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1	53 (20/10)	Siewert	Tasmanian-Queensland World Heritage area funding – break down	Ms Rankin —The Tasmanian devil, the Tasmanian-Queensland World Heritage area funding—the monitoring and evaluation budget is all captured in that \$137 million. Senator SIEWERT —To save you going through it now, is it possible to get a breakdown of that \$137 million in a tabular form? Ms Rankin —Yes, we can do that.	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
2	63 (20/10)	Macdonald	Community advisory panels – assessments	Senator IAN MACDONALD —I appreciate you have to moderate the panels. Is there any reason why you could not let us have the assessments of each panel for all of the projects? Ms Rankin —I will have to take that on notice and receive advice on whether that is appropriate within our probity guidelines and the arrangements we set up for the panels. ... Senator IAN MACDONALD —... While you are taking that on notice, I would like to ask the same question in relation to the big grants, which the scientific panel gave a ranking to. Are we able to get the list of projects that got to them and how they ranked them? Ms Rankin —I will take that on notice as well.	AGLC	1.1	08/02/10 + 1 att't
3	66 (20/10)	Colbeck	NRM North assistance	Senator COLBECK —I want to go back to the Caring for our Country stuff, particularly the application from NRM North for assistance to manage the Tasmanian lowland native grasslands that were declared by Minister Garrett earlier in the year. I just want to get some sense around the issues that were with that particular application and why it was not successful. The concern from the farmers was that the declaration was made one week with a recommendation from the minister to apply to Caring for our Country to support their requirements to manage those lands. Yet the following week the application that they had in for \$9 million was actually rejected. Ms Rankin —Was this taken on notice yesterday; is that right? Senator COLBECK —If my recollection is correct, the discussion we had yesterday—and I value the fact that you were taking note of what happened yesterday and not getting wires crossed; that is a good sign—was that there is a reserve list. If you want to take it on notice and apply it as part of the response that comes back through DAFF I am content with that, but I just want to put that issue on notice. Ms Rankin —We are happy to do that. I do not want to give you inaccurate advice.	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
4	96 (20/10)	Abetz	Tasmanian Fox taskforce	Senator ABETZ —I understand Mr Garrett has withdrawn money from the Tasmanian fox taskforce—is that correct? Mr Burnett —That is not an EPBC matter... That is the land and coast division, which has finished. Senator ABETZ —I will put it on notice; that is fine.	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
5	Written Qon	Birmingham	Caring for Our Country – general	1. Can the Department confirm it is currently retro-fitting the outcomes of the 2008-09 Caring for our Country projects to ensure they align with the program's targets for the	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09

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				<p>forthcoming Annual Report Card,</p> <p>2. Can the Department confirm that nearly 90% of investment proposals received by the Federal Government for the 2009-2010 Caring for our Country Business Plan will not be funded?</p> <p>3. If yes, does the Department agree that this indicates that the overall design of the Caring for Our Country program is flawed and that this initiative needs to be reviewed given that such a significant proportion of proposals were unsuccessful?</p>			
6	Written Qon	Birmingham	Caring for Our Country – 2009-10 projects	<p>1. Can the Department confirm that all approved projects funded under the 2009-10 Caring for our Country Business Plan that have commenced have the necessary planning, regulatory and other approvals, permits and permissions required?</p> <p>2. Can the Department confirm that all of the approved projects in the Northern Territory have yet to obtain permission to enter and carry out work on Aboriginal land?</p>	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
7	Written Qon	Birmingham	National Biodiversity Strategy	<p>1. Has the National Biodiversity Strategy been finalised?</p> <p>2. If no, When will it be?</p> <p>3. How much funding will be allocated for the strategy per annum?</p>	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
8	Written Qon	Birmingham	Caring for Our Country – job losses	<p>1. Have any jobs been lost from landcare and natural resource management groups since the implementation of the Caring for Our Country program?</p> <p>2. (If yes) How many and from which groups?</p>	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
9	Written Qon	Birmingham	Caring for Our Country – method of funding	<p>1. Have there been any complaints or concerns about the Government's method of funding from any of the groups involved?</p> <p>2. What steps have been taken to improve transparency and accountability since the implementation of the Caring for Our Country program?</p> <p>3. Can the Department confirm that Minister Garrett's announcement on 2nd July 2009 concerning 57 competitive projects under the 2009-10 Caring for Our Country Business Plan was not authorised at the time under the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act</i> Regulation 9?</p> <p>4. Is the Department aware that the authorisation of Minister Garrett's decision did not occur until the 4th August 2009?</p>	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
10	Written Qon	Birmingham	National Reserve System strategy	<p>1. How many jobs will be created to manage the 25 per cent increase in land that is to be locked up under the strategy?</p> <p>2. What fire mitigation strategies will be implemented to reduce the increased threat of large scale bushfire that comes with locking up vast tracts of land?</p>	PAD	1.2	10/12/09
11	Written Qon	Birmingham	Reef Rescue initiative	<p>Through the Reef Rescue initiative the Government has committed \$200 million over five years to address the impacts of declining water quality in the Great Barrier Reef lagoon.</p> <p>1. What specific land management practices have been implemented to improve the water quality of the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon?</p>	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09

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				2. How much has been allocated to this initiative to date?			
12	Written Qon	Birmingham	Caring for Our Country – competitive bid process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What projects in rural NSW have been funded through the competitive bid process? 2. If none, under what criteria was it determined that no projects in western NSW were deemed to be worthy of funding? 3. Is it the Department's view that there has been a failure through the Caring for our Country to support regional/remote land managers? 	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
13	Written Qon	Birmingham	Community Water Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the budgeted expenditure for each area of Community Water Grants for 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? 2. How much was actually spent or has been spent to date? 	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
14	Written Qon	Birmingham	Caring for Our Country – Waterwatch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has funding for Waterwatch not been allocated through the Caring for our Country program? 2. Have any Waterwatch officers lost their jobs as a result of Catchment Management Authorities not being able to sustain the program since funding was cut? 	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
15	Written Qon	Birmingham	Caring for Our Country – Water Management Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has Land and Water Management Plan funding not been prioritised within Caring for Our Country despite achieving significant outcomes? 2. What percentage of funding has gone to Catchment Management Authorities compared to grass-roots community groups? 	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
16	Written Qon	Siewert	NRM Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many NRM sub-regions have no active NRM projects (as opposed to facilitators) as a result of CFOC? 2. How many funded projects (and what amount of money) addressed essentially only one asset or threat? 3. How many projects addressing multiple targets in priority regions were not funded but were supported by the assessment panels? 4. What is the strategy to retain community commitment and support capacity in sub-regions with no active projects under CFOC? 5. Is it true that these grants are generally an effective rural investment with multiplier effects in rural economies? What is the likely impact of effective disinvestment in several rural NRM sub-regions? 	AGLC	1.1	10/12/09
17	47 (20/10)	Boswell	GBRMPA – PEW Foundation	<p>Senator BOSWELL—Pew, as in the Pew Foundation. Could you tell me what advisory position Pew has?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Dr Reichelt identified Pew as being one of the members that he had on the advisory committee for the outlook report. Am I right?</p> <p>Mr Thompson—Yes, I think that is right.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL—What special qualities or qualifications would Imogen Zethoven have to place her on a committee or an advisory board?</p>	GBRMP A	1.1	10/12/09

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				Ms Kruk —Can I ask that we leave those questions on notice for Dr Reichelt?			
18	101 (20/10)	Birmingham	Wellington Weir – extension of time	Senator BIRMINGHAM —Under the act does Minister Garrett have the capacity, with regard to the Wellington Weir decision, to further extend his consideration period? Mr Burnett —The minister can decide, once the assessment report is submitted, whether he needs further time... Senator BIRMINGHAM —Yes. How long can he extend it beyond 27 January? Mr Burnett —I cannot answer that off the top of my head. Senator BIRMINGHAM —Take that on notice. Thank you.	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
19	101 (20/10)	Colbeck	Red Gum Forests – Deniliquin - growth	Senator COLBECK —Are you aware of the growth of the footprint of the forest? Ms Webb —We have had some information provided to us by New South Wales Forests that would contain some information about all of that. Senator ABETZ —But does it indicate growth? Ms Webb —I would have to take that on notice about the exact detail of what time frames and what growth in what areas. Senator COLBECK —My understanding is that officers of the department have visited the site—I think we discussed that last time—so they would not have been made aware of that as part of their visit? Ms Webb —They may have; I would have to take that on notice.	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
20	90 (20/10)	Birmingham	Sugarloaf pipeline – water allocation	Senator BIRMINGHAM —I would suggest that independent audited reports of water savings achieved is very definitely a retrospective action and statement. It then goes on to say ‘and the amount of water allocated for extraction’. That does not suggest the amount of water that has been extracted. That suggests the amount of water allocated for extraction. Would you agree? Mr Burnett —Yes. As I understand it, nothing has yet been allocated for extraction during the reporting period. Senator BIRMINGHAM —Mr Holding has already said: In 2010 Melbourne will receive 75 billion litres of water down the pipeline. That is a direct quote. I am not sure whether he is meaning before August 2010 or after August 2010. Would it be a breach of the conditions if it were before August 2010? Mr Burnett —If an allocation were made before August 2010? Senator BIRMINGHAM —If an extraction were made. Mr Burnett —I am not sure I can answer this on the fly. Senator BIRMINGHAM —The Victorian government has been debating how and where it is sourcing the water for the pipeline quite publicly over time. Mr Burnett —Yes. As we understand it, it intends to allocate water to go down the pipe. Senator BIRMINGHAM —Yes, it does. You are saying that it has not quite allocated that	AWD	1.2	10/12/09

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				<p>water.</p> <p>Mr Burnett—That is how we understand it.</p> <p>Ms Kruk—We are prepared to get more information just to follow your question. My advice says, and it is worth my reading it:</p> <p>We have now received the first annual report on compliances required by the conditions of Minister Garrett’s approval of the project. The report is available on the Sugarloaf Pipeline project website. That is probably what you are sourcing. It continues:</p> <p>At the time the report was prepared no water had been formally allocated to supply the pipeline and as such, no audits had been conducted.</p> <p>Our advice is that the Victorian minister has now appointed an independent audit panel to review the water savings from irrigation modernisation projects in northern Victoria. Mr Burnett is also indicating that we expect to be formally advised of the outcomes of the audit, including the availability of water savings to supply the Sugarloaf Pipeline. Mr Burnett can take that on notice to see if there is any further information to the briefing I have before me.</p>			
21	92 (20/10)	Birmingham	Wellington Weir -	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—What brief has this panel of four experts been given? Is it to assess the full scope of the application by the South Australian government of the EIS prepared by the South Australian government or even broader factors?</p> <p>Ms Middleton—They have provided an initial review of elements of the environmental impact statement and are responding to some specific questions that the minister has tasked them with.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—They are responding to specific questions from the minister in relation to the EIS completed by the SA government?</p> <p>Ms Middleton—In relation to the EIS and some of the impacts that have been indicated in that EIS.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Is it possible to receive those questions or terms of reference? Are they public?</p> <p>Ms Middleton—At this stage they are not, because they are still forming part of the minister’s consideration. He may still have further questions once he receives their advice, so I would need to take that on notice.</p>	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
22	95 (20/10)	Ian Macdonald	Mary River – Ramsar Wetlands	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Finally, as to the Ramsar wetlands at the end of the Mary River—just before you go, could you just give me some written notice of what you were about to tell us?</p> <p>Mr Burnett—I can tell you now.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—We have 20 minutes left so, no, please take it on notice.</p>	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
23	96 (20/10)	Abetz	EPBC – review of Bushfire	<p>Senator ABETZ—Where is the EPBC review of bushfire treatments? Just take that on notice if I can be provided with an update.</p>	AWD	1.2	10/12/09

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24	97 (20/10)	Abetz	EPBC review – Timber Communities Australia	Senator ABETZ —All right. Can you tell us why the names of people such as Dr Possingham that were in the Timber Communities Australia submissions needed to be removed yet, when the same suggestions were made in individual submissions that did not carry Timber Communities Australia letterhead, they slipped through and were published on the website? I would invite you to have a look at Mr Alan Ashbury's submission on your website, come back to us on notice and tell us why it was only the TCA ones that were subjected to this sort of censorship—or adjustments; let us not use a term such as 'censorship'. In relation to the people that were appointed to the review— CHAIR —Did you ask the officer to take that on notice?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
25	97 (20/10)	Abetz	Website – removal of photo	Senator ABETZ —I think he has a higher duty than just what he sees fit, but can I ask you about this photograph which shows something like a shanty in the middle of the Tasmanian forest. That was required to be removed from the website, was it not? Mr Flanigan —We asked the people who made that submission to remove that photograph, yes. ... Senator ABETZ —What legal advice was sought? Mr Flanigan —I will have to take that on notice, but as I understand it we sought advice from our in-house AGS solicitors.	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
26	99 (20/10)	Siewert	Species listing	Senator SIEWERT —This is a generic question. Did you nominate any species for the next round? I am particularly keen on sharks. Mr Burnett —I do not think so. We will take it on notice; I am not entirely sure.	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
27	Written Qon	Ian Macdonald	Great Sandy Strait – environmental flows	Is the DEWHA doing an independent study to determine the environmental flow requirements for the Great Sandy Strait? What are these flow requirements to provide sufficient environmental flow to this Ramsar site?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
28	Written Qon	Heffernan	Possible EPBC Breach – Golden Sun Moth	IN a report forwarded to DEWHA in relation to the Golden Sun Moth (GSM) , there appears there has been a Breach in February 2009: Condition 5 relating to the GS Mother has been breached. LIANCE RESPONSE Golden Sun Moth (GSM) monitoring was not undertaken during topsoil removal at the Goulburn Pump Station Site on 10 February 2009. Pupa investigations were carried out immediately outside the Goulburn Pump Station site to identify any likelihood of GSM in the soil. Investigations did not find any traces of GSM pupae. In addition topsoil that is stockpiled onsite was sifted through in an attempt to look for any potential traces of GSM larvae in the material. No evidence of GSM was located. Monitoring was undertaken for the adjacent Access Track in accordance with the Fauna Management Plan Mitigation Measures and Maps. No evidence of GSM was located	AWD	1.2	10/12/09

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did the Department/ Minister first become aware of this breach? 2. When did the Department/ Minister find out where this occurred? 3. How did the Department/Minister find out the exact property on which it occurred 4. What action has the Department/Minister taken? 5. What penalties will the Minister impose for this breach of his conditional approval? 			
29	Written Qon	Heffernan	Sugarloaf pipeline	<p>The Sugarloaf pipeline was approved with 17 conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the consequences for breaching a conditional approval given under the EPBC Act? 2. What monitoring regime has the Federal Department put in place in relation to any future breaches? 	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
30	Written Qon	Nash	Mary River Estuary	Has the Government committed any funds to undertake and independent assessment of environmental flow needs to the Mary River Estuary and Great Sandy Strait, as requested in a petition signed by 5393 Australians and tabled in the House of Representatives on 16 September 2009? If not why not?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
31	Written Qon	Nash	Traveston Dam – EPBC decision	Queensland Premier Anna Bligh has implied that she can influence the decision on the proposed Traveston Crossing dam by urging the Prime Minister to agree to the proposal. If this the case, is this not contrary to the EPBC Act, under which the responsibility for the decision lies with Minister Garrett? Will you allow your environment Minister to make this decision on the science?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
32	Written Qon	Nash	Paradise Dam - Sunwater	Is the Minister intending to allow the request from Sunwater to water down the conditions of approval of Paradise Dam and in doing so jeopardise the Paradise Dam Court case, which the Federal Government has partially funded	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
33	Written Qon	Nash	Fish Lift – Paradise Dam	The Coordinator General has said that if the fish lift does not work, that the fall back position is to collect the lungfish / turtles / Mary River Cod etc by hand and carry them around the dam. Does the Minister consider this to be a credible alternative?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
34	Written Qon	Nash	Traveston Dam – wildlife	Given the significance of the lungfish and that the Paradise Case has shown that there is no workable design for a fishway for lungfish in existence in the world, would the minister not be rather cavalier to grant approval to the Traveston Crossing dam in the hope the proponents will be able to come up with devices for successful fish and turtle transfer, not to mention methods that will enable successful breeding in situations where they would not normally breed. Is the minister not being asked to take this proposal a little too much on trust?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
35	Written Qon	Nash	Traveston Dam	Should politics overrule science and the proposed Traveston Crossing dam be approved, species with very long life cycles such the Lungfish, Mary River Turtles and Mary River cod, which live in excess of 50 Years, will be put at grave risk of extinction. What assurances can you give the Senate that the QUANGO \$2 company Queensland Water	AWD	1.2	10/12/09

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				Infrastructure has the ability and intention to ensure the necessary long term management and compliance with all conditions that the Minister may impose under the EPBC Act?			
36	Written Qon	Nash	Traveston Dam – public submission	Will the Minister allow a (10 day) public submission on the 1200 conditions suggested by the Queensland Coordinator General’s Report on the proposed Traveston Crossing dam?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
37	Written Qon	Nash	Traveston Dam – downstream impact	The Coordinator General’s Report says there will be no downstream impact on the lower Mary Valley as a result of the Traveston Crossing dam. It seems incredible that a new dam would have no downstream impact. Can the department explain this bizarre assertion?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
38	Written Qon	Nash	Fish Lift – Paradise Dam	In view of the fact that the \$27m fish lift on the Paradise Dam has attracted only three lungfish since its construction (and they were juveniles) does the Minister believe this same fish lift will work on the Traveston Crossing dam?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
39	Written Qon	Siewert	Traveston Crossing dam - assesment	In the Government’s assessment of the proposed Traveston Crossing dam, will the fact that, in direct contravention of the 1994 COAG Strategic Framework Agreement, the Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006 does not currently have scientifically validated environmental flow requirements and in the case of the estuary and internationally listed wetland, the Great Sandy Strait, no environmental flow requirements at all be addressed?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
40	Written Qon	Siewert	Traveston Crossing dam - conditions	The Queensland Coordinator General has recommended 1200 conditions on the proposed Traveston Crossing dam. However the Queensland Government has demonstrated that they can’t comply with the six conditions on the Paradise Dam. If the proposal dam is approved: 1. How can you ensure that the Queensland Government has the capacity in both the short and long term, as well as the intention to follow up on all of these conditions? 2. What measures would be taken to ensure the Queensland Government complied with the conditions in any approval? 3. How much would it cost the Commonwealth to administer, audit and enforce these measures? 4. Who would be accountable for the policing and enforcing compliance with the conditions?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
41	Written Qon	Siewert	Traveston Crossing dam – Survival Strategy for the Australian Lungfish	The Queensland Government has just released a final document “Survival Strategy for the Australian Lungfish” which differs from the draft state “Lungfish recovery plan” recently provided to the Minister after it was tabled in the Paradise dam federal court case. The recovery plan acknowledges the major threat to lungfish posed by dams, but the survival strategy does not, omitting any references to lungfish deaths from overtopping spillways. 1. Can the Department ask the Queensland government to release the reports about the deaths of these 90 lungfish and the draft recovery plan so that they may inform the discussions around the approval process for Traveston Crossing Dam?	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
42	Written Qon	Siewert	Environmental Assesment and	The Western Australian Government has announced proposed changes to environmental assessment and approvals.	AWD	1.2	10/12/09

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			Approvals – WA proposed changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Department aware of these proposals? 2. Has the Department review the proposed changes? 3. Would any such changes require a renegotiation of the bilateral? 			
43	Written Qon	Siewert	Traveston Crossing dam - lung fish	<p>This year two dams in southeast Queensland have caused the deaths of ninety lungfish according to Sunwater figures. Three independent expert reports have recommend that spillway related mortality at Paradise dam , must not be ignored (Tait , J , 2009 , Winders , M 2009 , Stuart I 2009).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will these reports be used to assess the Traveston Proposal? 	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
44	17 (20/10)	Ian Macdonald	BOM – Staffing	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—What was the total figure for 2008-09? Did you end up with more than you started with or vice versa?</p> <p>Dr Ayers—I think the total staffing is listed at 1,546. That is made up of ongoing staff. My memory is around 1,269, 169 full-time non-ongoing staff and then 76 part-timers ongoing and 32 part-timers non ongoing.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—How does that compare with the beginning of the last financial year?</p> <p>...On notice you might be able to give me the comparisons for the beginning and end of the 2008-09 financial year.</p>	BOM	1.2	10/12/09
45	19 (20/10)	Ian Macdonald	BOM – Observers	<p>Mr Foley—Yes. It will be the normal practice for meteorologists in Cairns to make weather observations.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—But I am told that there was no fully trained observer available to issue those things and they were done by someone else?</p> <p>Mr Foley—By a meteorologist.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Is that intending to become the norm from hereon? Is the observer reconfiguration plan publicly available or can you get me a copy? Is there anything secret about it?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—We will take it on notice.</p>	BOM	1.2	21/01/10
46	Written Qon	Birmingham	BOM - staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were there any staff cuts at the Bureau of Meteorology in 2008/09? 2. Will any volunteer or paid workers be cut this year? If so, can you please provide a detailed breakdown of when and where these job losses will occur? 3. Will any weather stations be closed? If so, can you please provide a detailed breakdown of which stations will be closed and when. 4. How much funding has been given to the Bureau of Meteorology for research into climate change in 2009? 	BOM	1.2	10/12/09
47	71 (20/10)	Birmingham	IWC – number of new countries	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—I am not going to spend as long on this issue as we did in the last estimates, because we spent a long time on it then and I am eager to get through other issues. Ms Petrachenko, how many other countries have signed up to the IWC in the course</p>	MD	1.2	10/12/09

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				of the last year or so? Ms Petrachenko —I will have to take on notice how many it has been in the last year. A total of 88 countries are now part of the IWC.			
48	72 (20/10)	Birmingham	Whaling – changing of the convention	Ms Petrachenko —... The convention that governs the regulation of whaling was developed in 1946; it has what a number of countries, Australia included, feel are exceedingly outdated provisions. So it was written in 1946. There are provisions in it that give certain allowances to member countries; and it is very difficult to try to change interpretations or actions under a convention, as it is a legal document. Senator BIRMINGHAM —How many countries does it take to change the convention? Ms Petrachenko —I will have to take that question on notice. My understanding is that you would have to renegotiate the entire convention, which then would require all signatories to agree and ratify it. But I will take that on notice.	MD	1.2	10/12/09
49	75 (20/10)	Siewert	Oil Spill – Montara	Senator SIEWERT —Monitoring was undertaken with the boat that I think set off from Darwin—and, I am sorry, I cannot remember the date. Who was on that boat, what results were found and what was the cost of that operation? ... I am sorry; it is the expertise that I am asking about. Mr Oxley —I will let Ms Rishniw deal with that. However, in relation to what the findings are, we received, I think at the beginning of last week, a draft report that had been prepared hurriedly. ... Senator SIEWERT —Was the cost of that monitoring part of the \$30,000? Mr Oxley —I do not know whether we have been invoiced yet or not. I think what you need to hear from us is that the cost of doing that report will be recovered fully from the company. Ms Rishniw —That is right. Perhaps I could add that the experts commissioned were from the University of Queensland; in particular, they are megafauna and seabird specialists. I can provide the names to you on notice.	MD	1.2	10/12/09
50	76 (20/10)	Siewert	Oil Spill – Montara – fish samples	Senator SIEWERT —I am not sure whether you are the appropriate people to ask this question of. Some initial sampling work has been done. As I understand it, to get an accurate reading on hydrocarbon absorption by fish, samples need to be collected and, basically, dealt with through liquid nitrogen. Apparently, just freezing them can lead to the breakdown of samples and you do not get an accurate reading. Do you know whether, in fact, that monitoring technique is the one being used? Mr Oxley —With the level of technical detail here, I suggest that it is beyond our capacity to answer that question; but we are happy to take that on notice.	MD	1.2	10/12/09

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51	80 (20/10)	Colbeck	Bioregional planning process - Extension of time	<p>Senator COLBECK—Have you had any further requests for extensions of time? The one on the east is in response to a request for an extension of time; I acknowledge that. There is also the extension in the southwest for that initial area of further assessment process. To date, have you had any other requests for extensions of time to the process in any of the other regions?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I am inclined to take that one on notice unless either Ms Rishniw or Mr Clark know specifically. I would like to give you an answer that encompassed all regions rather than a snapshot for one, if that is what it was.</p>	MD	1.2	10/12/09
52	81 (20/10)	Colbeck	Bioregional planning process – Financial assistance	<p>Senator COLBECK—Are there any other groups that you provided financial assistance to as part of this process?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—Historically we have provided support, and continue to do so, for the continuing operation of the south-east fisheries group, which was involved in the development of the south-east marine protected area network and then has gone on to effectively fulfil a stewardship and management advisory role for that marine park network in the south-east.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Is the information on the membership of that group available through any of your public documentation?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I can provide that on notice. ...</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Could you give me a list of all of those that have received financial assistance, whether they are fishing industry or environmental or other groups that have accessed financial assistance? If you are giving me all of that can you give me a total as well as part of the process?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—The answer is beyond what I have already identified. I do not believe there are any other costs, other than the cost of participation in workshops and so on, where we have met those costs. I will take it on notice, but I am foreshadowing not to expect too much back in the answer.</p>	MD	1.2	10/12/09
53	81 (20/10)	Colbeck	Bioregional planning process –assistance for meetings	<p>Senator COLBECK—What sort of assistance is provided for attendance at meetings? Is that for individual fishers or groups to come to meetings? How does that work?</p> <p>Mr Clark—I can give you an example for the east marine region where we have recently conducted three regional assessment workshops in Cairns, Brisbane and Sydney. The costs of attendance at those workshops of between 25 and 35 people were borne by the department. It is also usual for the department to reimburse the costs of attendance at either stakeholder advisory group meetings or other meetings that are similar to that. I do not have the exact cost of attendance at those with me at the moment.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—It is effectively to make the attendance of those things cost neutral for the participants. Does that go across all the meetings that are being conducted around the coastline?</p>	MD	1.2	10/12/09

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				<p>Mr Clark—No, not for all meetings. It is where there are specific departmental meetings in regard to the consultation process.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK—Can you give us an indication, on notice, of which meetings would draw assistance?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I am happy to give you an indication of the types of meetings where we would offset the costs—to the extent that we can, because we would only be talking about travel, accommodation, meals and so forth, not the out of pocket cost of a day on which you do not go fishing and so on. We can come back with a general indication which would be helpful.</p>			
54	85 (20/10)	Ian Macdonald	Coral Sea – fishing licences	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Yes, and you do not disagree with my summation of what you said because what I am saying is very fair. There is no immediate threat apart from a political threat. Mr Oxley, you mentioned that permits would be granted, but you concede, of course, that GBRMPA already license or permit charter boats into the area?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—GBRMPA issue permits for fishing in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. They do not issue permits as far as I am aware for fishing in the Coral Sea.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—For charter boat operators operating out of Cairns into the Coral Sea.</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I do not think that GBRMPA has any jurisdiction over the Coral Sea. They may license charter boat operators that operate both within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and in the Coral Sea, but my understanding—and if I am wrong I will come back and correct the record for the Senate—would be that GBRMPA’s licensing of a charter boat operation applies only to its operations within the bounds of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.</p>	MD	1.2	10/12/09
55	87 (20/10)	Ian Macdonald	Coral Sea – government powers	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Does the government have any other powers that it could use if there were suddenly an unexpected threat to the ecology or the general environment of the Coral Sea?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I cannot answer that question immediately. I would need to take that on notice.</p>	MD	1.2	10/12/09
56	87 (20/10)	Ian Macdonald	Coral Sea Conservation Zone – meetings with Ms Zethoven	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Perhaps I should ask the minister. Do you know—and it is really something you may have to pass on to Mr Garrett—how many meetings Mr Garrett had with Ms Imogen Zethoven regarding this conservation zone?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I will take that on notice.</p>	MD	1.2	11/01/10
57	88 (20/10)	Boswell	Coral Sea Conservation Zone – consultation	<p>Senator BOSWELL—I am saying: who did he consult with? Did he just get up one morning and think, ‘That is a good idea’?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I cannot answer for the minister as to who he consulted with. All I can do is take that question on notice.</p>	MD	1.2	11/01/10
58	89 (20/10)	Boswell	Coral Sea Conservation	<p>Senator BOSWELL—What percentage of the Coral Sea is protected at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Oxley—I would have to take that question on notice. We have two Commonwealth</p>	MD	1.2	10/12/09

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			Zone – protected area	marine reserves in the Coral Sea, at Coringa-Herald Islands and Lihou Reef. I am going to assume that parts of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park would also be considered to be within the Coral Sea. In terms of percentages, I will take that on notice.			
59	Written Qon	Colbeck	Marine Bioregions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department please give a status update on the 5 separate marine bioregions? 2. Have their been any changes to the timelines for these? 3. What is the cost, broken down by bioregion, in 2008-2009 (actual) and 2009-2010 (projected) for the bioregion planning? 4. Can the Department please give a breakdown of all organisations consulted in each of the bioregions? 	MD	1.2	11/12/09
60	Written Qon	Birmingham	Whaling – Whales killed by other countries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many whales does the Department understand to have been killed by Japan, Norway, Iceland and any other countries in each of the last five financial years? 2. What does the Department estimate to be the population of each species of hunted whale and how has this changed over the last twenty years? 	MD	1.2	10/12/09
61	Written Qon	Birmingham	Whaling – research programs	Please detail the status of the Government's research programs on whaling – what contracts have been let, for what amounts, to do what, over what timeframes, etc.	MD	1.2	11/01/10
62	Written Qon	Birmingham	IWC – Cost of attendance	Please outline the total costs for attendance and participation of the Australian delegation at the 2009 IWC – in addition to the Minister please detail the number of ministerial staff and departmental officials attending.	MD	1.2	10/12/09
63	Written Qon	Birmingham	Whaling Envoy - Costs	<p>Please summarise all costs related to the appointment of the Whaling Envoy, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily and total fees paid; days for which fees were paid; and extent of staff support costs. 2. Total costs of travel, itemised by trip and countries visited, inclusive of any accompanying officers. 3. Any other costs. 	MD	1.2	10/12/09
64	Written Qon	Siewert	Phytophthora Dieback Threat Abatement Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It appears that the Phytophthora Dieback Threat Abatement Plan did not go out for public comment. Is this correct? If so, why? 2. If not, could you detail the consultation process? 3. How will the Department help facilitate and coordinate the implementation of this threat abatement Plan? 	MD	1.2	10/12/09
65	31 (20/10)	Heffernan	Booligal Station – Value	<p>Ms Kruk—You asked the question about what due diligence processes have been undertaken. Presumably you mean assessment processes that deal with the conservation values of the area.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN—And also it goes to the value.</p> <p>Ms Kruk—... To answer your question: yes, there was a due diligence process undertaken. I do not have the material in front of me in relation to the negotiation of the various prices. It went through both the New South Wales system and the Commonwealth system as to</p>	WED	4.1	08/02/10

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				whether it was value for money. Senator HEFFERNAN —Could we have access to that? Ms Kruk —Yes.			
66	34 (20/10)	Lundy	Christmas Island – National Park, Dales area	Senator LUNDY —I want to follow up on some of the questions asked by Senator Siewert about Christmas Island. I understand there is to be some investment in improving accessibility of the national park, particularly in the Dales area of Christmas Island. Could you take that on notice and provide details to the committee about that investment? Mr Cochrane —I will. I understand it needs upgrading and I will give you a good response to that. Senator LUNDY —Thank you. In fact, if you could give an overall summary about the management of the Christmas Island National Park, that would be great. Mr Cochrane —Okay.	PAD	1.2	10/12/09
67	12 (20/10)	Ludlam	Caetite Mine, Brazil	Mr Hughes —I am not sure that I can pronounce it correctly, but it is spelt C-a-e-t-i-t-e. Senator LUDLAM —I would not be brave enough to try that either. Thank you. So you sent two officers over. How long has that operation been running for? Mr Hughes —I could not answer that question. Senator LUDLAM —We can come back and find that out, I guess.	SSD	1.2	10/12/09
68	13 (20/10)	Ludlam	Caetite Mine, Brazil - report	Senator LUDLAM —I will bring you back to the mine that you noted before that your team visited in Brazil. Were they made aware of the very high levels of uranium in drinking water found in areas surrounding that mine? Mr Hughes —I could not answer that. Senator LUDLAM —Did they provide a report to you on their return from Brazil? Mr Hughes —They provided me with a verbal report, but they are still producing a final report, which is to be a written internal report on the issue. ... Senator Wong —May I suggest, Senator, rather than having an argument about a document that has not yet been finalised, as I understand the evidence from Mr Hughes, it is open to you obviously at the next hearing to ask for the document. Mr Hughes can consider it then. It seems to be a slightly theoretical discussion at the moment, given that the document is not yet in existence, from the evidence given. ... Senator LUDLAM —I will put my request for that document on notice now and wish you well in its speedy completion	SSD	1.2	10/12/09
69	103 (20/10)	Birmingham	Deregistered installers - Breaches	Senator BIRMINGHAM —What were the breaches of those who were struck off? ... Senator BIRMINGHAM —Could you take on notice to provide us with, if possible, names	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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				or, if not, the locations and particular issues that were identified as far as the department can provide. ... Of the 97 who were deregistered, how many grants had they claimed? Mr Carter —I do not have that information on me. I would have to take that on notice.			
70	106 (20/10)	Abetz	Call Centre in Hobart – Pink Batts	Mr Keffe —As Medicare run the data processing system they have a call centre that operates in Hobart. ... Senator ABETZ —Can you provide, on notice, the date on which that call centre started and was contracted to start? Were you advertising the number before the contract date, because the information I have received is that this Medicare call centre was receiving calls and there were then irate customers or punters who could not be helped; they had been given the phone number, but the staff had not been fully trained up by that date and could not help. Mr Keffe —A lot of your questions go directly to the responsibility of Medicare and the Department of Health and Ageing. They managed that contract for the call centre. Senator ABETZ —I know they managed it, but did you advertise the phone number inviting people to ring that call centre? Mr Keffe —I will double check that and come back to you. ... Senator ABETZ —Can you tell us whether those advertisements did not have a start-up date on them and people started ringing the Medicare call centre before the date on which your contract with Medicare actually started? Mr Keffe —We will take that on notice.	REED	2.1	14/12/09
71	106 (20/10)	Birmingham	Pink Batt installation – consultations and training	Senator BIRMINGHAM —Did the government receive any advice from the Electrical Training Standards Advisory Body known as EE-Oz as to the appropriate training under the pink batts program to prevent fires and electrocutions? Mr Keffe —I do not recall that specific organisation but we had consultation through the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council and with a range of the major industry insulation bodies and manufacturers about a training regime over the course of developing the program. We certainly had consultations with bodies that looked after electrical issues as we developed training materials. Senator BIRMINGHAM —Can you provide on notice with whom you had consultations in that regard? Mr Keffe —Yes, I will be pleased to do that. Senator BIRMINGHAM —And what advice they provided? Mr Keffe —Yes.	REED	2.1	14/12/09
72	106	Birmingham	Deregistered	Senator BIRMINGHAM —Have any of these suspended or deregistered installers been	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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	(20/10)		installers – installations	involved in any of the premises that may have had house fires as a result of bad installations? Mr Keeffe —There is no correlation, to my knowledge, but I would like to double-check that if I could take that on notice.			
73	108 (20/10)	Milne	Green Loans – calculator	Senator MILNE —There were problems with the calculator and the software that supported that system. I had reports from a number of assessors that the calculator was producing incorrect information as far as the reports were concerned. The minister in the house indicated that those software problems were being dealt with at the time. Can you assure me that those software problems are now rectified and can you tell me what you have done to go back on those earlier reports that we issued to make sure they are re-done so that they are accurate? Mr Carter —I can reassure you that the glitches that were identified at that time with the assessment reporting system have now been corrected... The basic assessment tool glitches have been fixed. I do not have the specifics on the earlier reports that may have had issues with them. Can I take that on notice and get back to you on what we have done to correct those earlier assessment reports?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
74	109 (20/10)	Birmingham	Green Loans – Financial Institutions	Senator BIRMINGHAM —Are there particular criteria that the financial institutions involved are working to in terms of the types of product offering they make to people? Is it a requirement that they make a four-year offering, there is an interest-free loan and that people must then sign on to something else? Mr Carter —Yes. There is certainly a deed which the financial institutions need to agree to in providing that service. I do not have a copy of that with me, but we can make that available. Senator BIRMINGHAM —If you could. It is important that people do not sign on to what the minister is spruiking as an interest-free loan and find that in year five they are paying commercial rates. Mr Carter —The product has full disclosure, but the requirements of the deed require those sorts of full disclosure of the product. We will provide that on notice.	REED	2.1	14/12/09
75	109 (20/10)	Milne	Green Loans - assessors payments	Senator MILNE —Can you assure me that people who were owed money from that early stage have now been reimbursed and you are satisfied that we are up to the 30-day period for most people? Mr Carter —I am, but I will come back to you.	REED	2.1	14/12/09
76	110 (20/10)	Birmingham	Green Loans - assessments	Mr Carter —One of the key issues here is one that senators raised at the time. That is that, in putting in place the stimulus package in providing home insulation and hot water subsidies, they were, in fact, two of the highest value energy efficiency measures that households could immediately take. At the last estimates hearing I went through what we	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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				<p>looked at as being an estimated take-up of actions or basket of actions that could occur under a loan. I ran through that in <i>Hansard</i>, but clearly the value of each of those items was significantly less than those big major hits of ceiling insulation and solar hot water. Examples were topping up ceiling insulation to R4, putting in wall insulation, draft proofing, shadow window film and rainwater tanks, which they are also eligible for.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—I see all of those occurring. The point of the question really is that you have said that you will get more bang for the buck out of the assessments and people following through on that. You have budgeting for an even bigger drop in complementary household investment, according to your estimates, and then you have actually reduced the number of loans. The two do not stack up and correlate unless your argument is that it is more than made up for by excess complementary government investment in some other way.</p> <p>Mr Thompson—Due to the constraints of time we might provide a more comprehensive answer to that on notice, if that is alright.</p>			
77	Written Qon	Birmingham	National Strategy on Energy Efficiency	<p>Concerning the measures and initiatives of the National Strategy on Energy Efficiency agreed to by COAG on 2 July 2009;</p> <p>(i) of its budget appropriation, what financial expenditure has been used on the National Strategy on Energy Efficiency to date?</p> <p>(ii) what measures have commenced to date?</p> <p>(iii) will the Department provide details of the time frame for the remainder of these initiatives of the National Strategy on Energy Efficiency to commence?</p> <p>(iv) what level of carbon reduction has been achieved under the National Strategy on Energy Efficiency, since the program was announced?</p>	REED	2.1	14/12/09
78	Written Qon	Birmingham	Home Insulation Program – OH&S	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Government receive any advice from any industry bodies regarding Occupational Health and Safety issues as part of the Home Insulation Program? 2. If so, what advice was received? 3. By whom? 4. When? 5. What did they say? 	REED	2.1	14/12/09
79	Written Qon	Birmingham	Home Insulation Program – training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Government receive any advice from the electrical training standards advisory body (known as 'EE-OZ') as to appropriate training under the pink batts program to prevent fires and electrocutions? 2. If so, who provided this advice? 3. What advice did they provide? 4. Did they warn about the risk of fires? 5. Did they warn that inexperience or ill-trained staff brought into the rushed program 	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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				could potentially be at risk of electrocution? 6. When was this advice provided? 7. Will you make any written advice available on an urgent basis? 8. Was the advice fully adopted and complied with?			
80	Written Qon	Birmingham	Solar Schools	1. How many schools have now had solar panels installed (as distinct from registering) under the National Solar Schools Program? Please detail, by electorate, which schools, when the solar panels were installed and the cost. 2. What problems are being experienced with State authorities in relation to this program? 3. When and why was the scheme suspended? Who was advised of the suspension, when and by what means?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
81	Written Qon	Birmingham	Home Insulation Program – deregistered installers	On the 6 th of October, the Environment Minister admitted that : “We have proposed for about 100 companies in installation of insulation to be taken off the register.” 1. When he said “about 100” – what was the exact number? 2. What is the updated number now? 3. Given the Minister said about 100 were “proposed” to be struck off, how many actually have been struck off? / How many remain to be struck off? 4. Why? What were their breaches? 5. Who were they? Where were they from? 6. Will the Government take steps to name or identify shonky installers? Or not, why not? If not, how will people know that they could be at risk due to shonky insulation? 7. Will the Government consider providing assistance to enable pensioners or people with a disability to have possible shonky insulation double-checked to make sure the job has been done properly and is safe? 8. How many complaints have been received all up about the program? Recently the figure was put at around 1200. What is it now? What were the main grievances?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
82	Written Qon	Birmingham	Green Loans – Advertising and administration	1. What advertising, and at what cost, is proposed for the Green Loans program? 2. How many assessors have been accredited? Please detail the numbers of assessors by postcode and/or electorate. 3. Please provide a breakdown of the departmental resources (staff and financial expenditure) provided to the administration and running of the program for the previous and current financial year? 4. How many applications have actually been received, processed, approved and rejected by month?	REED	2.1	14/12/09 + 1 att't
83	Written Qon	Birmingham	Green Loans – Expenditure	What financial expenditure was used by the Department to develop and implement the Green Loans Program;	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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				(i) before the announcement of 13 May 2008? (ii) after the announcement of 13 May 2008?			
84	Written Qon	Birmingham	National Energy Efficiency Initiative	1. Will the Department outline the current status of the Implementation Study and when will it be provided to the Government for approval? 2. How will the emissions that will be produced during the construction of the successful project be offset to ensure the project is carbon neutral? 3. When will the successful bid provide data on expected energy and emissions savings?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
85	Written Qon	Birmingham	Green Loans – booking system	Will the Department outline: (i) how was the appointment booking system developed? (ii) what financial expenditure was used to develop the booking system? (iii) when did the development of the booking system begin? (iv) when was the development of the booking system complete? (v) when did negotiations between the department and financial institutions commence and conclude?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
86	Written Qon	Birmingham	Green Loans – financial institutions	Will the Department provide a list of when each financial institution; (i) was first approached by the Government to take part in the Green Loans programme? (ii) agreed to take part in the Green Loans programme?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
87	Written Qon	Birmingham	Green Loans – consultations	Will the Department provide details of; (i) what consultation with stakeholders took place before the announcement of the programme in May 2008? (ii) the names of the financial institutions that had been consulted by the Minister and his Department prior to the announcement of the program in 13 May 2008? (iii) what the testing of ‘systems and procedures in regional trials’ consisted of and how do these systems differ from those systems and procedures in metropolitan areas? (iv) where did the testing take place?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
88	Written Qon	Birmingham	Green Loans - applications	Will the Department provide details of; (i) how many Green Loans have been applied for? (ii) how many applications have been successful? (iii) how many applications have been unsuccessful? (iv) funding provided on an electorate by electorate basis (with funding amount?) (v) financial assistance provided under the scheme on an electorate by electorate basis?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
89	Written Qon	Birmingham	Green Loans - funding	With reference to the Minister’s Press Release of 13 May 2008 which reads in part; <i>The investment the Rudd Labor Government is making today will also generate up to \$2.0 billion worth of green inspired investment in our economy and benefit the small business sector.</i>	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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				As the programme did not begin until July 2009, this \$2.billion was revised in May 2009 to 'around \$500 million' 1. Does the Department now believe the revised \$500 million worth of green investment in the economy will be reached? 2. If not what is a more accurate figure?			
90	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	Solar Homes program - SHCP	1. Also, did the Government recently advise people who missed out on getting the \$8000 rebate from the former Solar Homes and Communities Program? 2. If so, how many people missed out? 3. Why? 4. What was the value? 5. How were they told? 6. What have they been told in relation to the benefit they would get under the new Solar Credits scheme? 7. Have they been told people could expect some \$7,500, the figure that was used as part of the original Solar Credits announcement last December? 8. Or have they been told that the value of the Renewable Energy Certificates, on which the new system is based, has halved.	REED	2.1	14/12/09
91	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	Solar Homes program	1. Did one company receive 8000 rebates at \$8000 a pop, worth \$64 million? If so, who was it? 2. What were the circumstances? Was it one hit, or lots of individual contracts? 3. Was this the highest number of rebates received by any one company? 4. If not, which one was? How much did they get? 5. Can you provide a list of the top 20 recipients of the rebate, including what electorate the company was based in, the value and what details of the contracts you can provide.	REED	2.1	14/12/09
92	Written Qon	Ian Macdonald	Green Loans	1. How many Green Loans have been made since the program was first announced in 2008? When were they granted? 2. How many reports have been generated for proponents to take to the banks for the loan? When were they delivered to the proponents? How many proponents have received their reports within the 10 days as described in the Program Guidelines? 3. How many assessments have been completed? a) by how many assessors? b) in what parts of Australia? c) and in what timeframe? 4. How many assessors have been paid for their work within the statutory 30 day period?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
93	Written Qon	Ian Macdonald	Solar Schools -	Last Thursday the Government suspended the Solar Schools program until July 2010. The Environment Minister did not see fit to issue a media release. The decision to immediately	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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				suspend the program without notice was simply relayed to sections of the solar industry by email and a change slipped onto the website. 1. Why didn't the Minister issue a media release? 2. How many schools have simply registered for the \$50,000 rebate? 3. How many schools have actually received the rebate? 4. What feedback has the Government received from schools, in terms of complaints? – from schools and from the solar industry?			
94	Written Qon	Ian Macdonald	Green Loans - Reports	1. What flexibility is there in the system to make reports appropriate to sustainable living practices in Northern Australia – in the tropics? 2. How can any recommendations for the sustainable management of wastewater as described in the guidelines) appear in the computer generated report – based on the assessment questions asked?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
95	Written Qon	Bernardi	Energy Efficiency Homes Package	During the last Estimates I was told that the advertising campaign for the Energy Efficient Homes package was “being developed and will be progressed,” and that the “concepts” were “being developed by the department.” (F&PA Estimates Hansard, 26.5.09, p.109). a) How is the development of the advertising campaigns progressing? b) How close are they to completion?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
96	Written Qon	Bernardi	Energy Efficiency Homes Package – advertising	An answer to a Question on Notice revealed that the Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts has a budget of \$24.3 million to advertise the <i>Energy Efficient Homes</i> package. (PM81, Answer to Question on Notice, May 2009 Budget Estimates). At the time, it was proposed to use this funding for TV, print, radio and internet advertising, direct mail and sponsorship of community events. a) Are all of these advertising areas being used for the Energy Efficient Homes package? b) Do you know how much is being spent on each of these (eg how much for TV advertising, how much for radio advertising)? c) Why was the figure of \$24 million chosen for the advertising? Eg was any modelling done to estimate the amount of funds that would be needed to advertise this package? d) Is the advertising expected to come in under Budget?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
97	Written Qon	Bernardi	Energy Efficiency Homes Package – payments	At the last Estimates, Mr Mrdak said that “what we are looking to do from 1 July is essentially remove the upfront payment from households so that the government will directly pay the installer.” (F&PA Estimates Hansard, 26.5.09, pp.110-111). a) Has this change occurred? b) Were there any costs associated with making this change to the package?	REED	2.1	14/12/09
98	Written Qon	Bernardi	Energy Efficiency Homes Package – insulation	A number of fires have occurred across Australia as a result of dodgy insulation installations and the WA Dept of Commerce has warned that the increase in demand for roof insulation “may attract inexperienced installers to the industry” that may pose dangers for	REED	2.1	14/12/09

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				<p>householders. (Greg Hunt media release, 10.10.09).</p> <p>a) Is the Department aware of these instances of dodgy installations that have, at times, caused fires to break out?</p> <p>b) How many instances like this have involved installations that are part of the Energy Efficient Homes package?</p> <p>c) What action has been taken by the Government to stop these installers taking part in the Energy Efficient Homes package?</p> <p>d) Is the Government considering providing extra assistance as part of the program to pensioners and people with disability, to have inspections of their rooves and ceiling cavities done?</p> <p>e) Is the Government considering an audit of this program, given the prevalence of dodgy installations?</p>			
99	112 (20/10)	Ludlam	Tyre recycling – Canada	<p>Senator LUDLAM—Do you know off the top of your head what proportion of tyres are recycled or reprocessed in Canada?</p> <p>Dr Wright—No, I do not. I would have to seek that information.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—If you are able to provide that for us I would greatly appreciate that.</p>	EQD	2.2	10/12/09
100	Written Qon	Siewert	Lake Wallaga – Asbestos contamination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Department aware of the asbestos contamination of the community at Wallaga Lake? 2. If so has the Department taken any action to address the issue? 3. Has the Department received any applications for funding to address the issue? 4. If so, could the Department outline what these applications were for and if they have been funded? 	EQD	2.2	10/12/09
101	Written Qon	Xenophon	Snowy Hydro Limited – release of water into Murray River	<p>The 2002 agreement between the NSW, Victorian and Federal governments was supposed to increase environmental flows down the River Murray. However, since 2005, a total of 96,787 ML has flowed into the RMIF account, but only 38,000 ML has been released by Snowy Hydro Limited who controls the water.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isn't this a breach of the 2002 agreement? 2. What review is being conducted or will be conducted into this agreement which was supposed to deliver 70,000 ML of entitlement to the Murray River? 	MDBA	4.1	09/02/10
102	Written Qon	Xenophon	NWC – comments on new basin plan	<p>The biennial National Water Commission report said the Murray-Darling Basin Authority has had "a disappointingly slow start" and claimed that this could result in time pressures jeopardising critical community consultations on its new basin plan. Do you agree with this assessment?</p>	MDBA	4.1	16/12/09
103	Written Qon	Xenophon	MDBA Drought update – critical needs water	<p>The MDBA's drought update earlier this year found that South Australia, NSW and Victoria have only enough "critical needs" water for another year – and that irrigation water for the food bowl will be dependent almost entirely on rainfall as basin states hold back water for</p>	MDBA	4.1	09/02/10

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				critical human needs. 1. Is this still the case? 2. What is the average monthly inflow currently? 3. How much water has been purchased from the northern and southern parts of the Murray-Darling river system?			
104	118 (20/10)	Xenophon	NWC – assessment of progress – Projects in SA	Senator XENOPHON —Further to the questions of Senator Siewert, in a South Australian context with respect to projects in South Australia—in particular, the Lower Lakes and Coorong—can you tell us what was the commission’s assessment of those plans and in particular the level of progress on the part of the South Australian government? Also, what was your assessment of the cooperation between the South Australian government and the Commonwealth? Mr Matthews —I would have to take the first two notice.	NWC	4.1	09/02/10
105	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	National Water Commission – audit of Basin Plan	Budget Paper 2 stated funding of \$7.5 million will be provided to the National Water Commission to independently audit the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basin Plan and make public these reports. 1. Has the National Water Commission begun an independent audit of the effectiveness of the Government’s Murray-Darling Basin plan? 2. When will the Commission’s reports be made public?	NWC	4.1	16/12/09
106	126 (20/10)	Fielding	Water Buy Back delays – list of irrigators	Senator FIELDING —... The reason I want the numbers is this, Minister: did one of your staff seek a list of irrigators affected by the water buyback delays? What was reported in the paper was that one of your staff sought a list of irrigators affected by the water buyback delays. Senator Wong —I am not sure which list you are referring to. Senator FIELDING —I am trying to work it out myself. Senator Wong —You say ‘the list’. I do not know which list you are talking about. CHAIR —Do you want to provide that to the minister to read? ... Senator FIELDING —How many were on the list? I do not want to know their names, but do you know how many it was? Senator Wong —I would have to take that on notice. CHAIR —Senator Fielding, we need to move on. Senator Wong —I am advised that no list was in fact provided.	WED	4.1	16/12/09
107	126 (20/10)	Fielding	Water Buy backs – Sunraysia	Senator FIELDING —The question was: how many irrigators have been paid for their water and how many are still waiting? ... Senator FIELDING —Correct, for the whole lot and the Sunraysia region.	WED	4.1	09/02/10

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				<p>Senator Wong—We might have to take that on notice. I do not recall getting information about numbers. The information that we put out publicly and that we focus on is the gicalitre.</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—I suppose I am not just after what is public. You must have information on how many irrigators have applied and how many have been—</p> <p>Senator Wong—Could we take that on notice?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Wong—I will take that on notice and consider whether we want to go through the process of identifying how many irrigators across the entire Murray-Darling—</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—Not their names, but their numbers.</p> <p>Senator Wong—If I can finish, Senator—how many irrigators across the Murray-Darling Basin we have had contracts with. Do you have a particular region which is of interest to you?</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—I was trying to get a perspective across the Sunraysia region but I also wanted the total so I could get an understanding of the proportion.</p> <p>Senator Wong—Sunraysia?</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—Yes. Actually both of those: the total but also just for Sunraysia—those that have been paid and how many have been accepted but are still waiting for contracts.</p>			
108	130 (20/10)	Birmingham	NVIRP stage 2 – Letter to Victorian Minister	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Minister, will you write further to the Victorian water minister and ask him to decouple these regulations to make it possible for the regulations relating to stage 2 INVIRP to actually pass the parliament?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I have answered this question.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Will you table the letter you have written to the Victorian minister?</p> <p>Senator Wong—I will consider that.</p>	WED	4.1	08/02/10
109	132 (20/10)	Heffernan	Blocking the Lachlan River	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN—They should have been sensible enough to have had an environmental impact study. There is 500 kilometres of river. We have restocked the river. The fish are just up to the legal size. The carp have gone out of the system. The Lower Lachlan below Booligal for all intents and purposes now has no ponds. It is just going to be like a gutter outside the building here. It is going to drain and, if you do not do something, they are all going to be dead in the middle of the stream. The carp have filled all the holes in because they have dug the banks. There are some weirs above Booligal and there is one at Booligal. So you have a couple of hundred river kilometres where the fish, which are beautifully restocked—we have got rid of the carp—are going to die. I am amazed, disappointed and distressed that a responsible, democratically elected government would</p>	WED	4.1	08/02/10

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				<p>decide to put a block in a river. At the stroke of a pen they said to the bottom half of the river: 'You're not going to have critical human needs water. We don't know what we're going to do about the fish.' They do not even know how many homesteads are affected. A lot of homesteads do not have bore supply because there is no groundwater, and if there is it is a thousand feet down and saline. They have done no studies on that. They have had no consultation. I think they are breaking the law. Above the block that is going to happen at Condobolin in a couple of weeks time they are still going to allow extractions for irrigation.</p> <p>Senator Wong—I will get some advice about what matters the Commonwealth could look at.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN—Above the block they are still going to allow some irrigation extraction. They have to supply Cowra and Forbes and they are going to try and slug water down to Lake Cargelligo, but you would have thought that they would have a contingency plan to get the government and the Commonwealth perhaps to assist with the cartage of water. This could go on for God knows how long. In Booligal they are going to put a bore down in some local little aquifer and everyone will have to pull up with their billy and fill up because it is not going to be reticulated. They do not even know how many homesteads or how many livestock are affected. Blokes are having to take really deadly decisions. At the same time we see the stupidity of planning on those lower creek systems. The Willandra Creek goes off to Ivanhoe and the Merrowie Creek goes off to—</p> <p>Senator Wong—We will look at it.</p>			
110	Written Qon	Birmingham	Off Farm Infrastructure - spending	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Government spent on off-farm infrastructure projects since its election? 2. On what projects or programs has expenditure been made? 3. What targets for off-farm infrastructure projects (in value and volume) does the Government have for each remaining year of the program, including this one? 4. What water saving/infrastructure projects were committed to or identified by the Intergovernmental Agreement on Murray-Darling Basin Reform signed by Prime Minister Rudd and First Ministers of Murray-Darling Basin states and territories in July 2008? 5. What progress has been made on each of these projects? What funds have actually been expended on each of them? 	WED	4.1	25/05/10
111	Written Qon	Birmingham	On Farm Infrastructure - spending	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Government spent on on-farm infrastructure projects since its election? 2. On what projects or programs has expenditure been made? 3. What targets for on-farm infrastructure projects (in value and volume) does the Government have for each remaining year of the program, including this one? 	WED	4.1	25/05/10

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112	Written Qon	Birmingham	Water entitlements - purchases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Government spent purchasing water entitlements since its election? 2. What targets for water purchases (in value and volume) does the Government have for each remaining year of the program, including this one? 3. Given the restrictions placed on purchases by NSW and Victoria, what is the maximum volume of entitlements the Government could purchase from each of those states? 	WED	4.1	09/02/10
113	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	Farm Irrigation Infrastructure program	<p>Budget Paper 2 outlined a commitment of \$300 million for a new on-farm irrigation efficiency program from within the \$12.9 billion Water for the Future plan: <i>this program will invest in projects in the southern Murray-Darling Basin that deliver more efficient irrigation systems, secure long-term economic growth for irrigation communities and deliver substantial and lasting improvements to the environment.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why has the Government only provided irrigators with a six week window to apply for funding under this program? 2. Why was no advance notice given to irrigators informing them as to when the application guidelines would become available? 3. Why is there a requirement that irrigators must hand over water entitlements to the Federal Government before any on-farm work is able to commence? 4. Will any funding that is not allocated towards improving on-farm infrastructure be used to purchase water entitlements? 5. What consultation occurred between the Federal Government and Murray Darling Basin irrigator bodies to determine the guidelines for this program? 6. (If none) Why weren't any groups consulted? 7. How many projects does the Government expect to fund through this funding? 8. Will there be further funding be made available under this program for on-farm irrigation works? 	WED	4.1	09/02/10
114	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	Water for the Future – future with less water	<p>Budget Paper 2 stated the Government will provide \$200.0 million over three years from 2009-10 for grants to local municipalities in the Murray-Darling Basin to assist them in planning for a future with less water and to invest in associated local water savings initiatives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To date, has funding been allocated to local municipalities in the Murray-Darling Basin? 	WED	4.1	16/12/09
115	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	Water purchases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Government spent purchasing entitlements in the past 12 months? 2. How much is allocated for the next 12? 3. What is the delay by state between acceptance of the Government as a tender and completion of the transfer? 4. Of the 2008/09 accepted tenders, what value (by dollars and megalitres) failed due diligence and were not settled? 	WED	4.1	09/02/10

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116	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	Murray Action Plan – State Priority Projects	<p>I refer to Senator Wong’s announcement on 3rd July 2008 of an allocation of \$3.7 billion for urgent priority irrigation modernisation projects. On 7th October 2009 Senator Wong committed \$21.7 million to the Gwydir Valley Pilot Project to support more efficient irrigation through on-farm modernisation projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the \$3.7 billion Murray Action Plan funding has been allocated to date? 2. What amount of funding has so far been given to projects in NSW and Victoria? 3. What benchmarks are being used to determine whether this expenditure is worthwhile? 	WED	4.1	09/02/10
117	Written Qon	Heffernan	Sunraysia Modernisation project – need for project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a study published on the adequacy of the current community irrigation systems namely Red Cliffs, First Mildura Irrigation Trust, and Merbein? 2. If so, has there been a study published into options to remedy any inadequacies that were identified? 3. As full cost recovery has been the policy mandated by the Victorian Government have the irrigators been given any opportunity to be involved in such studies such as briefings at public meetings where it was possible for irrigators to ask questions or seek clarifications? 4. What opportunity have irrigators had to seek independent expert advice into options that may be available? 5. What is the significance of the item in the Lower Murray Water, Board minutes, dated 22/12/09 on page 14 “Cancel proposed meetings with CSACs advising that the board had received the proposal and was unhappy with the pricing” Does it mean that the Board had drawn up detailed proposals and had them costed, before including Customer Service Advisory Committees? 6. Did Lower Murray Water (LMW) Board decide not to hold elections for CSACs this June, if so was this because the Board was concerned that the election may turn into a referendum into the appropriateness of the SMP? 7. Has Mr Ron Leamon Managing Director of LMW described the Customer Service Advisory Committees “As a committee appointed by LMW of representative irrigators not irrigator representatives”? 8. Did Mr Leamon also at an induction meeting for Customer Service Committees state that “The purpose of the committees is to give advice to the Board when and only when asked, you (the Committees) are not to offer advice”? 	WED	4.1	16/12/09
118	Written Qon	Heffernan	Sunraysia Modernisation project – Water savings	<p>In the document “Sunraysia Modernisation Project, Customer information sheet No1” under water savings it says “A preliminary desktop assessment has estimated that the total savings from both stages will be in the order of 8gl”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is it not true that the consultants URS estimated the savings at Robinvale irrigation district (close to Mildura and managed by LMW) where there has been a complete high 	WED	4.1	16/12/09

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				<p>pressure pipeline system recently installed that the savings would only be 155megalitres?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Has there been a detailed study published that estimates what possible water savings there will be from the Sunraysia Modernisation Project? 3. What is the significance of the statement in the minutes of Lower Murray Board Minutes dated 22/12/08 on page 13 “water savings/EC credits are minor”? 4. Will the Minister investigate the water data provided under the EPBC Act referral? 5. Will the Minister ensure that the water data is updated as the referral has water data that is 7 years old and completely out of date? 6. How can the Minister make a valid assessment under the EPBC if the information provided is incorrect? 7. As irrigators have been on a full cost recovery program for many years should not the \$17million coming from LMW reserves be regarded as irrigators reserves and as such be viewed as a direct contribution by irrigators? 8. What guarantee do irrigators have that there will not be any overruns subjecting them to increased costs? 9. What studies have there been that have shown any opportunities that irrigators may be able to take advantage of to increase production and or income? 10. Has there been a study to identify what public benefit there is from the Sunraysia Modernisation Project? 			
119	Written Qon	Siewert	Snowy River – Water for Rivers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why have taxpayer funded water savings acquired by Water for Rivers and owed the Murray River been retained in Snowy Hydro Ltd's storages and not been delivered to the Murray River? 2. Could you please explain why the Required Annual Release from Snowy storages to the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers (as per the conditions of Snowy Hydro Ltd's Snowy Water Licence) reduced in 2006/07 by 32 GL identified as an allocation for the environment and when it appears that no environmental allocation was actually released. 3. Could you please explain how the volume of savings obtained by Water for Rivers for the Snowy and Murray Rivers affects the Required Annual Releases made to the Murray and Murrumbidgee by Snowy Hydro Lts under the terms of its Snowy Water Licence. 	WED	4.1	09/02/10
120	Written Qon	Xenophon	State Priority Water projects	<p>It has been reported that only \$30 million of the \$3.7 billion offered by the Commonwealth to the states for state priority water projects has been spent, and so far only four projects have commenced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apart from calling for an audit of expenditure, will you be seeking immediate 	WED	4.1	16/12/09

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				implementation of projects?			
121	Written Qon	Xenophon	Water Buy backs - delays	My office has been contacted by a number of irrigators who have faced lengthy delays to finalise buybacks of their water licences. 1. What is the timeframe in which water buybacks are being/should be approved? 2. Why are delays occurring and how is this being resolved? 3. Between the approval of the purchase and payment, what is the average timeframe for settlement?	WED	4.1	09/02/10
122	Written Qon	Xenophon	Small Block Irrigators Exit Grant	To claim the Small Block Irrigator Exit Grant, irrigators must have fulfilled all of the requirements of the grant by 31 March 2010. However, I am advised that many irrigators will experience difficulty in meeting this deadline, due to the delays in receiving payment for irrigation entitlements. 1. Will this deadline be extended to enable irrigators to access the Small Block Irrigator Exit Grant?	WED	4.1	16/12/09
123	Written Qon	Birmingham / Ian Macdonald	Water Infrastructure Efficiencies	1. What dollar value of infrastructure operator efficiency spending was made in 2008/09? 2. What value will be spent in 2009/10 and in the forward estimates years (individually)? 3. What dollar of on-farm infrastructure spending was made in 2008/09? 4. What value will be spent in 2009/10 and in the forward estimates years (individually)?	WED	4.1	09/02/10
124	Written Qon	Heffernan	Water savings – Condition 14	Condition 14 requires the proponent to provide an independent audit report of the annual water savings: 1. Were there water savings achieved by August 2009 (Goulburn Murray water and Northern Victoria Infrastructure Renewal Project state water savings have been achieved) 2. If so, why aren't they documented and an independent audit conducted? 3. Is this another breach of the conditions? 4. What action is the Minister going to take to ensure that no other conditions of the EPBC Act approval are breached as the proponents have demonstrate a blatant ignorance of the Minister's requirements	AWD	1.2	10/12/09
125	Written Qon	Xenophon	Murray-Darling Basin Water Market report	The 2008-09 Annual Murray-Darling Basin Water Market Report by water broker company, Waterfind, revealed that the amount of water the government says had been purchased had in fact not been settled. That is, "intentions to purchase" were included in the calculations. The government announced purchases of 521,413 ML in the Murray-Darling basin in 2008-09 but a study of water registers revealed the transfer of only 182,265 ML had been settled. 1. Should purchases announced make clear whether a contract has been signed or settlement has occurred? 2. Are you considering changing how you calculate water purchases for upcoming Budgets and, if so, how will you ensure that there is no double-up or inflation of	WED	4.1	16/12/09

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				expenditure when you change over your method?			
126	Written Qon	Birmingham	Water grants for Surf Life Saving clubs	On 19 October 2007, Mr Garrett and Mr Albanese promised every surf life saving club in Australia would get \$10,000 each to enable them to install rainwater tanks. The promise was repeated in the Budget in May 2008. 1. How many surf life saving clubs have had rainwater tanks installed under this program since then? 2. Please provide a table which outlines which clubs have received rainwater tanks, when they were installed, what federal electorate the club is located in, and the cost of the tank.	WGD	4.1	
127	Written Qon	Birmingham	Water for the Future – National Stormwater funding	1. What funding was budgeted for this program in 2008-09 and 2009-10? 2. What expenditure has been made, against what costs or grants?	WGD	4.1	16/12/09
128	128 (20/10)	Xenophon	ACCC Report – Water Market and changing rules	Senator XENOPHON —But, given the minister’s request that the ACCC report by March 2010, is it likely that there will be a further transition period until that time when the rules come into force? Mr Slatyer —There will need to be a further transition period. We would be advising, through the ACCC, the minister on that issue. Senator Wong —I will take it on notice because I do not think I have advice on the termination date as yet. Senator XENOPHON —It is just that March 2010 is the date. I will put other questions on notice. Senator Wong —We should answer that in a bit more detail. We will come back to you on that.	WRD	4.1	16/12/09
129	Written Qon	Xenophon	NWC – biennial report - recommendations	The National Water Commission in its biennial report has made 68 recommendations. Will these be discussed at the November COAG meeting?	WRD	4.1	16/12/09
130	Written Qon	Birmingham	Lower Lakes - bioremediation	1. Over what years is the \$10 million on bioremediation for the Lower Lakes allocated? Please detail how much will be spent each year? 2. Have final agreements been reached with all relevant parties for the expenditure of those funds? If so, with whom, how much and what works will be undertaken? 3. Over what years is the \$200 million for a long term solution for the Lower Lakes and Coorong allocated? Please detail how much will be spent each year? 4. Have agreements been reached with all relevant parties for the expenditure of these funds? If so, with whom, how much and what works will be undertaken?	WRD	4.1	16/12/09
131	Written	Xenophon	Water brokers -	Currently, there is no regulation of water brokers. The ACCC's "Water Trading Rules	WRD	4.1	16/12/09

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	Qon		regulation	Position Paper", released in September 2009, argued that "there is insufficient evidence to support the introduction of specific regulation of water market intermediaries. This followed a similar position expressed by the National Water Commission in July 2007. 1. Given that \$12.9 billion of taxpayers money is going towards water reform, would it not be appropriate that water brokers are regulated to ensure best practice? 2. What evidence would be sufficient to require regulation? 3. Isn't the potential for inappropriate and unethical practices much greater in the absence of appropriate regulations?			
132	Written Qon	Xenophon	Water Broker – Waterfind Code of Conduct	National water broker company, Waterfind, has its own Code of Conduct which stipulates the use of trust accounts to conduct all trading activities; brokers must retain professional indemnity insurance; and, brokers are precluded from buying and selling water for profit on their own behalf. These seem to be basic and necessary rules that should be enforced. 1. Do you agree? 2. Are there currently any preclusions to prevent brokers from buying and re-selling water for profit on their own behalf? 3. Do you agree that appropriate regulations (similar to the Waterfind Code of Condu) should be in place to ensure fairness in water transactions carried out by the water broking industry?	WRD	4.1	16/12/09
133	Written Qon	Xenophon	Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Water Initiative	The Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Water Initiative was signed in 2004, with an implementation timeline of around 70 agreed actions to take place by the end of 2009. 1. What status are these actions at? 2. The adoption of publicly accessible, compatible systems for registering water access entitlements and trades was due to be fully implemented by the end of 2006, but it my understanding that this has not yet occurred. a) What are the reasons for the delay? b) Can you advise when this system will be available? 3. A review on the impact of water trading is due to take place by the end of this year – when is this scheduled to take place? 4. Is the National Water Initiative struggling as a result of less that optimum cooperation with the states?	WRD	4.1	08/02/10
134	126 (19/10)	Abetz	AFTRS – Executives	Senator ABETZ —Thank you very much for your forbearance, Chair. How many executives have left the organisation in the past two years? ... Ms Browne —I will do, indeed. Thank you. Just conferring with my colleagues, we believe that three executives have left the organisation. Senator ABETZ —In the last two years?	AFTRS	5.1	10/12/09

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				<p>Ms Browne—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Can you check that. I was told four. Have they been accompanied with relatively large payouts?</p> <p>Ms Browne—I would have to take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right; if you could. Can you tell us the basis of their departure—was it retirement or resignation? ... How much has that cost in payout severance fees and other costs?</p>			
135	127 (19/10)	Abetz	AFTRS – Executives	<p>Senator ABETZ—Can you give us a comparison with 2001-03, 2003-05 and 2005-07, if the Australian Film, Television and Radio School has been around for that long? I am not sure how long it has been around for.</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Indeed it has. We will give you some comparable periods.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Yes. Just come comparable periods would be helpful, the reason that the executives left, how many other staff have resigned over the past two years and whether any reasons have been provided for those resignations. That is it; thank you. Take all that on notice.</p>	AFTRS	5.1	10/12/09
136	129 (19/10)	Birmingham	Resale Royalty Rights for Visual Artist Bill – Legal advice	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—... Can we confirm advice was sought from the AGS?</p> <p>Ms Bean—Yes.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Do we know how much was spent on that advice?</p> <p>Ms Bean—I do not have the amount in front of me, Senator.</p>	Arts	5.1	10/12/09
137	129 (19/10)	Birmingham	Resale Royalty Rights for Visual Artist Bill – Tender documents - Legal advice	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Have the tender documents relating to the collecting agency been prepared yet?</p> <p>Ms Bean—There has been some work done on drafting but they clearly cannot be finalised until the final shape of the bill is known.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Once again, if you could take on notice the costs of that legal advice in relation to the tender documents, that would be helpful.</p>	Arts	5.1	11/01/10
138	131 (19/10)	Birmingham	Resale Royalty Rights for Visual Artist Bill	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Is there a point of participation or non-participation in the scheme or the use of the collecting agency at which the scheme becomes nonviable?</p> <p>Ms Bean—As I said, Senator, we have not done detailed modelling on that.</p> <p>Senator Conroy—We can take that on notice. If there is any other further information, we can pass that on to you, Senator Birmingham.</p>	Arts	5.1	11/01/10
139	133 (19/10)	Birmingham	Arts Election Commitments - update	<p>Ms Bean—There were a number of election commitments around what you could broadly call social security and the arts. Work is progressing.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Are you able to remind me of those commitments, Ms Bean?</p> <p>Ms Bean—I may not have the detail of those with me.</p> <p>...</p>	Arts	5.1	10/12/09

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	ECA 135			<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Unless I miraculously lay my hands on the promises in next few minutes, could you perhaps provide on notice the details of those promises and the progress made to date in implementing them. That would be appreciated.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Sorry—having said that, can I quickly ask this. I asked before about the social security and the arts promises. There are also some which I guess are related to this but related to Work for the Dole programs as well.</p> <p>Ms Bean—As I said, it was a package that was around the broad social security area. I was mentally including the Work for the Dole type commitments in that.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Okay. As long as what I have placed on notice is across all of those, that is fine.</p>			
140	135 (19/10)	Birmingham	French Order of the Arts - Travel	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—On 26 June this year, Mr Garrett attended the French Order of Arts and Letters and accepted an order— and I will not attempt to give the French pronunciation of it, because that would be embarrassing for all concerned—and he spoke extensively about France’s cherished goals of liberty et cetera and said a few other fabulous and wise words. This was an award provided to him in recognition of his contribution to Australian life and music. Was this a taxpayer-funded trip by Mr Garrett?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—This is a test for my recall. My understanding is—and I am happy to correct the record if I am wrong—that this was actually part of a series of negotiations surrounding whaling in Portugal.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Noting that your recall is uncertain in this regard, we have some time set aside tomorrow for some general portfolio questions. Could you get some details on this trip—</p>	Arts	5.1	25/01/10
141	44 (20/10)	Birmingham	French Order of Arts and Letters - award	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—It sounds like it was a busy day, as you describe it. When was the minister invited to receive the award?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—My recollection is that the award was first raised early in the year. I can get back to you on that in terms of the actual details. I am not privy to those exact details. I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—... Do you know if the minister was the only person inducted at the awards ceremony where the minister received this award?</p> <p>Mr Sullivan—... My understanding is that it was the only award presented, but, again, if that is incorrect, I will correct the record.</p>	Arts	5.1	25/01/10
142	Written Qon	Birmingham	Arts – Stimulus funding and election	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has any stimulus funding been allocated for the arts portfolio? Please provide any details. 2. Please provide an update on the status, development and implementation of all Rudd 	Arts	5.1	16/12/09

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			commitments	Government elections commitments related to the arts portfolio. 3. Which election commitments are experiencing delays? Why? 4. Where relevant, what are the revised implementation dates? What are the implications of each slippage?			
143	Written Qon	Birmingham	Indigenous Australian Arts Commercial Code of Conduct – appointments	1. Has the Code Administration Committee membership been decided, and have appointments been made? What was the process for recruitment? 2. Did the Department provide recommendations to the Minister as to who should be appointed onto this committee? When was this information provided to the Minister? 3. Will these positions be remunerated? Please provide details of any remuneration. 4. Will their travel costs be met? 5. What is the timeframe for establishing the committee, and when will the committee first convene? 6. What sanctions, if any, will the Code Administration Committee be able to issue for non-compliance of signatories to the code? 7. Will these sanctions provide money for the Government?	Arts	5.1	10/12/09
144	Written Qon	Birmingham	Vision of Australia Program - Contemporary Touring Initiative funding	1. Has the Visions of Australia Committee met to assess the applications for the Contemporary Touring Initiative funding round for 2009? 2. Has the Visions of Australia Committee provided advice to the Minister with recommendations for funding? When? If not, when is it likely to occur? 3. If the recommendations have been provided to the Minister, did the Minister accept all the recommendations?	Culture	5.1	10/12/09
145	Written Qon	Birmingham	Indigenous Australian Arts Commercial Code of Conduct	1. Have any consultancies been engaged during the development and implementation of the code? How many? What was the purpose of the code? 2. How many voluntary signatories to the code are you aiming to achieve? From a pool of roughly how many people? 3. How will these signatories be recruited? 4. How often will the committee report on the operation and effectiveness of the code? 5. Will these reports be made public? If so, how?	Arts	5.1	10/12/09
146	Written Qon	Birmingham	Vision of Australia Program - applications	1. How many applications were received for the Contemporary Touring Initiative funding round that closed on the 25 th of August? 2. How many applications have been received in previous years and how does this figure compare? 3. What impact has the broadening of the guidelines had on the number of applicants?	Culture	5.1	10/12/09
147	Written Qon	Birmingham	National Arts and Crafts Industry Support	1. How many applications were received for the National Arts and Crafts Industry Support? 2. How many applications have been received in previous years, and how does this figure	Arts	5.1	10/12/09

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				compare? 3. Can you outline the assessment process for these applications? 4. When was advice provided to the Minister with recommendations for funding? 5. When recommendations were provided to the Minister, did the Minister accept all the recommendations? If not, how many were not accepted and who were they? 6. How were organisations that received triennial funding selected, and what additional criteria did they meet in order to receive 3 years worth of funding?			
148	Written Qon	Birmingham	Arts - reports	1. How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in the arts since November 2007? 2. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 3. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? 4. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Arts	5.1	10/12/09
149	Written Qon	Birmingham	Rock the Schools	1. Is the Department aware of a programme by Boost Mobile called "Rock the Schools"? 2. How much funding has been provided towards this initiative, and who is the contract between? 3. When does the contract expire? 4. What involvement has the Minister and the Department had in this programme? 5. How many schools has the Minister and/or the Department visited? What were the dates and locations? 6. Did Departmental staff accompany the Minister to each of those schools the Minister visited? How many staff? 7. Has the Department facilitated other members of senators being involved in the programme? Who, and how did this come about?	Arts	5.1	10/12/09
150	Written Qon	Birmingham	Indigenous Australian Arts Commercial Code of Conduct – public consultation	1. What public consultation was conducted on this proposal for a code of conduct? 2. Who conducted this consultation? How many people attended? 3. What was the budget and actual expenditure incurred for these consultations?	Arts	5.1	10/12/09
151	125 (19/10)	Ludlam	Screen Australia – Reports on PC/Mac platform	Senator LUDLAM —... You commissioned a number of reports that recommended adopting a Mac platform over a PC. Is that the case? Dr Harley —I asked my staff to form a view, and their view was Mac. I was concerned that that was not a very close look at the issues. We then commissioned PWC to do a second	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09 + 3 att's

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				<p>report. They also recommended Mac. I also took the view that they had not looked at the issues as thoroughly as I would like and I took my own view that we would move to PC.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—Was the first review, the staff review, just anecdotes and talking to people at the coffee machine, or did you commission a study?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Dr Harley—The IT team wrote a report.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—Are you able to table those two reports—the staff one and the PwC one—for the committee?</p> <p>Dr Harley—I am sure I am. I cannot see why not.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—You can check that if you need to.</p>			
152	ECA 118 (19/10)	Birmingham	Two Fists One Heart – Date of release	<p>Mr Matthews—It was about the middle of 2008. That does test my memory. Again, I would have to take that on notice and check it out.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—You said some time in late 2008.</p> <p>Dr Harley—I said late 2008. Mr Matthews said the middle of 2008.</p> <p>Mr Matthews—We would have to check for you.</p>	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
153	ECA 119 (19/10)	Birmingham	Two Fists One Heart – Investment vs Box Office	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Indeed. I assume out of a gross box office of \$295,000 that Screen Australia probably does not get any return.</p> <p>Dr Harley—That is almost certainly right.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—The proportion of gross box office to investment.</p> <p>Dr Harley—We can do that for all titles for two years. What would you like?</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—The last couple of years would be fine, just for examples and to be able to see the comparative basis as to what the result of this was.</p>	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
154	ECA 119 (19/10)	Birmingham	Two Fists One Heart – Investment returns	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—She is confirming that it is one of the largest investments?</p> <p>Dr Harley—Larger, but not one of the largest.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—And one of the more disappointing results?</p> <p>Dr Harley—Yes.</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—In terms of the difference between the two?</p> <p>Dr Harley—She says that it is fairly average. Would you mind if I came back to you with the answer to that question specifically? Off the top of my head I do not know if that is the biggest difference.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—To be clear, the detail is the proportion of return to investment.</p>	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
155	ECA 121 (19/10)	Birmingham	Samson and Delilah – gross sales	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—With regard to <i>Samson and Delilah</i>, which we discussed at the last estimates, how close to finishing up in terms of takings is that and what about the components of the deal that Screen Australia would have had with the producers of <i>Samson and Delilah</i>?</p>	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09

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				<p>Dr Harley—As of this morning, <i>Samson and Delilah</i> was just over \$3.1 million in takings from the Australian market, and I do not know what the gross sales figure is. Do either of you?</p> <p>Mr Matthews—It is very early days.</p> <p>Dr Harley—We know the budget is \$1.6 million. I do not know the gross sales. I could get back to you and tell you that. I do not know that.</p>			
156	ECA 124 (19/10)	Birmingham	Major Studios – scope of works	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—In terms of major studios in Australia and their operation, is it fair to say Fox Studios is one of the larger capabilities?</p> <p>Dr Harley—Warner would be pretty large.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—Do you know what scope of work has been undertaken at those two major studios at present?</p> <p>Dr Harley—No, I do not. I could find out for you, but I do not know that.</p>	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
157	ECA 125 (19/10)	Ludlam	Screen Australia – remuneration of senior positions	<p>Senator LUDLAM—...I am wondering whether you could tell us what happened to the remuneration of the senior positions that exist now relative to what would have existed in the three organisations that existed previously?</p> <p>Dr Harley—I cannot tell you that because I do not know what existed in the previous three organisations. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Kruk—We can also take that on notice and work on that jointly. To clarify: you are after the management structures that were in place for the three organisations. Is that right?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—That is correct. I am after the management structure and also the remuneration packages that applied. I am looking for a comparative before-and-after picture of the three organisations and the one that exists now.</p>	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
158	ECA 125 (19/10)	Ludlam	Screen Australia - staffing through amalgamation	<p>Senator LUDLAM—What number of resignations occurred through that process?</p> <p>Dr Harley—We do not have that in front of us, Senator. We would have to get back to you with that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—All right, I would appreciate that. We will move on from there, but if you can provide us with the breakdown of what occurred and any of the financial savings that have accrued as a result, that would be very helpful.</p>	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
159	Written Qon	Birmingham	Screen Aust – profit and loss	Can Screen Australia provide a list of the profitability or loss of each of its screen investments over the past three years?	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
160	Written Qon	Birmingham	Screen Aust – report on Two fists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can Screen Australia table the report on Two Fists One Heart? If no report was written, why not? 2. Was the film’s producer interviewed and, if so, when? 	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
161	Written Qon	Birmingham	Screen Aust – Disney – Two	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Disney been interviewed as part of the Two Fists One Heart review? 2. Did Disney spend the amount they pledged on P&A (prints and advertising) as part of 	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09

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			Fists	their distribution guarantee to promote these films? 3. How much did they spend?			
162	Written Qon	Birmingham	Screen Aust – Scott Meek	1. Is Scott Meek still employed by Screen Australia? Under what capacity? 2. Was Meek attached to <i>Griff the Invisible</i> prior to it being submitted to Screen Australia development process? 3. Did Meek become aware of this project via his role at Screen Australia? 4. What is Screen Australia's investment in the <i>Griff the Invisible</i> ? 5. How was this conflict of interest managed? 6. How much contact and how well does Meek know other Screen Australia evaluation managers or people assessing the project? Were these people aware that Meek was attached to the project? 7. Was the board aware that Meek was attached to the project when it approved its funding? 8. What evidence does Screen Australia have that the benefits of using practising filmmakers to judge the efforts of their peers outweighs the conflict of interest and potential for bias when those same practising filmmakers are also submitting their own projects for evaluation?	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
163	Written Qon	Birmingham	Screen Aust – investment	What is the name of the one screen project referred to by Dr Harley that Screen Australia invested in that also had a higher budget than Mao's Last Dancer?	Screen Aust	5.1	10/12/09
164	136 (19/10)	Abetz	Richmond Bridge –funding	Senator ABETZ —... who can have a discussion with me about the Richmond Bridge? Mr Hooy —I can do that, Senator. Senator ABETZ —Thank you very much. Since our last meeting I have learnt all sorts of things but I am, nevertheless, none the wiser of course. There has been a laser scan of the bridge undertaken, is that correct? Mr Hooy —That is correct, Senator. Senator ABETZ —Who paid for that? Was it funded federally? Mr Hooy —That is correct. I am not sure if we funded the total cost but we did provide funding for that. Senator ABETZ —If you could take that on notice as to the totality of the funding. Was the scanning of the bridge as a result of an offer by the Commonwealth to the state saying that there was a bit of money left in coffers that could be spent on an exercise such as this? Mr Hooy —I have no recollection, Senator. Senator ABETZ —All right, could you take it on notice	HD	5.2	10/12/09
165	137 (19/10)	Abetz	Richmond Bridge –vibration testing results	Senator ABETZ —As I understand it, the vibration testing that was undertaken suggested that, rather than load, the big issue was speed. Have you had the result of those vibration tests forwarded to the Commonwealth?	HD	5.2	10/12/09

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				<p>Mr Hooy—My staff may be aware of them. I am not.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—If you could let me know whether they have been passed on to you, please, and whether you can then confirm or advise whether those tests indicated that an important aspect was the issue of speed?</p> <p>Mr Hooy—We will take that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—And, if that is the case, what action have you undertaken to try to convince the state government, or local council, to reduce the speed limit on the bridge? Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Hooy—Certainly.</p>			
166	140 (19/10)	Abetz	Port Arthur – Buffer zone	<p>Senator ABETZ—Yes, of 114 hectares. With respect, Mr Hooy, I am sure everything you have said tonight will not convince anybody in the Port Arthur area as to the need for this huge buffer zone. But I can ask in relation to the one that is being proposed: why is a little pimple being left out on what I assume is the northern tip? Can you tell us who the owner of the land is?</p> <p>Mr Hooy—I could not.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Could you take that on notice for us.</p> <p>Mr Hooy—Certainly.</p>	HD	5.2	10/12/09
167	5 (20/10)	Ludlam	Departmental Funding – Heritage	<p>Senator LUDLAM—At the last hearings we asked a couple of questions about core departmental funding for Heritage. Some information was provided. It looked as though there was a big apparent difference in the funding between the last financial year and the current financial year. I think I put these questions to you.</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I think there was a question on notice on that, was there not?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—You assured us that it was not a real funding cut in the heritage division. Can you provide any further information as to that apparent discrepancy?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Can I take that on notice? I certainly remember giving that assurance. If I could have a look at the response and come back to you during the course of the day, that is fine.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—And anything that gives us some trends for core heritage funding over the last couple of years. You can take that on notice.</p>	HD	5.2	11/12/09
168	7 (20/10)	Ludlam	Heritage Strategies	<p>Mr Hooy—Yes, Senator. This is with regard to the heritage strategies?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—Yes. That is correct.</p> <p>Mr Hooy—At the moment, 15 agencies have completed heritage strategies. A further 16 are almost completed. Either they have been considered by council or the department has reviewed a draft strategy. Ten departments have yet to indicate whether or not they propose to undertake heritage strategies.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM—Can you provide for us on notice a list of the departments that have</p>	HD	5.2	10/12/09

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				been a bit reluctant thus far? Mr Hooy —I can do that.			
169	7 (20/10)	Ludlam	Commonwealth Heritage List – nominations	Senator LUDLAM —I have one or two more questions, which are about the Commonwealth Heritage List. Can you tell us how many nominations are scheduled for assessment for the current financial year on that list? Mr Hooy —I will have to take that on notice. Senator LUDLAM —Can you give a rough idea? More than 10? More than 20? Mr Hooy —Only a relatively small number. Ms Skippington —We can get back to you today. It is just a matter of counting them.	HD	5.2	10/12/09
170	9 (20/10)	Birmingham	Kokoda Track – Air strip funding	Senator BIRMINGHAM —In terms of the quantum of money that has been committed to the implementation of the joint understanding with the government of PNG, am I right in that that is a \$14.9 million commitment? Dr Terrill —That is right. Senator BIRMINGHAM —How is that money broken down? Dr Terrill ...At this stage, I am happy to provide precise figures. But given there is still some money that is unspent in the out years, they would obviously have to be forward estimates rather than actual commitments. Senator BIRMINGHAM —If you could take that on notice	HD	5.2	10/12/09
171	Written Qon	Cash	Jobs Fund - Heritage	1. What is the total number of applications received under the Heritage Projects Jobs Fund? 2. How many of these applications were assessed as meeting the relevant gateway criteria? 3. How many of these applications were in a Priority Employment Area	HD	5.2	10/12/09
172	Written Qon	Cash	Jobs Fund - Heritage	1. In Round 1, how many heritage project applications were recommended for approval by DEWHA? 2. How many heritage project applications were recommended for approval by the Local Employment Coordinator? 3. How many projects were recommended by DEWHA in the Local Jobs Stream? 4. Were these recommendations made to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Arts or their delegate? 5. Who was the Minister's delegate?	HD	5.2	10/12/09
173	Written Qon	Cash	Jobs Fund - Heritage	1. How many of the Round 1 heritage projects which were recommended for approval, were successful? 2. Were any heritage projects which were not initially recommended, approved? 3. Did any Minister refer a heritage project to DEWHA for recommendation?	HD	5.2	10/12/09
174	Written	Birmingham	DEWHA -	Could the Department provide a complete list of current contracts. Please indicate the	CSD	Corp	11/12/09

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	Qon		contracts	rationale for each service provided and its intended use.			
175	Written Qon	Birmingham	DEWHA – Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since November 2007? How does the department justify this expenditure? Could the department provide a complete list of current consultancy services? For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves. 	CSD	Corp	11/12/09
176	Written Qon	Birmingham	Staff – Training	<p>In relation to both Departmental and Ministerial staff;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide details of staff training activities undertaken this financial year, and planned for next financial year. Please provide a breakdown of costs, the nature of the training programs run, numbers of staff involved by level of employment and any instances of external consultants being engaged. Where external consultants were engaged, please detail their expertise and the specific deliverables of the program. 	CSD	Corp	11/12/09
177	Written Qon	Birmingham	Staffing – Ministers Offices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide the names, salaries, titles and responsibilities of all staff in the Minister(s)/Parliamentary Secretary's offices. Please indicate what their salaries were in October 2007 (or when they started) and what their salaries are now. Please identify which staff have government cars as part of their package. What model vehicles do they drive? What is the cost of the vehicle packages? Which staff are entitled to fly business class? What is the home base for each of the staff? If they are not located in the home base of the employing Minister/Parliamentary Secretary or Canberra, what is the reason? 	CSD	Corp	14/12/09
178	Written Qon	Birmingham	Hospitality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the Department's hospitality spend for 2008/09? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2008-09. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 	CSD	Corp	21/05/10
179	Written Qon	Birmingham	Travel - Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please detail total travel expenses met by the Department. In relation to all departmental travel expenses, please provide estimated resulting carbon emissions. Were any offsets purchased? If so, how many and at what cost? 	CSD	Corp	11/12/09
180	Written Qon	Birmingham	DEWHA – discretionary grants	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since November 2007? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	CSD	Corp	14/12/09
181	45 (20/10)	Birmingham	Ministers Travel – June 2009	Senator BIRMINGHAM —The question I posed was: which of those engagements or requests for meetings from any of those parties existed prior to the department being made	PCD	Corp	25/01/10

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				<p>aware early in the year of Minister Garrett's desire to go to Paris to receive the French Order of Arts and Letters?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Senator Birmingham, as I indicated, I am not aware of the sequence of events, but the negotiations surrounding the IWC are a set agenda. Those dates are actually determined beforehand, as I understand it. I think, as Mr Sullivan indicated, our understanding is that he was the only recipient of the award and that there is every likelihood that that honour was actually established around his availability. That is probably as far as my knowledge can take me at the moment. If you have a specific question in terms of the sequence and the programming I am happy to take it on notice.</p>			
182	46 (20/10)	Birmingham	Ministers Travel – March – June 2009	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM—At the time we last met and placed some questions on notice, the department had not managed to reconcile Minister Garrett's travel for the past financial year. We know the reconciliation for his travel to Santiago, Chile, and California in June/July 2008; and to Kaikoura and Wellington in New Zealand in September 2008, but we did not have final reconciliation for Madang in Papua New Guinea in March 2009, for Washington DC in April 2009, for Manado, Indonesia, in May 2009 or for Madeira and Paris in June 2009. Have those reconciliations been completed?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—Can I take that on notice? I am looking at the question you posed previously. We provided you with information to the previous questions. Can I take that in a similar vein?</p>	PCD	Corp	11/12/09
183	48 (20/10)	Abetz	Ministers Travel – Paris June 2009	<p>Senator ABETZ—Yes. I would like to follow up on that and you can take it on notice if you need to. Can we be advised which appointment was locked into the diary, first for the Paris visit, and who initiated the contact to make the specific appointments in Paris for the minister, as to whether they came from the minister himself, suggesting that he make a visit upon these various agencies in Paris?</p> <p>Ms Kruk—I am happy to take that on notice. I am prepared to affirm here that a number of those appointments I actually encouraged myself—certainly in relation to the energy efficiency area and COAG related matters—but I will take your question on notice.</p>	PCD	Corp	25/01/10
184	Written Qon	Birmingham	Arts – electorate level reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Minister? What data is included in the reports? 2. How often is it updated? 3. Why is this material not publicly available? Please provide a copy of the latest reports. 4. Has electorate specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007? 5. Are there any plans to publish a full suite of electoral reports on the Department's website? If not, why not? If so, when? What data will be included? 	PCD	Corp	11/12/09
185	Written	Ludlam	Parliamentary	Three Parliamentary Inquiry reports into land transport await responses:	PCD	Corp	14/12/09

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	Qon		Inquiry reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage September 2005 report 'Sustainable Cities', • Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee: February 2007 Report from the Inquiry into Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport, and, • House of Representatives Standing Committee for Transport and Regional Services August 2007 "The Great Freight Task: Is Australia's transport network up to the challenge?" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Government plan to respond to the above reports? If so, when? 2. What consideration has the government given to date since December 2007 to the contents and recommendations of the "Sustainable Cities" report and has this extended to interdepartmental meetings? 			
186	Written Qon	Birmingham	DEWHA – advertising	How much has the Department spent on advertising and marketing since November 2007? Please provide justification for each expenditure.	PCD	Corp	11/12/09
187	Written Qon	Birmingham	Travel - Ministerial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have the Minister(s) and/or Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas on official business in 2008-09? 2. If so, where was the travel, what was the purpose and what was the duration? 3. What was the total cost of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) travel b) accommodation, and c) any other expenses? 4. How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary? 5. For these staff (please outline their position)/family what was the cost of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) travel b) accommodation, and c) any other expenses? 6. How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary? 7. In relation to these Departmental officers (please outline their position), what was the total cost of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) travel b) accommodation, and c) any other expenses? 8. Were any costs or expenses, as covered above, met by private companies, unions or 	PCD	Corp	11/12/09

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				other organisations? If so, please provide details.			
188	Written Qon	Birmingham	DEWHA – media monitoring	How much does the Department spend on media monitoring services? Please provide details of this expenditure.	PCD	Corp	18/12/09