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(21 February 2001)
Questions on Notice
Environment and Heritage Portfolio**

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Policy Coordination Division

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(Senator Bolkus tabled the following question)

QoN 1: New output groups

- Given the changing structures of the department, can you provide (with the best possible estimates) a table with the following information:

Actual spending in years to 99-00 and forward estimates (not including NHT spending)

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Strategic Development Division								
Approvals and Legislation Division								
Australian and World Heritage Division (including AHC)								
Environmental Quality Division								
Marine and Water Division								
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Bolkus	3	18	Government wide output pricing regime Can you come back to us with statistics on how many expressions of interests were lodged with you in respect of each one of the tenders? In respect of finance and human resources, can you tell me how many expressions of interest there were, how many you have culled them down to and who they were once you made that decision?	3
Bolkus	4	18	What has that cost you? Mr Butterworth —I do not have those figures in front of me for output pricing review 2, but I will take that on notice. Senator BULKUS —I want the cost of the overall review and also the cost of the part of it that goes to policy and research.	4
Bolkus	5	18-19	Can we get a copy of that review? Mr Beale —Can we take that on notice? I am not sure whether any of these reviews have been published or not and whether there is a public interest or a cabinet confidentiality issue associated with that. Do you know, Mr Butterworth? Mr Butterworth —No. We would have to investigate that. Senator BULKUS —Maybe if you could provide the review document for us we could then identify those areas and see what sort of separation there is from the other six sections. Mr Beale —We have taken that on notice.	4
Bolkus	6	19	Senator BULKUS —Who did the scoping work? Mr Beale —The initial scoping studies were done pursuant to contracts managed by OASITO, and I cannot tell you off the cuff who the consultants were. We could provide you with that information. Senator BULKUS —Can you provide for us the information as to who they were and what it cost? Can you just refresh my memory in terms of what aspect of the IT functions of the bureau were being looked at?	66

Approvals and Legislation Division

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Bolkus	7	22	Can you come back to us with details as to what the outstanding issue is in Queensland?	67
Bolkus	8	24	Do you have an agenda for that conference? Could you make it available to us? Mr Morvell —Nothing, except that I do not have a comprehensive set of the papers. A lot of the speakers spoke at the symposium but did not table their papers, so I do not have a full set. Senator BULKUS —Can we get the ones you have got?	68
Bolkus	9	25	Did anyone from Egypt make a contribution? Mr Morvell —I do not recall. I would have to check. I do not recall a specific one on Egypt.	68
Bolkus	10	26-27	Is that one of the powers of ARPANSA that could be at the direction of a government or a minister? I just want to get confirmation. I would like it from you.	143

Bolkus	11	27	Condition 3 states: ANSTO must consult with the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority to determine if upgrading of the intersection between New Illawarra Road and the LHSTC entrance ... Has this condition been met? So you have not checked with ANSTO as to whether that has already been done? So you will find out for us and come back to us?	143
Bolkus	12	27	Condition 5 states: A Stormwater Control Plan must be developed during the design stage ... Has this been met yet? Mr Morvell —Again, I do not believe it has been met. It is part of the ongoing planning approvals and will depend to some extent on the detailed design work and the construction regime being proposed by the company. Senator Bolkus -I am just trying to get a fix as to what work, I suppose, is going on in respect of that. Can you come back to us with an indication?	143
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Natural Heritage Division

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Bolkus	14	23	Endangered Species Advisory Committee , the scientific advisory committee, currently have before them a number of nominations. Senator BOLKUS —How many nominations do you have? Mr Kitchell —I do not have that figure in my head. We can certainly get that for you. The nominations are both for additions to the list of species and to threatening processes themselves. I would say it was quite substantial—certainly scores of nominations—but, as I say, that is for individual species plus threatening processes. Senator BOLKUS —Could we get on notice some breakdown of the nominations and the species?	144
Bolkus	15	44	Costing of environmental degradation Take it on notice in terms of salinity.	146
Bolkus	16	46	Available funds for NHT allocation (\$204 million) Senator Hill —I would be surprised if it is that high. Can we say yes, subject to checking, please.	147
Bolkus	17	46	In terms of the moneys allocated so far, can you give us a breakdown, a full list, of the funds and give us a table electorate by electorate? I am talking about this financial year. ...plus the \$100 million that was rolled over from the previous year. Mr Kitchell —We can provide a breakdown by program—in other words, how much is funded out of the Bushcare Program, how much is funded out of Landcare—and we can do that by program and by state. Senator BOLKUS —I would like it by electorate as well. Every recipient would have had an address. That is for the \$181 million plus the \$100 million from last year.	148

Bolkus	18	47	<p>Senator Hill—Yes, I know. I can tell you that next year we have budgeted for \$314 million all up, which was to complete the funding that we had available under the trust, and the majority of that \$314 million goes through the one-stop shop process. We could go back and get the estimates on each of those programs and give you an estimate of how much we expect to go through the one-stop shop if you would like. If you take the Bushcare Program, which is one of the largest subsets, the majority of it goes through the one-stop shop process, but there are some national projects and probably some other projects that do not.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—Could you come back to us, then, with figures as to what has been allocated so far— as I say, that which is different from what expenditure has been approved—and what is left to be allocated this financial year.</p> <p>Senator Hill—Yes, and we will give you definitions of the terms.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—And next financial year as well.</p>	152
Bolkus	19	48	<p>Senator BOLKUS—Can you take on notice to give us a timetable of what happened last year for the approval process?</p> <p>Senator Hill—Do you want it for every program?</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—Yes.</p> <p>Senator Hill—Our half of the NHT, or do you want us to go and chase AFFA as well?</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—I would like the lot, yes.</p>	153
Bolkus	20	48-49	<p>Senator Hill—That is a sum that incorporates a deemed rate. The annual sum is the sum that is calculated on the basis of a capital and some deemed rate of interest. If you want to know exactly how Finance work all that out, we could get you that information.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—I would like to know how they work it out and, secondly, what the amount is.</p> <p>... It is the interest on that figure that I am trying to get a grip on.</p> <p>Senator Hill—I am not sure how that is worked out, but we can get you Finance advice on that, if you want it.</p>	158
Bolkus	21	49	<p>Can we get a copy of those responses? Last time you gave us a copy of the minister's speech. I know how much faith you have in the minister, but that was not adequate.</p> <p>Senator Hill—The ministerial board settled an overall response. I would have thought that is on the public record, but I can find one for Senator Bolkus.</p>	159

Bolkus	22	51	<p>Senator Hill—If you want us to relist all of the recommendations under the numerous reports which made up the mid-term evaluation then we will do so, but they are on the public record and have been for a year.</p> <p>BOLKUS—Yes, but the answer refers to the judgment of your department that 25 per cent of the recommendations relate to the category that I am asking you about, so I would like to see that judgment. And if that judgment has already been made, I do not imagine it would entail a lot more work for people to actually provide that documentation.</p> <p>Senator Hill—If you want the list and you want some official to underline those that that official believes specifically relate to that objective, we can do that for you. It strikes me as a rather pointless exercise. I should say to you, Senator, if you would like to know, just to complete the picture, the board adopted a number of recommendations largely from the overview papers. In relation to the recommendations as they relate to specific programs, it was left to the specific program to determine which of those recommendations would be adopted. Basically, those advices have been used to refine the delivery of those programs for the last two years of this phase of the National Heritage Trust.</p>	261
Bolkus	23	54	<p>Cape wide assessment</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—Will you get your officers to find out and report back to us?</p> <p>Senator Hill—We can ask the Queensland government, if that is what you would like.</p>	262
Bolkus	24	55	<p>Senator BOLKUS—You are going on the basis of top of the head recollection at the moment. Would you like a chance to take the issue away and come back to us with a response as to the recommendations in that report?</p> <p>Senator Hill—I will ask but I cannot see why you cannot have the report.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—I am not asking for the report; I am asking for you and the system to focus on its recommendations and come back to us with your considered view on the recommendations of the report.</p> <p>Senator Hill—I will get you something. As I recall it, the parties who basically administer the program for us considered the report. I do not recall any significant change to the program arising therefrom, but I will see if I can get you further information.</p>	262

Strategic Development Division

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Bolkus	2	16-17	<p>I would like to kick off with a question about promotional material, and this is best taken on notice. Mr Beale, could you come back to us with a detailed list of expenditure on promotional items such as advertising, media—radio/television breakdowns—and other promotional material such as booklets, leaflets, promotional goods, CDs and CD-ROMs? Could we have a breakdown and a total costing of all these items paid for by the department or by any authorities related to the department? Can you do that? I will change the definition to include promotional and information material. I do want that.</p> <p>Mr Beale—The total publications budget, including electronic?</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—Publications, electronic media and other promotional material and information material.</p> <p>BOLKUS—For instance, you spent some money on producing water bottles emblazoned with the NHT logo.</p> <p>BOLKUS—It is too late for you to change there. I would like to know how much they cost, how many were produced, what the unit price was, who they were distributed to and whether they were provided free of charge. You also provided calendars for the Waterwatch program and items like that. How much was spent on the calendars? How many were made? You could probably think of a whole host of other such promotional/information items, Mr Beale.</p> <p>Mr Beale—There were a number of posters and things of that sort.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—And, as I say, can we get the details of CD-ROMs, CDs and advertising.</p>	264
Bolkus	25	56-57	<p>Senator BOLKUS—As an afterthought. Can a copy of the brief to the advertising agency be provided?</p> <p>Senator Hill—Probably.</p>	265
Bolkus	26	57	<p>Mr Starr—We do not have a complete breakdown here. We can get that.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—Get that for us, if you could. I wonder if you can get for us the figures for the Australian Open, the cricket, for <i>Friends</i> and other—</p> <p>Senator Hill—I do not know how Mitchells do it—whether you get a cost per individual slot, or how it is done. We can make inquiries and see what we can provide.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—I am sure we can get a price per ad, Minister. That is the normal arrangement, I think.</p> <p>Senator Hill—I do not know, but we will inquire of Mitchells as to how it is structured.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—Can you get us a cost per ad and also a cost per program—for the Australian Open, the cricket, <i>Friends</i>, and so on. Minister, you indicated it was to give some encouragement to those doing the works and maybe get others in by example.</p>	265
Bolkus	27	58	<p>Do they get paid? How much? Come back to us.</p>	265

Bolkus	29	Tabled	Market research Can a copy of the report be made available of the market research conducted by Worthland Worldwide as part of the NHT advertising campaign?	271
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Australia and World Heritage Division

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Bolkus	28	Tabled	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust <i>The following questions refer to the valuation conducted by the Australian Valuations Office of Trust properties.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which Trust properties had valuations conducted? • Were they valuations of the buildings on the land, the land itself, or both? • What was the valuation of each property, including buildings and the basis of each valuation? • Were the valuations recorded in any Trust reports or documentation? • Were the valuations recorded in minutes of Trust meetings • When did the Trust directly inform the Minister or Ministerial staff of the valuations, in particular the valuation of Markham Close? • When did the Trust or department indirectly inform the Minister or Ministerial staff of the valuations, in particular the valuation of Markham Close? • How was this information conveyed? • When was the information conveyed? • Who was informed? • What was the response to the information from the Minister or his office? • What form of response and when was it received? • Can a copy be provided of any correspondence to or from the Ministers office that mentions the valuations of Markham Close or any other Trust land? 	272
Bolkus	30	37	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Can we get those valuations? Senator Hill —Anyway, we will find these valuations and if we can provide them to you, we will.	274
Bolkus	31	37	Could you provide for me the minutes of the trust meeting? Do you know the date of the trust meeting? Maybe you would like to take that on notice: the date of the meeting, who was present, who was informed of the decision to seek valuations and when the minister's office was informed.	274
Bolkus	32	38	If you can come back to us with a list of all the properties— or can you give it to me now?	274
Bolkus	33	40	Senator Hill —Why don't we see if we can get you these valuations and then you can make a considered judgment on what you have got.	275

Environment Quality Division

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Bolkus	34	41	<p>NPI handbooks</p> <p>Mr Glyde—You are really after the cost of the production of all of the handbooks over the last few years?</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—No. The cost of them over the last few years for each year.</p>	276
Bolkus	35	41	Just give us the precise figures over the last five years in respect of staffing levels.	276
Bolkus	36	42	<p>Review by Professor Rae</p> <p>Have you got a costing of it?</p>	277
Bolkus	37	60	<p>..have tenders been sought for the development of a rating scheme for commercial buildings?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—Last year is my understanding, but I do not have a precise date for you.</p> <p>Senator BOLKUS—Can you get that for us?</p> <p>What is the budget for the project?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—I do not have that information with me at the moment.</p>	277
Bolkus	38	63	Can we get a copy of the terms of reference for the project?	278
Bolkus	38a	61	<p>You yourself have not contemplated whether the existing scheme, which is going national, could be extended?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—I have not been personally involved in this project, but I would imagine that prior to the scoping of this project we would have looked at those schemes. I would like to come back to you if that is not the case, but that would be our normal process.</p>	286