear to be capital funding as well. What are the capital expenses related to development of this plan? Dr Vertessy —They fall at least into two categories that I can think of. The first will be computing infrastructure, so servers, disk storage, et cetera, that would prepare us to accept large influxes of new data. The second would be in the capitalisation of staff expenses to actually build the information system, as it were. There may be others, but I cannot think of them right at the moment. Senator BIRMINGHAM —They run into the sums of a couple of million dollars out into the forward years. I understand there are start-up costs for you, but it is the ongoing capital costs that are of interest.	BOM	1.1	30/07/10
12	41 (26/5/10)	Marshall	Bureau of Meteorology Training Centre staff	Dr Ayers —Yes. To be a forecaster in the bureau, you have to have a science degree with second-year maths and physics, and then do a graduate diploma through the Bureau of Meteorology Training Centre. ... Senator MARSHALL —How many people are employed by the training college? Dr Ayers —How many people are employed in that area? That is not a point of detail that I have with me.	BOM	1.1	30/07/10
13	46 (26/5/10)	Marshall	Reef Guardian Program	Senator MARSHALL —I understand the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has received additional funding for the Reef Guardian program this year. Can you tell me about the program? How long has it been going, and what has it achieved so far?	GBRPMA	1.1	30/07/10

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				<p>Dr Reichelt—Thank you for that question. The Reef Guardian program has been running for about three years now. I can check, but it is approximately three to four years old. It began with a schools program, and that has been running ahead of our expectations. We have now membership of 194 schools involving over 60,000 students, and it has been a very effective way of fulfilling our obligations under the act regarding educating people about the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. We have found that it has been a very costeffective way to inform young children about the values of preventing run-off and pollution for the environment, and environmentally sustainable practices. It is still increasing. It will reach a natural limit when we have reached all the schools.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator MARSHALL—Would you, on notice, provide a list of those schools to us?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—Yes, I would.</p>			
14	48 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Sheng Neng 1 incident costs	<p>Senator SIEWERT—I would like to go, if possible to the impact of the tanker, <i>Shen Neng 1</i>. Has the authority incurred any costs through dealing with that incident, and what are they?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—I do not have the figures. We are certainly counting those costs; I just have not had a report on them. From day one we began recording all of the costs of our staff time, travel expenses, communications, operations in the field, at times involving 20 or 30 of our 200 staff. I think they will be significant. I just cannot give you a precise figure here.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—Yes.</p>	GBRMPA	1.1	30/07/10
15	49 and 53 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Antifouling paint – affected area	<p>[ECA 49] Senator SIEWERT—Is it possible to tell me what size area we are now talking about that is being impacted by the antifouling paint?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—I cannot give you that figure precisely. The figure I saw in a very preliminary report had not mapped the whole extent of it but it was something like 35,000 square metres, something of that order. I think for the precise figures it would be best if we can wait for that report.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[ECA 53] Senator SIEWERT—I would like to clarify so that I have not misunderstood. When we were talking about the antifouling paint, you said 35,000 square metres. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—I said I had seen that as a preliminary figure and I asked if you would bear that in mind. We will get you the precise estimates as the report becomes public.</p>	GBRMPA	1.1	30/07/10
16	50 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Antifouling paint – ongoing impact	<p>Senator SIEWERT—I just want to go back to this issue of ships continuing to use the park with these particular paints. This has been an ongoing issue for years and years and years. You told me to talk to Transport, which obviously I will, but is the authority still having ongoing discussions about this, because this is not the first time this has happened? Are you having ongoing discussions not just about collisions but about the ongoing effect this antifouling paint can have on the marine park?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—We have raised the general issue as recently as within the last month of thinking beyond oil to hazardous noxious substances in the marine parks, and that would include the antifouling on ships and noxious substances as cargoes. We are very interested in raising that in the national operational forums under the national plan.</p>	GBRMPA	1.1	30/07/10

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				<p>Senator SIEWERT—What is the timeframe for dealing with that? We have been having this debate about antifoulants for years and years and years</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—I am not sure of the timing of the reporting of those operational groups. I could try and get more information on the timing.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—We would appreciate it if you could. ...</p>			
17	51 (26/5/10)	Macdonald	GBRMPA staffing levels	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Do you have before you or can you obtain on notice the staffing levels over, say, the last three years? I ask this every year, so it should be somewhere.</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—We can easily provide that.</p>	GBRMPA	1.1	30/07/10
18	51-52 (26/5/10)	Macdonald	Environment management charge	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—... Someone else asked about the environment management charge collections and you said they were down. Can you be more specific about that?</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—Yes, we can. We can run through the last couple of years.</p> <p>Mr Elliot—Last year we originally predicted \$8.2 million in collections for the entire year. That is the last financial year and not this one. We ended up collecting \$7.48 million, which was approximately \$700,000 down on estimates. This financial year when we did the original estimates, which was long before the financial year started, based on the same visitation numbers we were looking at about \$8 million. We revised that down to \$7.3 million. We are now expecting to get \$7.5 million this year. We are looking at the same figure this year to what we collected last year, within \$20,000 to \$30,000.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Dr Reichelt—We would make clear that those years are well below the historical average.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—That was my next question. Do you have in front of you in your briefing notes what they were for the couple of years before that?</p> <p>Mr Elliot—As I said, last year it was \$7.48 million. The year before that it was just over \$8.04 million, from memory. The year before that I would have to take on notice.</p>	GBRMPA	1.1	30/07/10
19	64 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Fox control in Booderee National Park	<p>Senator ABETZ—Congratulations on the success of the program. Can you talk to one of your officers who, hopefully, has been there for a while about the inter-baiting and whether they discovered fox carcasses on a regular basis. I would be interested in that information and wish them every success in wiping them out.</p> <p>Mr Cochrane—Thank you.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—What sorts of traps do they use, by the way?</p> <p>Mr Cochrane—I might have to take that on notice, my apologies.</p>	PAD	1.1	30/07/10
20	69 (26/5/10)	Wortley	Indigenous Protected Areas	<p>Senator WORTLEY—Are you able to do a state-by-state breakdown of the IPA program?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Cochrane—Unfortunately, I do not have that in quite the form that you would probably want, so can I take that on notice, but could I also refer you to the department's website, because we maintain all of that data currently with fact sheets on each Indigenous protected area, maps and so on.</p>	PAD	1.1	30/07/10
21	54	Ludlam	Office of the	<p>Senator LUDLAM—I am seeking to know whether the OSS has taken a position or provided</p>	SSD	1.1	30/07/10

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	(26/5/10)		Supervising Scientist mandate	<p>advice to government on whether its mandate should be expanded beyond the Kakadu region to encompass oversight of uranium mining throughout Australia.</p> <p>Senator Wong—That does go to advice to government.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—Is advice to government a public interest immunity ground?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I am not going to answer that question. If you want me to take it on notice to see if there is any information relevant to whether we can provide, I will.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—There are two questions now. One is whether the department is immune from providing that information to this committee and the second is the substance of the question itself.</p> <p>Mr Early—Could I ask for clarification from the chair, because my understanding is that the information that you read out at the beginning of estimates talks about officers not being asked questions of policy.</p> <p>CHAIR—Yes, we do make that statement prior to hearings of estimates. I may not have articulated it but it is encapsulated in the clause that says officers and senators are well aware of the rules of conduct. There is a particular motion before the Senate about claims of public immunity.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—The minister has offered to take those two questions on notice, so we will move on. ...</p>			
22	Written	Ludlam	EPBC review and the SSD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What advice has the Office of the Supervising Scientist (OSS) provided to the government on the recommendations of the Hawke Review? 2. What internal consideration, costings and resource allocation planning has OSS made in relation to the recommendations of the Review? 	SSD	1.1	30/07/10
23	16-17 and 28-29 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Gunns Pulp Mill –question on notice 1486	<p>[ECA 16] Senator ABETZ—I do not know about that. I am just seeking to confirm with you that you recall that I have asked about this at four separate estimates and have been told that it would be an unreasonable use of resource to provide the names with whom Mr Garrett communicated on that day. I could go through each estimate and quote chapter and verse but that would just delay the committee.</p> <p>Senator Wong—I am sorry, Senator, could you give me a minute? I am just trying to find the question on notice answer to which you are referring.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[ECA 17] Senator Wong—Senator, yes that is the case, the answer to question on notice 1486, paragraph 4.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ— ... What I want to ask is why is it, Minister, that a senator, in asking reasonable questions at four separate estimates about this, has to be reduced to paying money to make an FOI and then have that request finally fulfilled when the minister, in the face of the FOI law, knows that he can no longer withhold the information?</p> <p>[ECA 28] Senator Wong—In relation to the second part of your question with respect to the content of the question on notice, the minister will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—I now have the information courtesy of the FOI. If I may briefly follow up, just so that I fully understand, the information that I was seeking in relation to whom the minister contacted, which was such an unreasonable use of resource, was in fact able to be obtained within a</p>	AWD	1.2	30/07/10

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				<p>matter of three days, is that right? The letter was dated 3 March from ASIC seeking details, and the minister was able to respond on 6 March?</p> <p>Senator Wong—That question goes to the question I have taken on notice. I have said I am taking on notice on behalf of the minister the second aspect of your question which is the content of I think paragraph 4 of the relevant question on notice. We can have a discussion about that. ...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Just for the purposes of noting—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—... That means that that information was available at the May 2009 estimates, the October 2009 estimates, and the February 2010 estimates, for noting, Minister. It was denied because it would be an unreasonable use of resource to make it available, and the minister had it and provided it to ASIC.</p> <p>Senator Wong—That assertion is a matter in response to which I will take on notice.</p>			
24	17 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Gunns Pulp Mill – FOI request	<p>Senator ABETZ—Thank you. Can I indicate to the committee and the minister that I no longer require the telephone numbers that I also sought. What I want to ask is why is it, Minister, that a senator, in asking reasonable questions at four separate estimates about this, has to be reduced to paying money to make an FOI and then have that request finally fulfilled when the minister, in the face of the FOI law, knows that he can no longer withhold the information. Is this the government's Operation Sunlight at its best?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I will take that question on notice.</p>	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
25	81 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Tasair investigation and other EPBC Act notices	<p>Senator ABETZ—... Can I be advised as to whether this matter is still being pursued against a genuinely small business and a genuine small business man who is absolutely antiwhaling and has stated so but who is being put to huge expense in relation to what I would say is a quite bizarre pursuit of him by the department?</p> <p>Senator Wong—Could you just give me a minute, please, Senator? I think I might need to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Take that one on notice as well. How many more of these types of notices have been issued under section 486F(1)(a) and (1)(b) of the act in the last two years?</p> <p>Ms Webb—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Thank you very much. ...</p>	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
26	81-82 (26/5/10)	Abetz	EPBC Act notice to Tasair – legal advice	<p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Can you find out in relation to this one of Tasair as to whether or not only internal legal advice was sought. I would also like to know the basis of the huge amount of information that is being sought under these notices, like the type of aircraft registration number, registered owner and even seating capacity. What the seat capacity has to do with an allegation of allegedly aiding and abetting certain activities is, I must say, quite astounding. It is all there in schedule 1 and schedule 2, but the demand for information goes to such things as: would more whales be killed if there were 12 seats on the plane as opposed to six seats? Who are the people who think of these questions? When a small business has to answer them, it takes time and effort. I cannot see how it would bear any relationship to any potential prosecution.</p> <p>Senator Wong—Those are matters of opinion. Officers would obviously—</p>	AWD	1.2	30/07/10

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				<p>Senator ABETZ—Please take it on notice to ascertain why the number of seats was being sought.</p> <p>Senator Wong—If I could finish what I started to say: obviously these notices are issued as part of officers exercising their function under the legislation that has been passed by this parliament. ... A range of assertions were made in your statement and question, and I do not want my lack of a response to the statement to be taken as agreement to that. But, insofar as we can ascertain a question, I will take that on notice for consideration.</p>			
27	94-95 (26/5/10)	Colbeck	Regulation of bumble bees in Tasmania	<p>Senator COLBECK—... I suppose if it is against the law nationally then it is against the law in Tasmania as well.</p> <p>Mr Burnett—It is a specific offence under the EPBC Act, so it would be illegal to be in possession of them. As they are believed to have been brought in illegally, it is also illegal to knowingly possess them.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—What process is there to manage the reality that they are there?</p> <p>Mr Burnett—I do not know. That would be a matter for the Tasmanian authorities.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—It is a state matter.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—... They are feral and a pest species so it is effectively under the act illegal. Is it possible for someone to apply for a permit under the act?</p> <p>Mr Burnett—Essentially that is what was done.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—No, I am talking about Tasmania.</p> <p>Mr Burnett—I do not know.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—You can take that on notice.</p>	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
28	Written	Brown	ASIO building	<p>DEWHA decided not to declare the new ASIO headquarters construction a controlled action but it did inform the Department of Finance about its audit procedure.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has DEWHA put its audit procedure into effect? Has the Department of Finance acted on any other concerns that DEWHA communicated to it about the new building? 	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
29	Written	Heffernan	Bumble Bees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I understand an Aust Hydroponic Greenhouse Assn (AHGA) application was rejected in October 2008, were the quite considerable economic and food safety benefits of bumblebee technology given appropriate consideration in the face of environmental damage claims? If yes to the above question, then how? What was the key evidence relied upon by the Department that led to the conclusion that <i>Bombus terrestris</i> (bumblebee) was an unacceptable environmental risk resulting in the rejection of the application? Is it correct that DEWHA (Department) officers have refused to make available to the AHGA their recommendation to the Minister in respect to his decision to deny the application? 	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
30	Written	Heffernan	Bumble Bees – Agriculture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Given that the lack of commercially available bumblebees is a severe disincentive for investing in much-needed greenhouse technology for food production in Australia, what steps might the Department consider reasonably be a way forward? Has the Department given consideration to conducting a controlled pilot or trial to test the use 	AWD	1.2	30/07/10

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				of bumblebees in a glasshouse on the mainland? If the answer to the above question is no, then what the reasons for this? 3. What would the industry need to do to gain approval by the Department for commercial production and use of endemic bumblebees in Tasmania?			
31	Written	Heffernan	Bumble Bees – New Zealand	1. Given that reference was made by the environmental lobbyists of the alleged negative impact of bumblebees in New Zealand, why did DEWHA ignore the independent expert advice of Dr Barry Donovan that countermanded this (his letter confirming his evidence is attached)? 2. Bumblebees are not regarded as pests anywhere in the world where they are native, nor in New Zealand where they were introduced and have been established for more than 130 years. Has there ever been any suggestion that bumble bees should not be in New Zealand? 3. Are bumblebees regarded as pollinators of weeds in New Zealand to the extent that they cause problems?	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
32	Written	Heffernan	Bumble Bees – Science	1. Did DEWHA consider all reputable published scientific evidence made available by the industry and experts? 2. Did DEWHA obtain an independent review of the science that they relied up on to recommend to the Minister that he deny the application?	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
33	Written	Heffernan	Bumble bees – Tasmania	Was there any import risk analysis (IRA) undertaken in respect to importing bumblebees from Tasmania to the mainland?	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
34	Written	Siewert	Jandakot Airport	1. How many grand spider orchids were identified in the Jandakot bushland that has been approved to be cleared for the Jandakot Airport expansion? 2. How many have been removed to date? 3. Is the minister aware that there is anecdotal evidence of a significantly higher number of orchids in the area than has been officially reported? 4. In reference to the translocation studies of grand spider orchids taken from the Roe Highway stage 7 project area, how many orchids were removed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On each year since their translocation; • How many orchids survived; • How many flowered; and • How many reproduced, that is, set seed? 5. For how much longer will this monitoring be undertaken?	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
35	Written	Siewert	Kimberley Gas Hub	1. Has the Commonwealth received the Draft Strategic Assessment for the James Price Point gas hub and does it meet the commonwealth requirements? 2. If no to qstn 1 then why not?	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
36	Written	Siewert	Ord Stage two	1. What is the status of the Federal environmental assessments on this project? 2. Is it possible to get a copy of the Barry Carbon report done on Ord Stage Two? 3. What was estimated as the original area of the Ord stage 2 development? 4. What is the current estimated area of the Ord stage 2 development? 5. Have recent groundwater surveys been carried out by Geoscience Australia over the proposed	AWD	1.2	30/07/10

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				<p>area outlined in (2.) above?</p> <p>6. Did this survey identify the presence of perched salt stores in the Ord stage 2 area?</p> <p>7. In no to (4.) what did the Geoscience Australia survey identify?</p> <p>8. What area of the proposed new irrigated land is subject to the salt stores identified by Geoscience Australia?</p> <p>9. What impact will the salt stores identified by Geoscience Australia have on development of the current Ord stage 2 area?</p>			
37	Written	Siewert	Sea Grass – Dugong Habitat	What action is the Government taking over the destruction of 259 hectares of sea grass (dugong habitat) in Great Barrier Reef region/world heritage area – through the Queensland Government's Western basin dredging program in Gladstone Harbour.	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
38	Written	Colbeck	Tasmanian Native Grasslands	<p>At the last Estimates, you mentioned agreement had just been reached with the Tasmanian Government over the strategic assessment with respect to the Tasmanian native grasslands.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you provide an update on this assessment? What is the schedule for the assessment? Who has been engaged to conduct the assessment? What is the cost of the assessment? Who will be consulted during the assessment? What are the expected outcomes from the assessment? 	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
39	Written	Colbeck	River Red Gums	<p>The NSW Government recently made the decision to lock-up 100,000 hectares of river red-gum forests in southern NSW – with no phase-in period as opposed to the 5 year period originally adopted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What communication has DEWHA had with its NSW counterparts over this change in State Government policy? What involvement does the Federal Government have with these forests following this State Government decision? Will there be any additional costs to the Federal Government 	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
40	Written	Birmingham	EPBC assessments in relation to water	Please provide an update on the status and latest developments in the assessment of all EPBC applications related to the River Murray and Lower lakes region.	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
41	Written	Ludlam	EPBC review and Uranium Mining	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Did the Hawke Review call for uranium mining to be removed from the EPBC or is the Australian Uranium Association simply mistaken in its recent statement, "Fortunately, the recent Independent Review of the EPBC Act recommended the anomaly of uranium mining itself being a trigger for the processes of the Act be removed"? What recommendations did the Hawke review make re nuclear actions? 	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
42	Written	Ludlam	EPBC Review	What is the status of the Hawke review recommendations?	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
43	Written	Colbeck	EPBC Review	<p>The Hawke Review of the EPBC Act was released in December last year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you give me an update of what is occurring with the review? 	AWD	1.2	30/07/10

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				2. Is there an indicative date for the Government to respond?			
44	Written	Siewert	EPBC review	When will the Government be responding to the Hawke report?	AWD	1.2	30/07/10
45	86 (26/5/10)	Boswell	Coral Sea conservation zone maps	<p>Senator BOSWELL—As a matter of interest, when the Pew foundation announced the Coral Sea Conservation Zone in September 2008 the Pew maps were exactly the same as the maps that the department put out. The Pew maps were given; I do not know whether the department used the maps, but it would have to be about a billion-to-one chance that the maps would be the same.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—The boundaries of Australia’s exclusive economic zone are reasonably easy to map.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—Yes, they are.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—We have used the same boundaries. We have used the boundary of the EEZ.</p> <p>Senator Wong—Can we let Mr Oxley finish his answer before you ask the next question?</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—Yes. The cut-off at Bundaberg, or the southern boundary, is exactly the same as Pew put forward to the government.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—Is it a coincidence?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I do not know whether it is a coincidence, whether it is intentional or whether it reflects the established known accepted boundary of the Coral Sea. I will take that one on notice.</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10
46	87 (26/5/10)	Colbeck	Coral Sea - displaced stakeholder advisory group	<p>Senator COLBECK—You said at last estimates that this group was to convene in March. Did it do that? Can you give us a list of the dates of meetings on notice?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—We commenced in April, as it turned out, and not March, if I remember correctly.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Have there been further meetings?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—No, there have not.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Is the expert review to the stakeholders advisory group a public document?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—It is not a public document as such.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—I can get you a copy.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I will take it on notice and perhaps we will be able to save Senator Boswell the trouble.</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10
47	87 (26/5/10)	Colbeck	Statutory fishing rights	<p>Senator COLBECK—I think I indicated that I appreciated the approach. The issue of compensation was traversed in Agriculture the other day, which you probably noted. What interactions are there in respect of the issue of the status of statutory fishing rights? Where does that fit within the scope of things from your perspective? I am not trying to place a trap or anything.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—Could you be clearer with your question?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—You sort of addressed it with Senator Boswell, because you talked about the different types of licences and fishing rights. I am aware that there is, and has been for a period of time, some review of that process within government. I am just wondering what your agency’s input into that process was, bearing in mind that it potentially has a significant impact on the policy decisions that the government makes—I am not saying you—and recognising that you have also indicated that the government might necessarily make a policy decision on those issues as part of this process.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—Are you talking about a review of statutory fishing rights occurring within the agriculture portfolio or are you talking about it in the context of displaced activities policy?</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10

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				<p>Senator COLBECK—There is a review of the process going on. They impact on each other. There is discussion about the status of those rights within the agriculture policy. I just wondered whether you have been consulted on that, but then the status of those plays into the issue of displaced stakeholder interests.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—To the best of my knowledge I, personally, have not been involved in any discussion about any review of statutory fishing rights occurring within the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio. I will need to take it on notice as to whether the department or the marine division has been consulted.</p>			
48	89 (26/5/10)	Colbeck	IOTC decision to protect thresher sharks	<p>Senator COLBECK—Did you have any input into the submission that went with the AFMA delegation to that commission meeting in Korea?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I will ask Mr Routh to answer that.</p> <p>Mr Routh—Yes, there was a process between relevant agencies to develop that brief.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Was there any consultation outside the agency in the development of the submission?</p> <p>Mr Routh—I would have to check and take it on notice, but recognising that it was not a DEWHA lead—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—No, I understand that, but I know that people who have an interest in these things ring you up and send you submissions and stuff, and that is what I am interested to know: what inputs from outside the agency came in and what submissions did you receive. I am happy for you to take that on notice, given time.</p> <p>Mr Routh—Can we just be clear on what is being taken on notice? We will take on notice a question about any submissions or engagement that DEWHA received, but if there are questions about external engagement for DAFF then that question is for that portfolio.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—We have already had our conversation. You just have the fortune or misfortune to be after them.</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10
49	91-92 (26/5/10)	Macdonald	Northern bioregional planning process	<p>Mr Oxley—I have not seen the questions that were asked of DAFF. I presume that if they took on notice questions in relation to the operations of our portfolio they would be referred on to us.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—They were mainly about the Gulf of Carpentaria, the northern bioregional planning process, where I was very, very critical of the so-called consultation. With the time limited, perhaps I could simply refer you to what I said on Monday night in relation to that and if DAFF have not answered it to your satisfaction, or where it particularly involves your department—you will see I have been critical of your department in it and also critical of DAFF for not standing up for the fishermen as well as they should as in the past that department has stood up for fishermen—but rather than repeat them here with the limited time we have got and in deference to my colleagues and the chair could you have a look at that but answer that on notice to me.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Oxley—Yes. Sorry, I am aware that there were a range of questions raised in relation to marine bioregional planning. As to that specific one that I am guessing you are referring to about a meeting at Normanton that you attended with several other members of parliament there were fishers who</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10

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				<p>felt that they did not have an adequate understanding of the process, or effective engagement in the process, and then I think it was a chamber of commerce or some similar type of organisation which felt that it had no real understanding of the process. Subsequent to that we have had staff up there this week meeting with those two particular groups and making sure that they are engaged.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I do not know that I would agree with that statement but let me say, first, in relation to the questions that you posed at the DAFF estimates the other night, I will undertake to review those questions and if we can assist in providing clarification on answers in relation to those, we will. In relation to the suggestion that—excuse me for paraphrasing—the conservation NGOs got a look in but no-one else did, the engagement that we had up in the Gulf of Carpentaria at the beginning of this year was actually initiated by the Gulf Savannah Fishermen’s Association, I think it was called, and we went and met specifically with a number of fishers at their request. While we were there we also had meetings with representatives of the local—it is not a chamber of commerce there, is it, but it is—</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Progress.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—The progress association was involved in a meeting with us as well. I think we have provided advice previously on that, but perhaps not to the Senate. I am happy to also provide some clarification about what engagement did happen on that occasion.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—I am pleased to hear that, but let me say that the two groups most involved—that is, the business groups, by whatever name they go, and the fishing groups, by whatever name they go—did not even know about this until almost after the first consultation was over and done with. My point is: there is an example. But I would ask from what we said the other night if you could perhaps respond to the whole process of how consultation occurs?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—Certainly.</p>			
50	101 -102 (26/5/10)	Birmingham	Funding for whaling issues	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—In relation to issues surrounding whaling, what is funded within the forward year?</p> <p>Senator Wong—Do you mean in this portfolio?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Early—I can take that on notice and give you a full breakdown.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—A full breakdown would be great. In general terms we are looking at policy advice, obviously, and IWC engagement.</p> <p>Mr Early—The research program?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Yes, the announced ones there. There are no other large areas that we are missing?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I think he is concerned that it might reflect unfavourably if he does not give the scope of coverage appropriately. Can we take that on notice? I think he has covered the major areas.</p>	MD	1.2	14/02/11
51	102 (26/5/10)	Birmingham	Whale envoy activities	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—I got those words as well, thank you. In relation to the envoy’s activities since we last met, where has he been and for how many days?</p> <p>Senator Wong—Since when? February? Is that right?</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10

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				<p>Ms Kruk—I am not sure whether Mr Early has that sort of detail. Is that something we can take on notice otherwise? What sort of detail—sorry?</p> <p>Mr Early—I have details in relation to October; I do not think I have got it since estimates. He has certainly been involved in meetings, but I have not got those figures since we last met. I can take that on notice.</p>			
52	103 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Draft proposals to be put to the IWC	<p>Senator SIEWERT—How soon before the government’s announcement that it was going to be taking legal action was the government or the department aware of the proposals that were going to be put before IWC at the next meeting?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Maybe I misphrased that one. I am conscious that I will need to stop shortly. When was the department aware of the proposals from the working group? When were they put on the table and flagged or finalised through the working group process?</p> <p>Mr Early—Ms Petrachenko was a member of the working group and was aware of developments as they occurred.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—The developments were occurring. Can you tell us or remind us of when those proposals were formally announced?</p> <p>Mr Early—The chair’s paper was formally released on 22 April, but I understand there was an earlier draft released in February or March.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—February or early March?</p> <p>Mr Early—Yes. I can get that exact date for you.</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10
53	104 (26/5/10)	Colbeck	Seafood consumption recommendations	<p>Senator COLBECK—I would like to ask one quick question to Marine before they go. They know about it, and I hope the answer will be brief. Has the department been provided with any advice or had any interaction with the Department of Health and Ageing or the NHMRC in relation to their recently released draft which recommends Australians eat seafood once a week, based on concerns over sustainability of fish stocks?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—To the best of my knowledge, no, but for reasons of completeness we will check and, if the answer is different, we will provide that in response as a question on notice.</p>	MD	1.2	30/07/10
54	Written	Siewert	GBRMPA structural adjustment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referring to the Great Barrier Reef structural adjustment package, has the structural adjustment program now completed? 2. What was the final cost or current cost to date? 3. Has the Review into the components of the program other than the licence buyout been completed? If yes, please provide a copy 4. If yes, has the review or a report of the review been released publicly? 5. What were the review's conclusions as to the efficiency and effectiveness of the program? 6. Was it considered value for money? 7. Are you aware of concerns that the package is acting as a disincentive for similar zoning processes around the world, given its cost? 8. Are there any estimates as to the value of fishing on the GBR, before the zoning? 	MD	1.2	30/07/10

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55	Written	Colbeck	Mako Sharks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What actions have been taken with respect to capture of data on mako sharks since the Minister announced amendments to the EPBC Act in January 2010? 2. What consultations have occurred about the issue of mako sharks since January? With whom? When? 3. How many exemptions have been provided? To whom? For how long? 4. Has DEWHA planned contingencies in case the EPBC Act amendments are not passed prior to the next major season starting in November? 5. What information on tag and release data has been gathered from NSW Fisheries? 	MD	1.2	30/07/10
56	Written	Colbeck	Marine Bioregional Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is any data being used in the Marine Bioregion planning process being kept confidential from stakeholder groups by DEWHA? If so, what is the data? Who has asked for the confidentiality? 2. Can you please provide a full breakdown, by Marine Bioregion, of all groups involved in the Marine Bioregion planning consultation in 2009-2010? 3. Can you please provide a full breakdown of consultative meeting conducted, including venue, date and attendees/organisations represented? 	MD	1.2	30/07/10
57	Written	Fisher	Whales – Special Envoy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When is Sandy Hollway's contract due for renewal? 2. Is it or has it been renewed? 3. Please provide details of his latest contract 4. Please provide full details of his travel arrangements over the last 12 months, including cost of airfares, accommodation and hotels stayed 5. What funding has been allocated towards the Whaling Envoy? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What specifically has the Whaling Envoy achieved? b. Has funding been allocated for the Whaling Envoy to attend the next meeting of the International Whaling Commission in June? 6. If yes, what specifically will the Whaling Envoy aim to achieve? 7. If no, then why not? 	MD	1.2	30/07/10
58	Written	Fisher	Whales – Legal Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has no funding been specifically allocated in the Budget papers towards the Government's Whaling Policies? 2. Does the Department believe it has gathered all the evidence it needs to mount the promised legal action against Japan in the ICJ? 3. If no, then why wasn't a vessel sent to the Southern Ocean this year to gather more evidence? If yes, then why hasn't the Department launched the promised court action? 4. What funding has been allocated? 5. In light of this, how does the Department intend to enforce Australian law banning the slaughter of whales in the Australian Whale Sanctuary? 	MD	1.2	30/07/10
59	Written	Birmingham	Whaling – Court of Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been budgeted, and over which financial years, for the announced legal action in the International Court of Justice against Japanese whaling? 2. What are the expected total costs? 3. When does the Government expect this case to be heard before the International Court of 	MD	1.2	30/07/10

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				Justice?			
60	Written	Siewert	Coral Sea	On 3 rd March, Marine Queensland (the 'peak body' representing the leisure and light commercial marine industry in Qld) released a report attempting to discredit the science behind Minister Garrett's declaration of the Coral Sea Conservation Zone (CSCZ). The report can be found at: http://www.marineqld.com.au/coral-sea-literature . Can the Department please outline any response made to this report?	MD	1.2	30/07/10
61	Written	Siewert	Dugongs	What action is the Federal Government taking to work with indigenous communities on the taking of dugong in northern Australia?	MD	1.2	30/07/10
62	Written	Siewert	Marine Turtle Recovery Plan	1. Has the 'Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia' (Commonwealth 2003), that provides the major strategic framework for the recovery of marine turtle populations in Australia, been signed off by all states and territories? 2. Has the National Marine Turtle Recovery Plan and its programs and actions been reviewed or audited since its development? 3. How has the research related to the national recovery priorities, under the National Marine Turtle Recovery Plan through the National Turtle Recovery Group? 4. Who is co-ordinating this research?	MD	1.2	30/07/10
63	Written	Siewert	Marine Turtle Recovery Plan – Indigenous led programs	1. How much money has been spent on Indigenous-led programs? 2. Is a specific project outcome of Indigenous-led programs to provide data on Indigenous harvest on threatened sea turtle populations in Australia? 3. Has any data on Indigenous harvest on threatened sea turtle populations in Australia been developed?	MD	1.2	30/07/10
64	Written	Siewert	Marine Turtle Recovery Plan – National Turtle recovery Group	1. What is the role of the National Turtle Recovery Group? 2. How often has the National Turtle Recovery Group met? 3. How much money has been spent by DEWHA on turtle research since 2003? 4. How much money has been allocated through the National Turtle Recovery Group to address <u>national</u> turtle recovery priorities? 5. How many of the funded projects were assessed through the Recovery Group, or have been subject to technical peer review?	MD	1.2	30/07/10
65	Written	Siewert	Southern Bluefin Tuna	1. When will Minister Garrett be making his decision on whether or not to grant approval for the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery as an ecologically sustainable Wildlife Trade Operation under the EPBC Act? 2. What is the information base the Minister is using to make his decision?	MD	1.2	30/07/10
66	96 (26/5/10)	Macdonald	NERP - reef and Torres Strait administration	Mr Sullivan —That relates to reef in the Torres Strait. That is locked away. Also, in terms of the allocation from the forward years, there is a commitment that the reef and Torres Strait, in terms of administration, will be fit for purpose. That applies across all of the program in terms of the hub investments. They will be fit for purpose. There is a tender currently under way for the administration of that component of the program.	IMD	1.2	30/07/10

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				<p>...</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Is there a clause in the tender that says it has to be North Queensland based?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—I will have to check on that and take it on notice, because I want to be clear about that. The clear public commitment of the minister and the government has been that that will be delivered from North Queensland. I imagine it is in the tender, but I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—That is probably good enough, but do take it on notice. Someone in North Queensland will get to administer that \$7 million a year over the next four years?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—Yes.</p>			
67	98-99 (26/5/10)	Macdonald	CERF/NERP funding components	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Previously the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre administered \$40 million for both marine and rainforest research. Is that—</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—Approximately \$40 million. It is a little bit less than that. I can take that on notice and give you the exact details.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—What you are saying is that the marine part of it is now \$28 million over four years, and \$750,000 is on account of the rainforest element?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—How much is in that terrestrial section as opposed to the marine, reef and Torres Strait?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—I do not have that figure in front of me. I thought we ran through this at the last estimates.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—There is \$28 million for—</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—And the remainder is for biodiversity plus Northern Australia. There is a minor component—I think it is \$2 million a year—but again I will take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—I am sorry, \$28 million for the marine and Torres Strait. Of the other \$52 million, that is to be divided somewhere for figures you do not yet have—</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—No, I do have them. As I said, I apologise, I do recall giving them at the last estimates in terms of the breakdown of funding.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—But it is divided between Northern Australia and then biodiversity Australia-wide?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—Yes. There is a small element left in reserve, which is for emerging priorities as they arise on a year-to-year basis.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Could you give me the Northern Australia component?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—it is approximately \$2 million a year, I think.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—So, that is a total of \$8 million over four years.</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—If you are doing the maths in terms of what is left then, again, I need to recheck those.</p>	IMD	1.2	30/07/10
68	Written	Fisher	National Plan	1. What is the “National Plan for Environmental Information”?	IMD	1.2	30/07/10

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			for Environmental Information	2. What is the money for? 3. How is this Program different from the “National Environmental Research Program”?			
69	44 (26/5/10)	Joyce	Basin plan - national water account input	Senator JOYCE —When will you deliver the first version of the national water account? ... Senator JOYCE —Minister, are you confident that this information will be provided in a form that is accessible prior to the 16-week consultation plan? Senator Wong —I am not sure that the two are necessarily—there is a lot of data that is being considered in the context of the authority’s preparation of the Basin Plan. I would be the first to acknowledge that it would have been better if this country had started work on this plan earlier. However, we were not in government until the end of 2007 and we commenced work pretty quickly on the plan. If your question is to what extent are aspects of the national water account required for the Basin Plan, I do have views about that but I would probably want officers at the table to assist with that. They will be here either in outcome 4 or when the Murray-Darling Basin Authority appears before the committee. Senator JOYCE —Fair enough. ...	MDBA	4.1	14/10/10
70	Written	Birmingham	MDB Diversions	1. What are the estimated number of unmetered offtakes or diversions throughout the MDB? 2. What is the estimated volume of illegal diversions within the MDB?	MDBA	4.1	14/10/10
71	Written	Joyce	Sustainable diversion Limits	1. Will the Federal Government ensure that decisions on sustainable diversion limits are only taken when the full community and economic impacts of any further reduction of water to irrigators or farm enterprises are known? 2. Will these decisions be made before any further water trading is undertaken between States?	MDBA	4.1	14/10/10
72	Written	Joyce	Basin Plan – public meetings	How many public meetings/town hall style, have has the Authority held in rural areas of the basin to explain the plan?	MDBA	4.1	14/10/10
73	117-118 (26/5/10)	Joyce	Water buybacks and ABARE study	Senator JOYCE —Have you used in any way, shape or form or resourced that ABARE study? ... Senator JOYCE —The ABARE study is also highly aggregated, dividing the basin into seven economic zones. In their words ABARE state, ‘In a sense this is not an ideal way to examine the regional effects.’ Given this, is the department commissioning other work which looks at the effects of buybacks in a more disaggregated way? Senator Wong —Can we do this with some order? Those are questions for the department. If you want to finish with the MDBA and move to the department then we are very happy to facilitate that. ...	WED	4.1	14/10/10
74	126-127 (26/5/10)	Joyce	Menindee storage lakes redevelopment	Senator JOYCE —Is there any reason why, Minister, you did not have the competency to actually go forward with the \$410 million that is allocated to you for the redevelopment of the Menindee storage lakes? Senator Wong —I am happy to answer questions about Menindee. That is not a question for the MDBA. Do you want me to bring the department to the table and ask the MDBA to—	WED	4.1	14/10/10

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				<p>Senator JOYCE—No.</p> <p>Senator Wong—So we have finished with the MDBA?</p> <p>Senator JOYCE—As long as we get a chance to ask them—</p> <p>Senator Wong—I am happy to answer that question.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE—I was more interested in you because it is sort of your decision.</p> <p>Senator Wong—Yes, and I have answers.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE—Can you only answer that later on?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I would like the officers responsible for this issue at the table, Senator. ...</p>			
75	133-134 (26/5/10)	Xenophon	Infrastructure projects – due diligence	<p>Senator XENOPHON—Also, in terms of the issue of infrastructure, a nuanced approach—whether there is a greater degree of rigour. Your media release made reference to the issue of due diligence. Will there be a different approach to that in the light of some of the findings of the commission?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Kruk—We have an obligation to give the minister advice in relation to the matters that you referred to in that press release.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON—So that is still an ongoing process?</p> <p>Senator Wong—Yes. I think what Dr Horne is trying to get at is that we are not only trying to improve this as a result of the Productivity Commission; there is an ongoing process of working through improvements on due diligence and on the program itself. What we are trying to reflect to you is that, yes, obviously that is one prompt but, in fact, that is the approach that was being taken.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON—Insofar as you would be advised with respect to the Productivity Commission recommendations on infrastructure and the efficacy of the infrastructure projects, when do you expect that a final position will be reached?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I would probably have to take that on notice. That work is still underway. ...</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
76	135 (26/5/10)	Xenophon	Release of Menindee Lakes study	<p>Senator Wong—... We funded two investigative studies at Menindee. The intent was to ensure there is sound information to make a decision on what would be a very substantial infrastructure decision. One of those studies, as has been flagged today, was completed in late March. We have a further interim report—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON—Has that been released?</p> <p>Senator Wong—No, not as yet. That is still before me.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON—Could you indicate a time frame as to when that will be released?</p> <p>Senator Wong—That is a matter I am considering. I flag with you that this would be something we will need some significant consultation on. ...</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
77	135-136 (26/5/10)	Xenophon	Foodbowl Modernisation stage 2 - due diligence	<p>Senator XENOPHON—Finally in relation to this, given a number of experts have expressed concerns with respect to what has already occurred with the north-south pipeline, will that be taken into account in the context of the due diligence that you will consider for stage 2?</p> <p>Ms Harwood—We are doing very comprehensive due diligence on the business case for stage 2. We are in the midst of that at the moment. A very important part of that due diligence, using external expertise as well, is looking at the projected water savings, the nature, extent and character</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10

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				of the water and the timing and the estimation of those water savings. So a large part of the due diligence is looking at the character and volume of the water savings projected. Senator XENOPHON —I may get a briefing from your very helpful officers in relation to this. Senator Wong —We are very happy to provide it.			
78	136 (26/5/10)	Siewert	Rural water infrastructure projects in WA	Senator SIEWERT —That is what I figured was happening. Have they been engaging the Commonwealth in discussions over potential funding assistance for the development of the process in that south-west part of Western Australia? Dr Horne made some comments about how part of the process may be some discussions around funding for particular initiatives. I am just wondering: are they seeking funding for particular initiatives associated with that particular area? Senator Wong —With the water price changes and so forth? I will take advice on this, but the nature of discussions with the Western Australian government, as with most governments on the urban waterfront, has been around accessing funding for urban water projects such as desal, stormwater et cetera. We have announced a range of funding of projects across the country. Senator SIEWERT —This is below the metro area, so it is starting to introduce water-trading arrangements in south-west Western Australia and the water associated with that area. Ms Harwood —There are some rural water infrastructure projects that we have been working on with Western Australia, funded under the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program. We could provide details of those on notice.	WED	4.1	14/02/11
79	138 (26/5/10)	Birmingham	Water conveyancing processing times	Senator BIRMINGHAM —And I know we have had various exchanges on the Menindee Lakes tonight already. Looking at question on notice No. 131, and the answer to question 4 relating to conveyancing processing times between states, why does it take about four times as long to transfer water as it does your average suburban house. Senator Wong —That is a very good question, Senator. Senator BIRMINGHAM —And what is being done to make that process somewhat more efficient? ... Dr Horne —We have set some standards that states have agreed to. As the systems improve, remembering that there are some states that still have entirely paper based systems, we hope that within a time frame—I could get you the time frames if you like—in a couple of years all systems will be electronic, will be compatible and will be able to talk to each other. When all of that happens, these times should dramatically reduce. At the moment some of the paper based systems really just lead, in the tails of your spectrum, if you like, these very long times. These are averages. You can see the difference between the minimum, the maximum and the average. It is a pretty big range. You would hope that, once you get your systems improved, to a certain extent— ... Senator BIRMINGHAM —Dr Horne, perhaps you could provide that information on notice, in terms of the targets— Dr Horne —Yes.	WED	4.1	14/10/10
80	Written	Joyce	Northern	When will the Victorian Government be notified about when the Federal Government will grant the	WED	4.1	14/10/10

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			Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project	\$1.1 billion of Commonwealth funding under Stage 2 of the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project?			
81	Written	Joyce	On-Farm irrigation grants	When will the Federal Government release funding for the next tranche of on-farm irrigation grants?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
82	Written	Joyce	Water Buybacks	I refer you to the accelerated water buybacks announced in the budget. 1. What exactly are the costs for "related expenses" for? 2. Has a line item for related expenses been included in previous estimates of the costs under this program? 3. Are these related expenses coming from the \$3.1 billion budget for the Restoring the Balance program? 4. If so, what proportion of the \$3.1 billion is expected to be spent on related expenses?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
83	Written	Joyce	Water recovery programs	The Productivity Commission has estimated that given past and existing water recovery programs, around 2500 GL of annual average flows could be recovered. 1. Do you agree with this estimate? 2. If not what is the Department's assessment of how will eventually be recovered?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
84	Written	Joyce	Water - Victorian Contracts	How many Victorian contracts (by volume and value) has the Commonwealth exchanged but not concluded trade due to the 4 per cent cap?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
85	Written	Joyce	Water - NSW Contracts	How many New South Wales contracts (by volume and value) has the Commonwealth exchanged but not concluded trade due to the aggregate cap which exists in that State?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
86	Written	Joyce	Broken Hill Managed Aquifer Recharge Project	1. What is the progress under the Broken Hill Managed Aquifer Recharge Project? Is it on track for completion by September 2010? 2. How much extra water is this projected expected to deliver Broken Hill? 3. Does it deliver any water savings for the Basin?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
87	Written	Joyce	Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure program	1. What are the formal criteria that the Department uses to evaluate proposals received under the Sustainable Resource and Water Use Infrastructure program? 2. Are these criteria publicly available? 3. Does the Department use specific weightings against these criteria? 4. Are these weightings publicly available?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
88	Written	Joyce	Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure program	1. How does the Department protect the probity of the assessment process under the Sustainable Resource and Water Use Infrastructure program? 2. Does the Department engage an independent probity adviser to oversight the assessment of proposals received under this program? 3. Can you explain how the Government assesses value for money of proposals received under	WED	4.1	14/10/10 + 1 att't

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				<p>the Sustainable Resource and Water Use Infrastructure program?</p> <p>4. Does the assessment involve considering the cost per ML of the savings?</p> <p>5. How does the government assess the benefits to the wider community of the infrastructure when assessing an upgrade on a cost per ML basis?</p> <p>6. Is there a dollar figure given to community benefits in these assessments?</p>			
89	Written	Joyce	Small Block Exit Program	<p>1. How much water was recovered through the Small Block Exit Grant program?</p> <p>2. What price per ML does that work out to?</p> <p>3. How many successful applicants from SA/Vic/NSW?</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
90	Written	Joyce	Water infrastructure program	<p>1. How many ML will be saved by projects under the \$5.8 billion infrastructure program?</p> <p>2. How many of these projects have been completed?</p> <p>3. How many of these projects have actually delivered a ML to the environment so far?</p> <p>4. How much of the \$5.8 billion under the infrastructure program has been allocated?</p> <p>5. What is the rest to be allocated to?</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
91	Written	Joyce	Irrigator-led Group Proposals	How many sales of water have been accepted under the "Irrigator-led Group Proposals" program?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
92	Written	Joyce	Water Purchasing	<p>1. How does the Department assess the costs of stranded assets when it purchases water?</p> <p>2. That is does the Department consider the costs that "spillover" to irrigator schemes when water is purchased from main channels rather than say at the end of a spur?</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
93	Written	Birmingham	Broken Hill Aquifer	<p>Has the government funded aquifer drilling activities around Broken Hill or the Menindee Lakes?</p> <p>If so please detail the funding & activities undertaken.</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
94	Written	Birmingham	North-South Pipeline	<p>1. Has any water been extracted through the North-South Pipeline? If so, how much?</p> <p>2. What audits of water savings have been provided by the Victorian Government to justify any extractions taken?</p>	WED AWD	4.1 1.2	30/07/10
95	Written	Birmingham	On-farm irrigation efficiency program	<p>In relation to Round 1 of the on-farm irrigation efficiency program:</p> <p>1. How many tenders were received?</p> <p>2. How many of these complied with the terms of the tender?</p> <p>3. What was the total value of all complying tenders by expenditure sought and volume of estimated water savings?</p> <p>4. How many projects were short listed?</p> <p>5. What was the total value of all short listed projects in terms of expenditure sought and volume of estimated water savings?</p> <p>6. Of the 6 projects that the Minister announced in principle funding for on 19 March 2010, have completed individual contracts or project plans been supplied for each project on time? Are all still expected to proceed?</p>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
96	Written	Joyce	Water Purchase	Is it the case that the transaction costs of purchasing water are factored in, in such a way, such that smaller volumes of water offered in one parcel have a disadvantage compared to larger volumes of water offered to the Government?	WED	4.1	14/10/10

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97	Written	Joyce	Water tenders	What proportion of tenders for water was accepted in all water buyback tenders conducted over the past financial year? Please provide the details for the entire Basin, the northern Basin and the southern Basin.	WED	4.1	14/10/10
98	Written	Birmingham	Water infrastructure projects	How much has the Government spent on all water saving infrastructure projects since its election? <i>Please detail expenditure by all projects or programs per year and indicate the total planned for each project and program.</i>	WED	4.1	14/10/10
99	Written	Birmingham	Water saving infrastructure program funding	What targets for each water saving infrastructure program (in value of expenditure and volume of water saved) does the Government have for each remaining year of each program, including this one?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
100	Written	Joyce	Water – Part B Study	In answer to questions asked last year's budget estimates, the Department responded that the final expected completion date for the Part B study was due to be finalised by November 2009. 1. Has that been completed? If not what explains the delay? 2. How much has the Part B study cost in total? 3. What is the Commonwealth's contribution to this cost? 4. Has the Commonwealth been liable or will it be liable to fund any costs associated with delays with this study?	WED	4.1	14/10/10
101	Written	Joyce	Water for the Future	1. Could the Department please provide the costings for all of the programs in the \$12.9 billion Water for the Future? 2. Could the Department please indicate how much of any individual program has been spent in each of these individual programs? 3. Could the Department also please separately indicate how much of an individual program has been allocated to a specific program?	WGD	4.1	14/10/10
102	Written	Birmingham	Water consultancies	Please detail all consultancies or studies undertaken on water infrastructure funding or projects since November 2007, who undertook the consultancy or study, the cost of it, any partners in the study, who owns the study & whether the findings have been publicly released.	WGD	4.1	14/10/10 + 1 att't
103	Written	Joyce & Birmingham	Water – Victoria	How much of the allocation has the Commonwealth used of the water held for them in Victoria in the last 12 months and what was the water used for?	WGD	4.1	14/10/10
104	Written	Joyce & Birmingham	Water – Victoria	Was any of the water held within Victoria for the Commonwealth transferred for temporary use into NSW or any other State? a. If so When? b. If so, how many Gigalitres (GLs)? c. Who authorised this transfer? d. What was the water used for?	WGD	4.1	14/10/10
105	Written	Joyce & Birmingham	Water – Victorian Allocations	Has the Commonwealth ever overdrawn its water allocation account in Victoria? (i.e. water held in Victoria in their account) a. If so, by how many GL's b. If so, when?	WGD	4.1	14/10/10

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				c. If so, why?			
106	Written	Joyce & Birmingham	Water – Victorian Allocations	Who or what agency is responsible for managing this water account in Victoria for the Commonwealth?	WGD	4.1	14/10/10
107	Written	Joyce	National Urban Water and Desalination Plan	<p>1. What expenditure has been made from the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan? And what expenditure is committed against rebates that have been received by not yet processed?</p> <p>2. How much finding is left available in the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan which has not already been allocated to specific projects?</p> <p><i>Please provide information on the details of those specific projects for which funds have been allocated but not spent.</i></p>	WGD	4.1	14/10/10
108	Written	Joyce	Goulburn-Murray Irrigation System	When will the Government complete the socioeconomic study of the Goulburn Murray Irrigation System?	MDBA	4.1	14/10/10
109	Written	Joyce	Water trade	When will the Federal Government ensure that the water losses involved in trading water are taken into account in the water price?	WRD	4.1	14/10/10
110	Written	Joyce	Ministerial visits to the MBD	Can you please provide details of visits that Minister Wong has made to the irrigation districts of the Murray Darling Basin over the past financial year? Please provide information on the location and the length of the visits.	WRD	4.1	14/10/10
111	Written	Fisher	Key Performance Indicators	By how much you are meeting each of your Key Performance Indicators?	ANMM	5.1	30/07/10
112	151 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Resale royalty education campaign	<p>Ms Bean—The minister under the legislation. It is CAL, or the Copyright Agency Limited, that was the successful tenderer. Since their success was announced in April, CAL has directly contacted over 200 commercial galleries to advise them of their obligations. They have convened an advisory panel of artists and art market professionals to develop a code of practice for the scheme and they have begun rolling out their education program, which includes seminars to advise the sector of the scheme’s requirements. They will take place over the coming months in all capital cities and a number of regional centres. They have also put fact sheets for artists and art market professionals on their website.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can we have copies? I guess they are publicly available.</p> <p>Ms Bean—They are on the web. We can certainly perhaps provide you with the link.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can you tell me the address where I can access it? By email after the hearing is fine, if you prefer.</p> <p>Ms Bean—Okay. They place the fact sheets on their website about the rights and obligations of both artists and art market professionals.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Have they held information sessions?</p> <p>Ms Bean—They have started rolling seminars out.</p>	ARTS	5.1	30/07/10

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				<p>Senator FISHER—Where and when?</p> <p>Ms Bean—As I said, over the coming months they will be in all capital cities and in a number of regional centres. I do not have with me the details of ones that have already been held, but we could certainly see what we could do about getting hold of the program for you.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—That would be good ...</p>			
113	152 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Resale royalty – UK and France	<p>Ms Bean—I may have given you a misleading impression. I do not know that it was an actual review in the sense of the Strong review of orchestras or something like that, but there has certainly been information gathered and collected in the UK as an issuative process. As information has become available that was fed into our work.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Does that really enable you to say that their scheme has had little impact on the UK operators?</p> <p>Ms Bean—Certainly, the CEO of Viscopy who was previously running one of the main organisations in the UK that was delivering the resale royalty did say at the House of Reps inquiry into the bill that her view was that there had not been any significant impact.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—So we are going on the view of one person now?</p> <p>Ms Bean—No, I am using that as an illustration. Basically, the volumes went up and the prices went up.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—All right. If that is indeed the outcome then, to the extent that you can show us documentary evidence of that, it is a good thing. I would welcome it. So could you on notice provide us with that?</p> <p>Ms Bean—We will certainly see what we can provide you with.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Now for France. I have the same question. What is the impact on industry in France?</p> <p>Ms Bean—I do not know. I do not have that information with me. We can certainly look to see what we have and provide you with some on notice.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—All right, thank you. In France as I understand it royalties flow into the hands of a handful of artists—is that right?</p> <p>Ms Bean—I do not know. I do not have any information about the French scheme.</p>	ARTS	5.1	30/07/10
114	152-153 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Resale royalty - impact in Australia	<p>Senator FISHER—Okay. What research was done into the implications in terms of costs of our scheme on businesses here?</p> <p>Ms Bean—There was certainly modelling done on different aspects of the scheme. This is all a couple of years old now and I cannot actually remember in detail what was looked at but we can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Thank you. Given the speculation and the airing in the press about the concerns and potential complaints about the program that would be helpful. In respect of complaints raised in the press reports has the government been formally notified about those? For example an article in the <i>Sun-Herald</i> on 2 May said: ... art dealer Denis Savill said: “We have not received one bit of official paper. We know nothing about how it will be implemented.”</p>	ARTS	5.1	30/07/10

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				Ms Bean —To my knowledge we have not received anything formal from Mr Savill either directly to the department or to my knowledge to the minister but I will certainly check it for you.			
115	Written	Fisher	Arts Programs	<p>For each of the programs below:</p> <p>a. What is the total funding for this program in 2009/10; 2010/11; 2011/12; 2012/13; and 2013/14?</p> <p>i. If funded by multiple governments, what is the Federal Government’s funding contribution?</p> <p>ii. If funded by multiple federal government departments, what is the DEWHA funding contribution?</p> <p>b. What is the number of staff positions allocated to this program?</p> <p>c. What Budget line item(s) is this program funded under?</p> <p><u>PROGRAMS</u></p> <p>Contemporary Music Touring Program Playing Australia Visions of Australia Contemporary Touring Initiative Festivals Australia Regional Arts Fund National Arts and Crafts Industry Support program Australian Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) Register of Cultural Organisations Cultural Gifts Program Art Indemnity Australia Bundanon Trust Australian Ballet School (ABS) Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) Australian Youth Orchestra (AYO) Flying Fruit Fly Circus (FFFC) National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA) National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) Australian International Cultural Council Artbank Culture Portal Collections Australia Network Indigenous Languages and Records Program Indigenous Culture Support Program Return of Indigenous Cultural Property Program Indigenous Remote Radio Replacement</p>	ARTS	5.1	30/07/10

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				Connect Australia - Backing Indigenous Ability			
116	Written	Fisher	Cultural Development Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail which companies and funds received funding from the Cultural Development Program in 2009-10 and how much each received. 2. Please detail which companies and funds will receive funding from the Cultural Development Program in 2010-11 and how much each will receive. 	CULTURE	5.1	30/07/10
117	Written	Troeth	NITV	<p>On 16 April Ministers Garrett, Macklin and Conroy issued a media release titled "\$15 million investment in the continuation of NITV". In that release they announced "the Government will also start a review into the investment in the Indigenous broadcasting and media sector to be coordinated by the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department / Minister confirm the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The terms of reference, scope and the timing of the Review; b. How will the Review be constituted; c. Who is chairing the Review; d. The membership of the Review; e. The proposed consultation methods of the Review; f. The critical path and reporting timelines for the Review? 2. Can the Department / Minister confirm that consultation with the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy will be included in the Review? 	CULTURE	5.1	30/07/10
118	126 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Orchestra salaries	<p>Senator FISHER—How does that sit? You have not substantiated for me the increase in costs but there has been public speculation that there is a gap between the increase in costs and the level of indexation. What is your comment on that?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski—Again, it is well reported that the fixed costs of orchestras because of the large costs associated with employing the musicians on a full-time basis is—</p> <p>Senator FISHER—People?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski—People, yes, are rising at a level greater than the other income lines, including the government funding, are increasing.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Many industries and many businesses talk about the salary discrepancies that in the case of businesses they are finding themselves having to pay in states where wages are higher but in the case of the workers themselves, of course, they bemoan the lower salaries paid to them in the other states. Is that a similar sort of trend experienced by orchestras? There is a suggestion that there is something like a 40 per cent gap, which does seem rather significant. If it be so is that a fair ballpark assessment? In terms of salaries paid is the gap as big as that between lowest and highest in an average sense?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski—I have not got the specific figures in front of me, so I will take that question on notice. The salaries of the different orchestras do vary across the country.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Is there a further review potentially looking at the competitiveness of wage rates across orchestras?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski—Not that I am aware of, no.</p>	Aust Council	5.1	30/07/10

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119	128 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Artistic works KPIs	<p>Senator FISHER—Yes. I have questions around KPIs. For the Australia Council, itself, you have said you are achieving your KPIs. Are you on target for the KPI for new artistic works created?</p> <p>Ms Keele—We are right at the end of our year. I cannot tell you off hand where we are with it, but I would be fairly sure that we are close. I cannot tell you off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can you tell me how many new artistic works have been created?</p> <p>Ms Keele—No, I cannot.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can you do that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Keele—Of course.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—What about artistic works exhibited, performed and published?</p> <p>Ms Keele—I will take that on notice. We can take all of these on notice.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—What about attendances at your supported activities?</p> <p>Ms Keele—Yes.</p>	Aust Council	5.1	30/07/10
120	135 (25/5/10)	Fisher	NFSA Key Performance Indicators	<p>Senator FISHER—Are we meeting our KPIs?</p> <p>Dr McIntyre—We certainly are and in many cases we are exceeding them. I can give you some examples of that. The Australian short films quota/target was 100, and we are actually at 1,170. Television works was 2,000 and we are now sitting at 2,685. Documents/artefacts was at 10,000 and we have actually acquired 27,522. Some of those have come from Channel 7, particularly with television works. We are now switching over from analog to digital, so we are getting transfer of those items to us. In terms of visitation to the archive, we have had 19,000 attendees at our Arc cinema. We have a lending collection of films to film societies in regional and rural Australia, and 41,000 people have attended those. We have had 54,000 visitors to the archive itself. In partnership with Mediatheque at ACMI in Melbourne, we have had just under 19,000 attendees using our collections.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Thank you. You might be able to indicate your achievement of the rest of your KPIs on notice.</p> <p>Dr McIntyre—Yes.</p>	NFSA	5.1	30/07/10
121	138-139 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Masterpieces from Paris revenue	<p>Senator FISHER—How much revenue did <i>Masterpieces from Paris</i> generate?</p> <p>Mr Froud—I mentioned before that the revenue exceeded our costs.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—So there was a profit?</p> <p>Mr Froud—There was a profit, yes.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—How much?</p> <p>Mr Froud—That is still being finalised, in that the exhibition is part of an international tour. The exhibition, in fact, opened just this week in Japan. It then goes on to San Francisco. We will be sharing some of those international movement costs. We have agreed to the basis of a calculation of a cost, but we do not know what those final costs are. It will be some time before we will be able to absolutely finalise the cost. The cost of the exhibition was something in the order of \$11 million, and so the revenue exceeded that sum.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—On notice, could you indicate the revenue, and therefore the profit should speak for itself. Thank you. ...</p>	NGA	5.1	30/07/10

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122	139 (25/5/10)	Fisher	NGA Key Performance Indicators	<p>Mr Froud—As published then? Yes, I can say that we are on track to meet them all. In terms of visitor numbers, we have a figure in our KPIs of three million visitors to exhibitions and to works from the national collection, including those that might be in travelling exhibitions or on loan, and we are certainly well on track. We will exceed that three million target. To the end of March we were tracking at about 2.4 million.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FISHER—In terms of your next KPI, to the extent there was some grumpiness around the <i>Masterpieces from Paris</i> exhibition, did that impact on your KPI about visitors satisfied with the displays?</p> <p>Mr Froud—No. Our visitor satisfaction level has never been higher, I have to say, which was quite remarkable given the number of visitors we have had. We survey that on an ongoing and regular basis. It is tracking well above that KPI figure of 85 per cent.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—On notice, can you provide a bit more information about your achievement of the balance of the KPIs.</p> <p>Mr Froud—Yes, absolutely.</p>	NGA	5.1	30/07/10
123	140 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Gallery extension	<p>Senator FISHER—How is the refurbishment and extension going?</p> <p>Mr Froud—It is still progressing, I have to say, and every day it gets closer. We have previously indicated that we hope to open the extended gallery in winter of 2010. That continues to be our target and, as I say, it is getting very close now.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—On schedule, on budget?</p> <p>Mr Froud—On schedule. Budget is not quite so easy to explain in that there are costs that have exceeded original expectations, but they are being managed and the gallery has a plan to cover those costs.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can you quantify?</p> <p>Mr Froud—I can if you want me to take that on notice.</p>	NGA	5.1	30/07/10
124	140 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Membership fee	<p>Senator FISHER—... Are you foreseeing an increase in the membership fee?</p> <p>Mr Froud—We increased our membership fee this financial year.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—From what to what?</p> <p>Mr Froud—I would have to take that on notice in terms of the specific numbers and I am happy to do so, but there is no further increase foreshadowed or planned at this point.</p>	NGA	5.1	30/07/10
125	140-141 (25/5/10)	Wortley	Social networking	<p>Senator WORTLEY—I note that you have a presence on a number of social networking sites—Twitter, YouTube, del.icio.us, Flickr, Facebook and so on.</p> <p>Mr Froud—That is right.</p> <p>Senator WORTLEY—What are the benefits for the gallery?</p> <p>Mr Froud—One of the most tangible ones, I think, is that we found that Twitter was a very useful resource during the exhibition. Almost on an hourly basis we would update the length of the queue on Twitter, and so we were able to communicate with visitors to Canberra who were obviously using that technology to indicate what would be the best time to come along. We have got a lot of positive feedback on that facility. I think perhaps I should take on notice and confer with colleagues</p>	NGA	5.1	30/07/10

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				as to some of the benefits that they would like to draw to the committee's attention in terms of the opportunities that social networks offer us. Senator WORTLEY —I would appreciate that. Mr Froud —I am happy to do so.			
126	141 (25/5/10)	Fisher	NLA Key Performance Indicators	Senator FISHER —Your KPIs, please? How are you going? Ms Fullerton —In general we are on track to meet our KPIs. We feel there is no area of major concern. Senator FISHER —On notice, can you please give me more information. You feel there is no concern, but on notice can you give me more information as to what you have achieved in terms of delivering your KPIs as enumerated in the budget statements. Ms Fullerton —Certainly.	NLA	5.1	30/07/10
127	142 (25/5/10)	Fisher	NMA Key Performance Indicators	Senator FISHER —How are you going with your KPIs? Mr Trinca —We are tracking well for this current financial year. Certainly we expect the access to the museum's collections to exceed the target figure. Against all other major KPIs we expect to either meet those or exceed them. We are having a strong year in terms of performance against all of them. Senator FISHER —Can you on notice give more information on the extent to which you are achieving them? Mr Trinca —I am happy to.	NMA	5.1	30/07/10
128	Written	Fisher	Efficiency Dividend	What impact is the efficiency dividend having on your budget?	NMA	5.1	30/07/10
129	129-130 (25/5/10)	Fisher	Development KPI report	Senator FISHER —You mentioned the six-monthly report about development. Can you table that? Ms Cameron —I certainly can table the development report. I am not sure which one it will be, but that is easily done, yes, and I can give you some key facts and figures about development if you like. Senator FISHER —When you table the report, that would be good. ...	Screen Aust	5.1	30/07/10
130	Written	Birmingham	Screen Australia Board	1. Has the Screen Australia board become more involved in executive decisions, such as funding decisions made or recommended by investment managers? If so, why? 2. Has this resulted in a less clear delineation, or no delineation, between the executive and the board in relation to the performance of executive duties? Why or why not?	Screen Aust	5.1	30/07/10
131	Written	Birmingham	Screen Australia – Funding Decisions	1. What is Screen Australia's current approach to funding decisions? 2. Can it list its criteria (perhaps such as box office potential, job creation, cultural importance, creativity or innovation) in some order of importance? 3. Please list funded feature films over the past two financial years, and in each case provide reasons in support of the decision to fund.	Screen Aust	5.1	30/07/10 + 1 att't
132	Written	Birmingham	Screen Australia –	1. What are the three biggest Producer Offset payments made to single productions? 2. Does Screen Australia believe taxpayers have received value for money in relation to these?	Screen Aust	5.1	30/07/10

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			Producer offset	3. Does Screen Australia have any views regarding any capping of the Producer Offset scheme?			
133	Written	Fisher & Birmingham	Point Nepean	<p>1. What was the basis of the Government withdrawing support for the University of Melbourne's National Centre for Clean Coasts and Conservation at Pt Nepean?</p> <p>a. Is the Government concerned at the statement of the CEO of Parks Victoria that the Victorian State Government would seek a hotel at Pt Nepean?</p> <p>b. As this is expressly contrary to Government policy, will the Government now call on the Victorian Government to stop the hotel and focus on Marine Education?</p>	HD	5.2	30/07/10
134	Written	Colbeck	Tarkine Forest	<p>In December, Minister Garrett announced an emergency heritage listing for the Tarkine forests with a view to make further assessments.</p> <p>1. I understand that since then there has been a public comment process along with the release of the finalised guidelines for an Environmental Impact Statement. How many comments were received? From who?</p> <p>2. Can you give me a rundown of what the process will involve from now? What are the timeframes?</p> <p>3. What has been the feedback from the Tasmanian Government?</p> <p>4. What is the current consultation process restricted to, if at all? If it is restricted to landowners and indigenous stakeholders, why?</p> <p>5. What funds have been set aside for the assessment?</p>	HD	5.2	30/07/10
135	Written	Ludlam	Nation Building and Jobs Plan	<p>1. From stimulus package funding, how many submissions requesting funding for heritage projects were not funded?</p> <p>2. What percentage of stimulus funding allocated to heritage projects went to publicly owned premises?</p> <p>3. Of that, what percentage of places that received funding were State government properties compared to Commonwealth properties?</p> <p>4. What percentage of stimulus funding allocated to heritage projects went to</p> <p>a. Historic environment</p> <p>b. Natural environment</p> <p>c. Indigenous environment</p> <p>d. Heritage research</p> <p>e. Heritage sector development</p> <p>5. Has all the money allocated to heritage projects through the stimulus package now been allocated?</p> <p>6. Will a review be conducted of the outcomes?</p>	HD	5.2	30/07/10
136	Written	Ludlam	Heritage Budget	The Departmental program support item is reduced from \$24.1M to \$19.8M in this budget. Is there any decline in recurrent funding for heritage?	HD	5.2	30/07/10
137	Written	Ludlam	Heritage Staffing numbers	At the last estimates hearing, we were advised that the staffing level for the Heritage Division for 2009-10 was 104. Are these positions all full time equivalents? What is the projection for 2010-11?	HD	5.2	30/07/10

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138	Written	Ludlam	National Trust Funding	Is there a danger the Department's shift to project funding will encourage the collapse of the National Trust funding into the Protecting and Conserving Historic Built Assets program?	HD	5.2	30/07/10
139	Written	Ludlam	National Heritage Strategy	1. Has there been any headway made on a national heritage strategy? 2. Will the national cultural policy say anything meaningful about heritage? 3. Did the Australian Heritage Council or Heritage Working Group make a formal submission about the national cultural policy?	HD	5.2	30/07/10
140	Written	Ludlam	Heritage Working Group	What are the recent achievements of the Heritage Working Group?	HD	5.2	30/07/10
141	Written	Ludlam	New Acton Nishi Building	What expert heritage advice was provided to the Minister on the decision taken under the EPBC Act not to make the Nishi Building development a controlled action? Who provided the Minister with expert heritage advice and whether that advice supported or opposed the development?	HD	5.2	30/07/10
142	14 (26/5/10)	Ian MacDonald	Chief Executive Instructions	Senator IAN MACDONALD —Are they publicly available? Mr Sullivan —The chief executive instructions? I will look around to see if I can get a nodding head. Senator IAN MACDONALD —Let us not wait. Could you make them available to this committee? Mr Sullivan —They are clearly available to all staff. Senator IAN MACDONALD —Could you make them available to this committee on notice? Mr Sullivan —Just so I do not give you a lot of paper, there are a number of chief executive instructions. Would you like the one with respect to— Senator IAN MACDONALD —The ones relating to signing off of contracts for consultants. ...	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
143	20-21 (26/5/10)	Birmingham	Machinery of Government staff movements	Mr Sullivan —...The second tranche of staff, as I said, is close to finalisation—I can check that and take that on notice for you if you like, but my recollection is that it is in the final stages of being signed off. Senator BIRMINGHAM —When did the first tranche movement occur? Was that a transfer on a specific date? Mr Sullivan —It was a specific date, and I cannot recall what it was. It followed very quickly after the 8 th because of the machinery of government and the Governor-General's— Ms Kruk —We can follow up with that date. Senator BIRMINGHAM —Thank you, Ms Kruk. ... Senator BIRMINGHAM —The second tranche is expected to be finalised when? Mr Sullivan —It is a much smaller number and it should be finalised—I will check for you—by the end of May. I think that was the target date for that to be finalised. That is a much smaller number. Senator BIRMINGHAM —Approximately? Mr Sullivan —Approximately 15.	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
144	34 (26/5/10)	Marshall	Staff attrition rates	Senator MARSHALL —If you do not have enough staff to actually fulfil your statutory requirements, how would you then handle that?	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10

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				<p>...</p> <p>Ms Kruk—It would depend on what the rules are surrounding the staff freeze. In some instances, that is also accompanied by a restriction on the employment of contractual staff. As I said, the most significant concern is in relation to positions of a critical, often scientific or technical, basis where you cannot replace one officer with another officer from another division because you are relying on a specific expertise.</p> <p>Senator MARSHALL—Could you take it on notice for me and provide me with a breakdown—without being ridiculously accurate—generally about where you get the eight to nine per cent attrition rates, including what age groups and what levels in your organisation. Also, what is eight to nine per cent in numerical terms?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Our staffing profile is just over 3,000. The impact across the portfolio would be quite profound because, as the senator is aware, we have bodies such as the Bureau of Meteorology in the portfolio as well. They are a highly technical organisation. ...</p>			
145	Written	Barnett	30 day payments	<p>For both department and agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	CSD	Corporate	14/10/10
146	Written	Barnett	Consultancies	<p>For both department and Agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <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. <p><i>All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.</i></p>	CSD	Corporate	10/09/10 + 12 att'ments
147	Written	Barnett	Consultancies – AusTender website	<p>For both department and Agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? 2. 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><i>All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.</i></p>	CSD	Corporate	25/08/10

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148	Written	Birmingham	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
149	Written	Birmingham	Building Energy Efficiency	<p>Please list every building occupied by the Department.</p> <p>For each building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has an energy efficiency audit been undertaken? If so, what rating was achieved and what action has been taken to improve energy efficiency as a result of any audit undertaken? 	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
150	Written	Birmingham	Staff Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
151	Written	Birmingham	Staff training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
152	Written	Barnett	Graduate and cadetship programs	<p>For both the Department and Agencies: 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.</p>	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
153	Written	Barnett	Staffing - recruitment	<p>For both the Department and Agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
154	Written	Barnett	Staffing – reductions	<p>For both the Department and Agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Since the efficiency dividend was introduced? b) Since additional estimates? If so, where and at what level? 2. 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. 	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10

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155	Written	Barnett	Discretionary grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
156	Written	Fisher	Programmes administered by Department and Agencies	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.	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10 + 1 att't
157	Written	Fisher	Home Insulation Program – transfer to DCCEE	Home Insulation Program – Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Involvement 1. What funding has been reallocated to DCCEE? 2. Was there a reallocation of staff? 3. Does the Department have any current involvement in the Program?	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
158	Written	Barnett	Hospitality spend – department	1. What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? 2. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
159	Written	Barnett	Hospitality spend - Ministers	1. For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. 2. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	CSD	Corporate	30/07/10
160	14 (26/5/10)	Macdonald	Approval of contracts – Nous Group	Mr Sullivan —Perhaps I can help. I think the question was whether the secretary appointed consultants. The department operates with a series of delegations where there is authority for people at particular levels and responsibilities to engage particular consultants or undertake activities, and those are clearly set out in the chief executive instructions and the rules and governance procedures for the department. With respect to the one instance to which the secretary just referred where Nous were a facilitator for a conference, from my recollection—and I will check this, as it was some time ago, and correct it if I am wrong—they were taken off an APS panel, which is common procedure. This is where you already have a preselected range of people available for a range of tasks. My recollection was that Nous was used for that conference—to facilitate it. It was a facilitation role. It was over 12 months ago. Whether Nous has undertaken any other work for the department, I would have to take that on notice. Senator IAN MACDONALD —Thank you, if you would. That was a very interesting piece of information, but it was not the question. My question was: from where do those appointments come? Who ticks off on them? Who signs the contract generally, and in that particular instance? If you do not know, perhaps you could take it on notice? Mr Sullivan —I can take that on notice in terms of who actually signed the contract for that particular appointment. As a general point, for those particular contracts there will be a decision	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10

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				<p>taken not necessarily by the secretary—it may be a deputy secretary or it may be me—that we need a facilitator for that particular conference. We would then go and look at the APS panel to see if there is someone on there. That is one way of doing it. There is a whole range of ways of acquiring external expertise. Again, I will correct the record, but from my recollection that contract would not have been signed by the secretary. It would have been signed by probably someone at my level.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Let us take my offer and check it out and give me an accurate answer on notice in that particular interest.</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—I will take that on notice.</p>			
161	14-15 (26/5/10)	Macdonald	Time spent in Canberra by Secretary	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—... Minister, the secretary of this department is a very busy role. Could I ask perhaps if anyone has got the information now but if not, on notice, how many days in a normal working week the secretary is not in Canberra?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I would be in Canberra four out of five days most weeks; most weeks, five. I make it my business to try and spend some time in the other states. Last week, for instance, I was at community cabinet in Burnie and next week I will be at community cabinet in Perth—that will be two days. I think I am also in Brisbane.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Do you think, on notice, you could let us know, say, in the last 12 months, how many days you have not been in Canberra? Would that be okay?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I think that is possible. ...</p>	PCD	Corporate	23/08/10
162	32 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Home Insulation Program training module development	<p>Senator ABETZ—... Can I ask—and this may be a question to the minister's office as well, but the department may well have knowledge of this because I assume a departmental official may have been present—as to whether a Mr Lindsay Fraser of the CFMEU in fact met with Mr Garrett to express concerns raised by trainers and by the union as to the safety issues?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—If so, when was that meeting? I hope we will not have the problems that I have had with Gunns in relation to this particular meeting. Did this department pay the CPSISC, the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council, for the training module for developing the skill set?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I would not know. I would have to take that on notice as to whether their role was an advisory one or one for which they received remuneration; I am unaware.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—If they were paid, how much were they paid, and for what purpose were they paid, and when were they paid? Where was the first meeting between the department and the CPSISC in relation to developing these skill sets?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Again, I would have to take that on notice. I would have no idea.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Specifically, was it at your department's offices in Civic? Do you have offices in Civic?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Yes. So specifically in Civic, not in Canberra generally?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Well, anywhere in Canberra, but if you can tell us the location as well, because I am told that the first meeting was in fact called by the department, held at some departmental</p>	PCD	Corporate	14/02/11

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				premises, and then where the issue of urgency was expressed to those that might deliver the training, because of trying to rush the money out of the door.			
163	32 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Home Insulation Program training program	<p>Senator ABETZ—In relation to the training that occurred in relation to the Pink Batts program, did the department engage the national skills council or an organisation of similar name to assist with training?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I would need to take that on notice or, possibly, you to ask it tomorrow. I know that external parties were employed in relation to the content of that training program.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Did the training go to the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—From recall, yes, but please, I do not want to be in any way misleading of this committee. There were a number of external parties that were consulted in the development of that training program.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—By the department?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I am not sure whether the skills council actually was the agent to pull it together. So could you actually either give me that question on notice or, in effect, ask the officers tomorrow?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—I will do both—I will put it on notice here and I will also ask it tomorrow.</p>	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10
164	32 (26/5/10)	Abetz	Home Insulation Program training requirement	<p>Senator ABETZ—Can you at least confirm to us that the unit of competency that was first developed and allowed was in fact only a part accreditation as opposed to a full unit of competency in relation to these insulation installers under the program?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I will have to take it on notice, or I will restate my comment that this was an area that required absolutely no training for operators to be able to operate in it prior to the introduction of this program.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Kruk—What I do not want to do is lead you down a path which may not be 100 per cent factually correct. What I am indicating is that there was a training requirement, and if you want more detail I am asking you to put that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right: that will need to be taken on notice.</p>	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10
165	Written	Barnett	Community Cabinet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	PCD	Corporate	10/08/10
166	Written	Barnett	Freedom of Information	<p>For both the department and agencies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10

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167	Written	Barnett	Reviews	For both departments and agencies: 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? 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 - when those reviews were provided to Government, - estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and - 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?	PCD	Corporate	14/02/11
168	Written	Barnett	Board appointments	For both the Department and Agencies: 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?	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10
169	Written	Fisher & Birmingham	Budget cuts	I refer to the \$0.9 million in “Efficiencies” cuts over 5 years for DEWHA 1. How will the above “efficiencies” be met? 2. Are these staff cuts?	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10
170	Written	Barnett	Efficiencies/savings	For both the Department and Agencies: 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?)	PCD	Corporate	30/07/10
171	Written	Birmingham	Information Campaigns	1. What is the total amount the Department has spent over the past financial year on information campaigns? 2. How many reports has the Department produced over the past year and at what cost? 3. How much has the Department spent on website design or redesigns over the past financial year?	PCD	Corporate	26/08/10
172	Written	Barnett	Government advertising	For both the Department and Agencies: What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? 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. <i>(by ‘communications program’ it is meant communication of a government message to the public – possibly by advertising (print, television etc), possibly through the erection of signs, plaques etc, or through other mediums. The recent (current) Government TV advertising campaign on health</i>	PCD	Corporate	26/08/10

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				<i>reform and specific health initiatives are examples, BER signage is an example, advertising on the Government's proposed new tax system would be another example.)</i>			