

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE — BUDGET ESTIMATES 2007-08, MAY 2007

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1	93, 94, 95 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Advertising	<p>Senator McLUCAS—When was that tender let? Mr Tucker—I have not got the dates. I would not hazard a guess. I can give that to you on notice. Senator WONG—Can you tell us the commencement date of the contract? ... Senator McLUCAS—That is the question I am asking about, the work that is being done by— Mr Tucker—My essential answer is that I do not know the answer to that question. I would have to confirm it. Senator McLUCAS—How long would that take? ... Senator McLUCAS—Can we have the value of the tender to Blue Moon? Mr Tucker—I do not have that with me, but we can get that answer. Senator McLUCAS—Can you get that tomorrow? Mr Tucker—Yes, we should be able to.</p>	PCD	Provided by letter on 23 May 2007 & 01/08/07
2	23 (22/5/07)	McLucas	Advertising	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Yes. In terms of the portfolio, how would I find out what other agencies have spent on advertising? Mr Tucker—We would have to ask each of them. We can take that on notice.</p>	PCD	30/07/07
3	25 (22/5/07)	McLucas	Market research	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Has market research been undertaken on the climate change proposal to this point? Mr Morvell—I am not absolutely sure. I would have to come back to you on that one. I am just not sure of the status of the particular elements. I know that we have staff who are working and planning, but I do not have information on the extent of what has actually occurred at this point. Senator McLUCAS—No placements have been booked? Mr Morvell—Not that I am aware of, no. Senator McLUCAS—Design work? Mr Morvell—Certainly there has been some conceptual work and initial discussions with designers have commenced. I am certain that it has not resulted in expenditure of funds, and I am not sure of the exact point of any contractual arrangements. Senator McLUCAS—Is there someone here who can give us that information? Mr Morvell—If you let me take that on notice, I will come back to you during the day on the specifics of where we are with some of those things</p>	PCD	30/07/07
4	47 (22/5/07)	McLucas	Advertising	<p>Mr Tucker—In accordance with government policy, all campaigns are referred to that committee. Senator McLUCAS—And what dates were the necessary approvals granted? Mr Tucker—I would have to take that on notice, and I do not have the detail, but they all would have received their approvals in time to allow us to proceed in this manner for this year..... But I could</p>	PCD	30/07/07

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				easily obtain those dates for you on notice.		
5	53 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Climate Change Campaign	<p>Senator McLUCAS—There is not a proposal to do an information campaign on climate change?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—We have the appropriation for next year for that money. We have no appropriation at the moment to deliver that program. That was in the budget package.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Is there a proposal to do a mail-out between now and the end of June?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—I will have to take that on notice. I do not recall that. We are doing developmental work for the campaign for next year and that is the only appropriation that we have for that particular piece of work, but nothing comes directly to my mind.</p>	PCD	30/07/07
6	54	McLucas	Climate Change Campaign	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Going back to the original question in terms of what campaigns are planned from now to the end of this financial year, you said you thought there was one on weeds but it had not been ticked off on?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—What was going to be the cost of that if it gets ticked off on?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that detail with me.</p>	PCD	30/07/07
7	54	McLucas	Approvals for climate change advertising	<p>Senator McLUCAS—Were any of the campaigns referred to the ministerial committee on government communication for this financial year?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—In accordance with government policy, all campaigns are referred to that committee.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—And what dates were the necessary approvals granted?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—I would have to take that on notice, and I do not have the detail, but they all would have received their approvals in time to allow us to proceed in this manner for this year</p>	PCD	30/07/07
8	54-55	McLucas	Advertising Campaign	<p>(a) Senator McLUCAS—Thank you for that. Could you also take on notice the dates of the campaigns beginning and completing for those information campaigns that have completed?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—We can do that.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS— And start dates for those that are still on track?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—They would be projected start dates.</p> <p>Mr Tucker—I said there will be times when we come up with ideas for campaigns that we will take forward through the approval process, and the government will not agree with that campaign, will think it is not worth doing and it will not be pursued. It is not a clear, ‘We have had an idea; it’s going to happen’ type of process.</p> <p>(b) Senator McLUCAS—For each of the campaigns that we have talked about, could you provide the total cost of each information and advertising campaign, and then break that down into any market research, including opinion polling, that you might have done and any evaluation following a campaign?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—I can do that. I think I probably have provided you all the material previously in my evidence, but I will check to see if there is any more information.</p>	PCD	30/07/07
9	56 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Advertising Tender Process	<p>Senator McLUCAS—How do you select that agency?</p> <p>Mr Tucker—That agency, again, is selected through the process that the government has put in place through the committee concerned.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Was it tendered?</p>	PCD	01/08/07

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				Mr Tucker—I would have to take that on notice; I do not have the detail of each one. But my recollection, again, is that there is a panel of providers who can do this that are selected from. Senator McLUCAS—Could you provide, then, for each of the tenders that were let the number of tenderers and the time line from announcing the tendering process to completion of that process? Mr Tucker—We can do that on notice		
10	56 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Advertising Campaigns/ Contracts	Senator McLUCAS—There is a song about them. What is the nature of the contract between the department and Blue Moon? Mr Tucker—I do not have the details with me. It would be a normal contract that we have for these types of campaigns for doing a market research initiative. I imagine it would cover some of the things I described before. What are the things that will grab people's attention, that will get them to change behaviours and take personal action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Senator McLUCAS—How are they intending to conduct that research? Mr Tucker—Again, without having the material before me, I imagine it is the same method that is used for market research for all campaigns in terms of speaking to a cross-section of people to see their reaction Senator McLUCAS—When did that happen? Mr Tucker—I do not have the date with me, but I can easily take that on notice.	PCD	01/08/07
11	59 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Advertising	Senator McLUCAS—Has Crosby Textor undertaken any services for the department? Mr Tucker—I think we have answered that question before, and I think the answer, from my memory, is no, but I can go back and confirm that. Senator McLUCAS—Thank you. I will put those on notice so that you can answer them in full	PCD	30/07/07
12	85 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Advertising	Senator McLUCAS—What else is part of the package that is being market tested? Mr Tucker—I would have to take that on notice. I do not have all the material with me. ...	PCD	06/08/07
13	93 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Advertising	Senator McLUCAS—Is there a draft television ad, for example? Mr Tucker—I would have to take that on notice.	PCD	30/07/07
14	132 (21/05/07)	Macdonald	Chair, GBRMPA selection criteria/ Advertisement of position	Senator IAN MACDONALD—So when do you expect the advertising to occur? Mr Borthwick—In the next week or two. Senator IAN MACDONALD—In the next week? Mr Borthwick—Yes. Senator IAN MACDONALD—So you will make the criteria available on notice. Mr Borthwick—..... I am very happy to provide the information, but in a couple of weeks.	CSD	01/08/07 + 1 attach't
15	109 (21/05/07)	Crossin	Tanami Desert/ Switkowski advice	Senator CROSSIN—So you do not see that you would have a role to play, say if a mine were to open up in the Tanami Desert somewhere, in assisting the environmental monitoring there. Mr Hughes—We have not been asked to do that at this stage. ... Mr Hughes—This is a matter that we have raised before in evidence before the parliament as a possibility that would need to be looked at. Senator CROSSIN—Can you remember, Mr Borthwick, when you might have raised that? Was that before the House of Representatives inquiry?	AWD	19/07/07

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				Mr Borthwick—I cannot remember exactly. I think we raised it in a view that we put to the review by Ziggy Switkowski and I think our view was tabled at the time. Senator CROSSIN—Publicly? Mr Borthwick—Yes, it was tabled at the last Senate estimates committee. Senator CROSSIN—In February's estimates? Mr Borthwick—In any event, we can find it and make sure you have access to it.		
16	121 (22/05/07)	Wong	Assistant Minister's Responsibilities	Senator WONG—You might recall on the last occasion, Mr Borthwick, I asked you some questions about the assistant minister's responsibilities and you indicated it was a matter yet to be fully worked out between the two ministers in the portfolio. We had some discussion about the organisational chart, which has the assistant minister, Mr John Cobb, kind of out here. Have you now been advised what he is responsible for? Mr Borthwick—The Bureau of Meteorology, except matters relating to climate change and water, the Australian Antarctic Division, Parks Australia, the Supervising Scientist Division, a series of small grants programs, of which I have mentioned community water grants but also Envirofund grants, and there is a series of others. But I think we are quite happy to table the full list of his responsibilities	PCD	10/07/07
17	94 (21/05/07)	McLucas	Property	Senator McLUCAS—Have you previously owned property in Tasmania? Mr Allen—The Commonwealth previously owned property but the Antarctic Division did not. Senator McLUCAS—When was that? Mr Allen—I am not quite sure of the exact date that the property was sold but it was probably in the order of about eight years ago. Senator McLUCAS—Where was that property? Mr Allen—That was the Kingston property and also there was a set of flats in Sandy Bay. Senator McLUCAS—What were they for? I know we are going back over time. Mr Allen—They were expedition accommodation. Senator McLUCAS—What address were they? Mr Allen—They were in Lower Sandy Bay. I am not quite sure of the exact address. Senator McLUCAS—Could you possibly provide that to us? Mr Allen—Yes, certainly.	AAD	11/07/07
18	95 (21/05/07)	McLucas	Whaling	Senator McLUCAS—Is it possible to give the committee an understanding of the budget allocation within your division that is spent on whaling? Mr Press—There are no dollars spent on whaling. Senator McLUCAS—Thank you. I am very pleased to know that—on whale policy? Mr Press—I will have to take that on notice. That is not an easy question to answer without doing some hypothecating, but I can provide that to the committee.	AAD	11/07/07
19	95 (21/05/07)	McLucas	Whaling	Mr Press—There is no line that says that that is money that is being spent on the development of whale policy. We do have budgets down to sections but, on a fully accrued basis, if you take into account, say, the amount of ship time, ocean support and various other things like that, that line item is not very meaningful. But I can provide the committee with a comprehensive estimate. Senator McLUCAS—I might come back to you on that. I do not want you to do things for the	AAD	11/07/07

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				purpose of answering a question when it is not answering the question that I actually want to ask. I will put that on notice if that is the best way to do it.		
20	98 (21/05/07)	Brown	Snow loss	<p>Senator BOB BROWN—Can you tell the committee about the reports in the last couple of days about a very large area of loss of snow in Antarctica?</p> <p>Mr Press—I am unaware of that report, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—Could you find that report of the last 48 hours? I will get it for you if you have trouble. It is in national and international press. It is about loss of snow leading to a very worrying concern therefore about loss of reefal activity in Antarctica and accretion of heat. This is showing up in recent scientific data.</p> <p>Mr Press—I shall.</p>	AAD	11/07/07
21	98 (21/05/07)	Brown	Larson B Ice Shelf	<p>Senator BOB BROWN—Is that speculation or is that actually turning up in observations by scientists in the Antarctic?</p> <p>Mr Press—When I say ‘some speculation’ I mean generally around Antarctica. Yes, there are some direct observations of glaciers increasing there.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—What are they showing?</p> <p>Mr Press—Just that the flow rates have increased.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—By how much?</p> <p>Mr Press—I cannot tell you that off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—Could you find that information for us, please?</p> <p>Mr Press—Of course.</p>	AAD	11/07/07
22	99 (21/05/07)	Brown	Rat Populations on Macquarie Island	<p>Mr Press—A number of our scientists worked down there so it was reasonably common knowledge that the rat population is increasing, and this has been discussed by the Tasmanian government in its MIRAG committee, the Macquarie Island Research Advisory Group, whose responsibility it is for signing off on research projects at Macquarie Island.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—When was that?</p> <p>Mr Press—Because I am not a participant in MIRAG I cannot tell you, but I can take that on notice.</p>	AAD	23/07/07
23	108 (21/05/07)	Crossin	Environmental Audit	<p>Senator CROSSIN—Is that all it is? Because the rest of your annual report does not give any details about what those incidents are or how major they are. So that was just an inability to provide a list on a certain day, essentially?</p> <p>Mr Hughes—Yes. That still fails an audit test.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—I see. And there were three that required action in the form of a firm deadline. But again you do not go on to say what those three might have been.</p> <p>Mr Hughes—I honestly do not recall off the top of my head what they were now. We could either take it on notice, unless Richard happens to know.</p> <p>Mr McAllister—I do not know the exact details.</p> <p>Mr Hughes—We would have to take that on notice if you want some details about those things. But they were no more serious than the issue of not being able to produce it.</p>	OSS	18/07/07
24	111 (21/05/07)	Crossin	Visit of BOM	<p>Senator CROSSIN—Given that we have just gone through Cyclone Larry and Cyclone Monica, and given that as I understand it Darwin is the centre for a large slab of monitoring in South-East Asia,</p>	BOM	23/07/07

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			Darwin Office during review	why was Darwin not on the list of places to visit? Mr Foley—I cannot answer that question. Senator CROSSIN—Can you take that on notice for me. Mr Foley—I will take it on notice.		
25	112 (21/05/07)	Crossin	Review – Terms of Reference	Senator CROSSIN—Your website only says: ‘relates to the overall sustainability of the essential roles and functions it carries out in the public interest’. Did it actually have terms of reference? Mr Foley—It did have terms of reference. Senator CROSSIN—Are they public? Mr Foley—I should think so. Senator CROSSIN—Can you provide them to this committee then, if that is the case. Mr Foley—Yes, absolutely.	BOM	23/07/07 + 1 attach't
26	119 (21/05/07)	McLucas	Tsunamis/early warning systems/buoys in Coral Sea/tide gauges in Coral Sea	Senator McLUCAS—..... (a) Could you inform the committee what action the bureau has taken since the tsunami event earlier this year in improving early warning systems? (b) What buoys do you now propose to enact in the Coral Sea? Can you also tell the committee where the early warning was promulgated, because people in the Torres Strait islands did not know, but people in Cairns did? I recognise that you cannot control what they did with that information. (c) Do you propose to locate any tide gauges in that Coral Sea region? Can you take that question on notice? Is that adequate? Mr Foley—We will certainly take it on notice.	BOM	23/07/07
27	120 (21/05/07)	McLucas	Automatic weather station at Creal Reef	Senator McLUCAS—What will it cost to refurbish it? Mr Foley—I do not know. I think we refurbished Scott Reef several years ago. That is off the Western Australian coast. It was about \$100,000. Senator Abetz—Do you want to take that question on notice? Senator McLUCAS—If you could take that on notice and then explain what are the components of that expenditure. Mr Foley—Yes. That was just infrastructure, let alone for the rest of it. We will take that question on notice.	BOM	23/07/07
28	123 (21/05/07)	Brown	Funding for Climate Change modelling	Senator BOB BROWN—What amount of funding do you anticipate will be involved in your participation in that modelling? Mr Foley—I am not sure. There is a lot of in-kind funding with staffing and the use of the supercomputer would also be a rather large factor. But to quantify it would be difficult. If you would like to know, we can take it on notice.	BOM	23/07/07
29	124 (21/05/07)	Brown	Cloud Seeding Tasmania	Senator BOB BROWN—Have you been approached to help with information on this topic? Mr Foley—Not to my knowledge, Senator. Again, perhaps our regional office would have been. I am pretty sure—no, I do not think the bureau has been involved or approached to make any assessment of that. Senator BOB BROWN—Would you check that for me, please?	BOM	23/07/07

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				Mr Foley—I certainly will.		
30	130 (21/05/07)	McLucas	Staffing in GBRMPA	Senator McLUCAS—Mr Barrett, you usually provide me with a table showing where the people are in the authority. Mr Barrett—Can I take that on notice?	GBRMPA	18/07/07
31	Written Question on Notice	Wong	Climate Change	(a) Has the GBRMPA or the Department undertaken any research on the impact of climate change on the Great Barrier Reef? What is the nature of that research? Who conducted it? How much did it cost? If not, why not? (b) Has the GBRMPA or the Department undertaken any research on the impact of climate change on Reef-based tourism and regional employment? If not, why not?	GBRMPA	31/07/07
32	52 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Advertising	Senator McLUCAS—My recollection is that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority had quite an extensive campaign, which I was quite happy about, called Let's Keep it Great. Do you remember that TV campaign? Senator IAN MACDONALD—That was last year, I think. If you are going to get this on notice, perhaps you should add the last couple of years as well for comparison.	GBRMPA	18/07/07
33	4 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Annual infrastructure/maintenance for Kakadu and Uluru	Senator CROSSIN—I am happy for you to take this on notice. I have asked consistently for a breakdown of the annual infrastructure and maintenance for both Kakadu and Uluru, for quite a number of years. I just wonder if you could update that table for me. Mr Cochrane—Yes, absolutely.	PAD	18/07/07
34	5 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Fees for Traditional Owners	Senator CROSSIN—Okay. Can you bring me up to date with how much the traditional owners have received in the last two years? Is it calculated on the same basis as it was previously? Mr Cochrane—It started on a flat fee basis, at \$1 million a year, which was slightly in excess of what they were receiving as a proportion of the gate fees. Senator CROSSIN—Was that in 2004 and 2005? Mr Cochrane—Yes. Senator CROSSIN—What happened last year? Mr Cochrane—That is a good question. I am not sure that I have that number with me. I will provide it for you on notice. Senator CROSSIN—You can just take it on notice	PAD	18/07/07
35	6 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Mutiljula Community Association	Mr Cochrane—We make a contribution to the community for some of that work. I do not believe it funds all of it, because the community bears some of that responsibility. Senator CROSSIN—What is the allocated amount for electricity and water? Mr Cochrane—I can get you what we pay for electricity and water, but we generate the power and supply the water for both the community and our own operations—for our own staff's houses, for the visitor centre etcetera.	PAD	18/07/07
36	7 (22/05/07)	Brown	Koongarra Mineral lease	Mr Cochrane—And/or the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, which bear responsibility for those sorts of matters. It is not actually a park matter, even though it is surrounded by the park. We have no control over that lease, and I have no policy responsibility for it, either.	PAD	19/07/07 replaced 02/08/07

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				<p>Senator BOB BROWN—No, but the minister does. Perhaps the minister could tell the committee what the government's intention is with that area?</p> <p>Senator Abetz—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—Have you had any input into this lease and the area within the park?</p> <p>Senator Abetz—I will see what the minister says.</p>		
37	10 (22/5/07)	Siewert	CAR Reserve System	<p>(a) Senator SIEWERT—I am trying to work out how much it is going to cost to acquire, to meet even the 10 per cent requirement, for the 30 million hectares.</p> <p>Mr Cochrane—Sorry, can I just backtrack for one minute. I have just given you a misleading figure there. I think 10 per cent of Indigenous lands is a slightly smaller figure than I have just indicated. Can we just take that on notice and do some calculations for you that might answer this, so that I give you something accurate?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Yes, okay. It is not just the percentage. To complete a CAR reserve system, obviously there are specific areas that you still need to target that are underrepresented in the system. I appreciate that it is not necessarily just saying that 10 per cent of Aboriginal owned land would then necessarily correlate to what is required to complete the reserve system. But what I am after is a more accurate figure of what it will cost to complete by 2012 to meet our obligations in the NRS.</p> <p>Mr Cochrane—We can attempt that. As you would know, others have done that—WWF have attempted that—but it does involve some pretty significant assumptions about land values, the availability of land and when it might be available, of course, as well.</p> <p>(b) Senator SIEWERT—And, if it is possible, since we have now established that the 10 per cent is actually not meeting the full requirements of the CAR reserve system, could we also have what it would be likely to cost for a full CAR reserve system</p>	PAD	17/07/07
38	12 (22/5/07)	Acting Chair	Uluru viewing platform	<p>Mr Cochrane - ... I would be happy to table the current plans for the viewing area, but they clearly identify areas for Indigenous business opportunities. We see that having a large number of people in a concentrated spot offers the potential for a number of small businesses.</p> <p>Acting Chair – Thank you. If you could table that I would be interested to see it. Thank you for your time. I hope the Senate committee report into Parks was to your satisfaction.</p>	PAD	18/07/07
39	Written Questions on Notice	Siewert	Crazy Ant Program Christmas Island	<p>(a) Following the allocation of further funding to the Crazy Ant program on Christmas Island is it proposed that a review of the management program be undertaken?</p> <p>(b) If so, by whom.</p>	PAD	17/07/07
40	17 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Renewable Energy	<p>Mr Singh—That information is actually available on the REC registry website. That website gives the amount of renewable energy certificates that have been created under various renewable energy sources. They can also be looked at in terms of generation years from 2001 till now. It is all live data: it gets changed every second as people make more and more certificates. Your question was about the percentages. I have here the top five renewable energy sources. I will just find where that is.</p> <p>Mr Branson—I could answer your question in a slightly different way in terms of the number of accredited power stations, which is a reflection of the percentage. The top ones are bagasse, which is</p>	ORER	18/07/07

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				a product from sugar cane; the hydro stations, of course; landfill gas; solar; and wind. We could provide you with the full list, but those are the top ones. Senator McLUCAS—That is what you were going to give me, too, Mr Singh?		
41	18 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Renewable Energy	Senator McLUCAS—You may not have this data, but what was the appropriation for 2006-07? Mr Morvell—I do not have that figure; I would have to get that from the Industry portfolio, but I could certainly provide it. Senator McLUCAS—All right, could you— Mr Morvell—Take that on notice? Yes. Senator McLUCAS—give me the appropriation for the last completed financial year—because we will not have this data for this year—and then the spend for that program. Mr Morvell—Yes.	ICED	18/07/07
42	26/27 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Tiwi Islands	Senator CROSSIN—Can I just go to the Tiwi Islands. I understand that the federal Department of the Environment and Water Resources has spent a number of days on Melville Island investigating complaints against the Great Southern Plantations forestry. What was the nature of that investigation? Ms Rankin—At the moment, we have officers up there investigating claims that there have been some breaches of the conditions of approval for the Tiwi Islands forestry operation. Senator CROSSIN—How many officers? When did they go? Ms Rankin—I would have to take the exact details on notice, but we have probably had about three officers visit on three separate occasions in the last couple of months.	AWD	18/07/07
43	27 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Conditions of Approval for the Tiwi Islands Forestry Operation	Senator CROSSIN—Can you provide this committee with the conditions of approval? Ms Rankin—Certainly. I think they have previously been tabled, but we can provide them again. Senator CROSSIN—I am not sure that I have them. Ms Rankin—They are on our website. Senator CROSSIN—So I have to trawl through your website and try to find them? Ms Rankin—We can certainly supply them to you.	AWD	18/07/07
44	28 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Conditions of approval - breaches	Senator CROSSIN—What are the sanctions if the breaches are proven? Mr Flanigan—We have a compliance and enforcement policy that the department operates under, which provides for a range of responses to any potential breaches of the legislation..... I cannot quite recall the maximum penalty that is available under the legislation for a breach of conditions. I will get it for you shortly.	AWD	18/07/07
45	29 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Proposals rejected under the EPBC Act	Senator CROSSIN—My understanding is that the minister was expected to make an announcement on 20 February about this, but the press.release did not go out until 30 April. What was the delay and why? Ms Rankin—We cannot comment on the reason for the delay in the minister's office. Senator Abetz—Or the alleged delay. I do not know if the minister was anticipating to do something on 20 February or if there was a delay. I will take that on notice,	AWD	23/07/07
46	30/31 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Mining leases on Christmas	Senator CROSSIN—Can you provide me with a breakdown of how many of those were from individuals, how many were from organisations and how many were from companies? Ms Rankin—Yes, but we would have to take that on notice.	AWD	18/07/07

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47	31 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Mining leases on Christmas Island	Senator CROSSIN—So, Mr Early, if in fact this is taken to the Federal Court, my understanding is that this would be the first matter to be challenged under the EPBC Act. Is that correct? Mr Early—No, there have been a number. Senator CROSSIN—Can you provide me with a list of those? Mr Early—Yes, certainly.	AWD	18/07/07
48	32 (22/05/07)	Crossin	Pipistrelle bat	Senator CROSSIN—I see. Finally, have you done any research into or work on the pipistrelle bat that is in question in the mining leases? Have your officers done any fieldwork or any research about its habitat? Mr Early—Parks Australia North have done some work on the pipistrelle bat which was the subject of a discussion at the last estimates hearings, so certainly there has been work done, yes. Senator CROSSIN—Would the mine be aware of that work? Did you make that work available to the mine, the company? Mr Early—There were substantial discussions with the mine all the way through the process, so I imagine so, but I would have to take that on notice.	AWD	18/07/07
49	32 (22/05/07)	Brown	Frog Fungal disease	Senator BOB BROWN—This is a disease that is more than decimating; it is potentially leading to wipeouts of populations... Can you find out for me what assessment of this really tragic disease has been done by the Commonwealth, what information you have about it and what action has been taken or is contemplated? Ms Rankin—We can certainly find that out but I am certainly not aware of anything myself. We can see if there is anywhere else in the department that has done any work.	MBD	11/07/07
50	38 (22/05/07)	Siewert	NHT funding	Senator SIEWERT—You said the extra \$70 million was for compliance, enforcement, strategic assessment and overall performance. How much money was allocated in addition out of the \$70 million for overall performance? Mr Early—We are in the process of working that through at the moment. We can take that on notice.	AWD	23/07/07
51	43 (22/05/07)	Siewert	Macquarie Marshes	Senator SIEWERT—Have you got the photos of some of the illegal banks and siphoning? Mr Flanigan—I am not sure. I would have to consult our files back in the office.	AWD	18/07/07
52	48 (22/05/07)	Nettle	Construction of new coalmines on climate change	Senator NETTLE—Are you putting forward that we should not regulate the impact that the construction of new coalmines has on climate change? Senator Abetz—At the end of the day it would be a government decision. Of course it is quite obvious that, at this stage, no such decision has been taken. Senator NETTLE—Is that being reviewed? Senator Abetz—I am not aware of that; I can take that on notice. Senator Nettle – I would appreciate it if you could do that. Perhaps the officials at the table are able to provide us with some information about what impact coalmining has on Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. I would imagine that it would be pretty significant. I do not know if there is anyone who can provide us with that.	AWD	23/07/07
53	48 (22/05/07)	Nettle	Coalmining industry and	Senator NETTLE—.... I do not know if Ms Rankin or anyone else is able to provide us with an idea of what contribution the coalmining industry and the burning of the coal makes to Australia's overall	AWD	23/07/07

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			Greenhouse Gas Emissions	greenhouse gas emissions. Mr Borthwick—We can take that on notice. We will have that information.		
54	49/50 (22/05/07)	Nettle	Anvil Hill	Mr Early – Given that I discovered at lunch time that we are being taken to court over this decision I think it would be better if we just gave you a copy of the statement of reasons, which spells it all out in all the documentation that the decision was based on. Senator Nettle – That would certainly be a helpful thing to do.... Ms Rankin—The statement of reasons outlines all of the documents that we relied on in making the decision. Senator NETTLE—Can I get that? We just need to make sure that we have a copy of this	AWD	11/07/07 + 1 attach't
55	Written Questions on Notice	Wong	Whale Sanctuary	(a) How many whales were slaughtered in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in each year since, and including, 2000? (b) How many whales are expected to be slaughtered in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in 2007, 2008 and 2009? (c) Has the Department sought or provided legal advice relating to the possibility of taking the Government of Japan to international courts in order to stop whaling for all time? If so, what is the nature of that advice? (d) Has the Department sought or provided advice relating to the Humane Society International's legal action against Kyodo Senpaku for killing whales in Australia's Antarctic Whale Sanctuary? If so, what has this advice suggested?	AWD	06/08/07
56	Written Questions on Notice	Wong	EPBC Act	(a) How many referrals has the Government received under the EPBC Act? (b) The Prime Minister has indicated the Government will be repealing the ban on nuclear power in the EPBC Act? When will those amendments be introduced? (c) In introducing those amendments, will the Government be nominating sites for nuclear reactors? Will the Government be nominating sites for nuclear waste dumps? (d) Is it possible under the Act, for a nuclear waste dump to be established without a proper environmental assessment process under the Act? (e) Is it possible under the Act, for a nuclear reactor to be built without a proper environmental assessment under the Act? (f) Does the Government oppose the establishment of a global nuclear waste dump in Australia? (g) What process did Gunns follow to notify its withdrawal from the previously Commonwealth accredited joint Resource Planning and Development Commission (RPDC) process for the proposed pulp mill? (h) Did Gunns follow any process for withdrawal of the prior application under the Act? Did Gunns submit a fresh application? (i) What was the basis that the Commonwealth determined the level of assessment for the Gunns' proposal? What were the advantages and disadvantages of each of the assessment options in relation to this specific proposal? (j) What advice did the Minister act upon in determining this assessment option?	AWD	11/07/07

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				(k) Has anyone requested a deadline for the completion of the assessment? If so, who? (l) Is there a deadline for a decision?		
57	Written Question on Notice	Wong	Sustainable Cities	(a) When will the Government respond to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage report Sustainable Cities, which was released in August 2005? (b) Why hasn't the Government responded to date?	EQD	17/07/07
58	61 (22/5/07)	Bartlett	Natural Heritage Trust grants	Senator BARTLETT—...Is it possible to give us a breakdown of how that money has been spent—maybe on notice—through to the end of June, and which areas it has been focused on, in amongst all those things like air quality, fuel quality, oil recycling, et cetera? Dr Reville—We could take that on notice, but could I just identify that part of the \$38 million is dealing with the fact that two major programs have recently finished, or will finish at the end of this financial year. One is a large component of Measures for a Better Environment, which, as you are probably aware, covered a spectrum of these activities.	EQD	18/07/07
59	61 (22/5/07)	Bartlett	NHT Funding	Senator BARTLETT—Are you able to give us a breakdown of how it has all been spent up to the end of the current year? Would it be reasonable to assume to be a roughly similar allocation of or disbursement of the new bunch of money over the forward four years or is it— Dr Reville—The new funding will cover the full spectrum of activities the division previously did, minus those parts of Measures for a Better Environment and the other dedicated funding programs which had specific endings, where the function has been achieved, but we would be happy to take on notice and provide you with some more information on the details.	EQD	18/07/07
60	64 (22/5/07)	Brown	Macquarie Island/Baby Penguins	Senator Abetz—From time to time, as I understand it, departmental officials talk. I am not sure when the last discussion was held between ministers Turnbull and Wreidt, but I would hope that some progress could be made. Senator BOB BROWN—Could you find out when that happened and when further discussions are scheduled between the ministers? Senator Abetz—Yes, I am happy to take that on notice.	HD	23/07/07
61	67 (22/5/07)	Webber	Leasholders/ Ningaloo	Mr Bailey—Concerns have been expressed from the representatives of the leaseholders as well. Senator WEBBER—Okay. How many are involved in that? Mr Bailey—I would have to take that on notice.	HD	23/07/07
62	Written Questions on Notice	Brown	Holy Trinity Church in Hobart	(a) What approach, when and by whom, has been made to the government for assistance in restoring the church? (b) What was the response? (c) What action should the community concerned by the church's deterioration, take to enlist government assistance?	HD	23/07/07
63	Written Questions on Notice	Wong	Heritage	(a) How many heritage referrals have there been under the EPBC Act? . (b) Has there been an independent expert review of the effectiveness of the heritage protective mechanisms, or are any reviews planned? (c) In 2005-06 there were no referrals by the Department of Defence under the Act. As a large and active landholder with many heritage places, this seems an unlikely outcome. Is Defence complying with its EPBC obligations and has there been an expert investigation of this	HD	30/07/07

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				<p>situation?</p> <p>(d) Is the Heritage Division the source of expert heritage advice under the EPBC Act? In the cases of EPBC referrals involving heritage places, are the views of the Heritage Division always accepted in the framing of decisions under the Act?</p> <p>(e) Is the Australian Heritage Council the principal adviser to the Australian Government on heritage matters? Is the AHC consulted about every heritage related decision taken under the EPBC Act, including referrals?</p> <p>(f) How many National Heritage places are there, and how many have EPBC compliant management plans? Is there a timetable to complete these plans and, if so, when will they be complete?</p> <p>(g) How many Commonwealth Heritage places are there, and how many have EPBC compliant management plans? Is there a timetable to complete these plans and, if so, when will they be complete?</p> <p>(h) How many Australian Government agency Heritage Strategies need to be prepared, and how many have been prepared? How many are overdue, and what is the timetable for their completion?</p> <p>(i) The Australian Government has legislated the demise of the Register of the National Estate and expects State and local governments to pick up RNE places in State and local heritage registers. What assistance or funding is the Government providing to assist with the transfer of places to other heritage registers?</p> <p>(j) Is the Minister fully complying with the statutory timeframes for heritage decisions and announcements? Ministers have been known to hold over announcements of heritage listings for strategic/PR advantage. Has there been any review of the effectiveness of this approach?</p> <p>(k) When will the Government respond to the Productivity Commission inquiry into Australia's historic heritage which reported in April 2006?</p> <p>(l) Why is core DEW Heritage Division funding significantly declining? What will be the real decline in funding given increasing costs?</p> <p>(m) What is the change, if any, in base funding for the Heritage Division?</p> <p>(n) How much is the core work of the Heritage Division supported by one-off/non-recurrent funding?</p> <p>(o) Why doesn't the Government at least index the National Trust funding to the CPI?</p> <p>(p) Why are churches and cathedrals a higher priority for funding than other categories of historic place? Is there a strategic needs analysis to support this priority?</p> <p>(q) Has there been or will there be a cost/benefit analysis of the funding provided to the Duyfken Voyage?</p>		
64	Written Questions on Notice	Wong	Indigenous Employment Programs – National	<p>(a) How was the 400 new jobs figure (announced in the Budget) arrived at? Did DEH have input into this budget initiative?</p> <p>(b) Has the Department prepared a plan for where these 400 new jobs will go? If not, when will the department prepare this plan?</p>	PCD	30/07/07

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			Parks	<p>(c) If so, how many of those new jobs will be in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy/ office work • Indigenous Protected Areas • National parks • Land and sea rangers and NRM work more broadly <p>(d) How many Indigenous people did the Department employ in 2006-07? What percentage of total staff did this represent?</p> <p>(e) How many Indigenous people does the Department now employ? What percentage of total staff does this represent?</p> <p>(f) How many of those Indigenous people are engaged in natural resource management work?</p> <p>(g) How many of those Indigenous people carry out work in national parks?</p> <p>(h) Please provide a breakdown per state and territory?</p>		
65	Written Questions on Notice	Wong	Indigenous Protected Areas	<p>(a) How much did the Brian Gilligan evaluation, commissioned by your Department in 2006 cost?</p> <p>(b) What has been the Department's response to this report to date?</p> <p>(c) How much money was allocated and expended on IPAs in 2006-07? Please provide a list of each IPA and how much it received.</p> <p>(d) How much money has been allocated and expended to date in 2007-08?</p> <p>(e) How many IPAs currently exist?</p> <p>(f) How many more are in the pipeline?</p> <p>(g) What resources or support does the Department provide to communities wishing to apply under the programme?</p> <p>(h) How much land to they cover in total? What percentage of Australia's land mass does that represent?</p>	PAD	23/07/07
66	Written Questions on Notice	Wong	Biodiversity	<p>(a) What is the absolute and relative amount of Natural Heritage Trust funding for 2005-06 and 2006-07 being invested to <i>directly</i> protect the terrestrial matters of national environmental significance (such as habitats of threatened species and migratory species, management of Ramsar and World Heritage sites, acquisition of threatened and migratory species habitats through the National Reserve System Program etc)</p> <p>(b) What was the absolute and relative amount of Natural Heritage Trust funding for 2005-06 and 2006-07 being invested to directly implement the National Reserve System? How does this compare with investments required in the Prime Minister's Science Council's cost estimate?</p> <p>(c) Given the findings and recommendations of the recent Audit Office inquiry, <i>The Conservation and Protection of National Threatened Species and Ecological Communities</i>, what new and additional funds are intended to be invested in i.) threatened species protection and ii.) mapping threatened species critical habitat over the next five years?</p>	AWD/HD	01/08/07
67	Question on Notice	Siewert	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<p>(a) Has the Department commenced the review of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act?</p> <p>(b) If so, who is undertaking the review?</p> <p>(c) How is the review being undertaken?</p>	HD	23/07/07

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			Heritage Protection Act	(d) Who is being consulted on the review (e) When will the review be finalised (f) Will the review report be publicly available		
68	68 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Greenhouse Challenge/GES Program	Mr Morvell—For the power generation sector in particular there is a slightly modified program which has run for many years under the banner of the Generator Efficiency Standards measure.....That is an ongoing program that will take some years to implement. All of the companies are working through the issue of their action plans. I am not sure that I have got the precise numbers but I can get those for you. Senator McLUCAS—The precise numbers of? Mr Morvell—The companies who have completed their action plans and moved to the next stage of implementing those plans. Senator McLUCAS—It would be good if you could provide that.	ICED	23/07/07
69	69 (22/95/07)	McLucas	Greenhouse/ Online reporting System	Senator McLUCAS—How many agreements have been verified? Mr Morvell—I am not sure I have that information. I would have to take that on notice to get you a number. Senator McLUCAS—Is the total number 750-odd? Mr Morvell—That is the number of members we have. So that represents the commitment from various companies to participate. They are of course all at various stages of developing their plans. To go down into the detail of who is at what stage, I would have to take that on notice. Senator McLUCAS—Could you provide us with the number who have had their action plans agreed? . Senator McLUCAS—I am just wondering what proportion of the projected reductions that 85 represents. Mr Morvell—I would have to take that on notice. Senator McLUCAS—What proportion, therefore, do you predict will not have an independent verification? Mr Morvell—I do not know the answer to that. I would have to check.	ICED	19/07/07
70	70-71 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Renewal of Greenhouse Challenge membership	Mr Morvell—Since January 2006 we have had 86 members withdraw, and during the same period we had 79 new members. Senator McLUCAS—So that is 2006 to present? Mr Morvell—Yes. Senator McLUCAS—Is that a trend that is reflected, say, in 2005? ... Senator McLUCAS—If that is not the trend, could you come back to us? Otherwise it can stand.	ICED	23/07/07
71	72 (22/05/07)	McLucas	GES Technical Assessment Committee	Senator McLUCAS—You said that the GES has a technical assessment committee. Who is on that committee? Mr Morvell—I would have to take that on notice to give you the specifics but there are a number of experts from the power generation sector—so there are representatives from a couple of the power generation companies— Senator McLUCAS—Could you provide those names?	ICED	20/07/07

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				Mr Morvell—I can provide you with the details of who is on that committee		
72	75/76 (22/05/07)	Allison	Electricity Use/ Appliances	Senator ALLISON—I am not sure that I need to see the technical reports, but can a list in each of those areas of the anticipated abatement be provided? Senator ALLISON—I would be quite happy with a split of the appliances, building efficiency, light globes and the voluntary measures, but I am sure it would be interesting to know which of the appliances was providing the greatest— Mr Carruthers—We can certainly give it to you at the greatest level of disaggregation which we produce. But we will give you the level of detail which I am pretty confident will reflect the story you are describing.	ICED	18/07/07
73	76 (22/05/07)	Allison	Abatement/ Appliances	Senator ALLISON—Do you have an estimate of the abatement possible from changing that standard so there are not only fewer of those little lights going on all the time but that there is no downside to turning it off at night or when you are not using it? Mr Morvell—I do not have the figure but I understand that the potential saving is around 90 per cent of the power use. I would have to take it on notice	ICED	18/07/07
74	77 (22/05/07)	Allison	Consultancies	Senator ALLISON—I have a question about consultancies. You talked about modelling being done by an outside organisation. Is it possible to get a list from the department of the consultancies in energy efficiency, who is doing them and what they are for? Mr Morvell—We can certainly provide you with a list of the consultancies we have undertaken over the last year. Is that the sort of time frame? Senator ALLISON—Are there any consultancies looking at the prioritising, if you like, or somehow documenting the opportunities for abatement in efficiency? Mr Morvell—Not that I am aware of, that have been undertaken in the last year..... but I will review all of that and provide you with a list of the consultancies and any reports that have come out of that.	ICED	06/08/07 + 1 attach't
75	77 (22/05/07)	Allison	Street lighting	Senator ALLISON—Could you also report on the opportunity for street lighting..... Has there been any work done by the department on that and why does that not appear as one of the top priorities? Mr Morvell—We have done some recent work on that. There is some information already available on our website on this but I will have a look at precisely what we have done in terms of any further analysis.	ICED	17/07/07
76	77 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Greenhouse Consultancies	Senator McLUCAS—I was just going to tack on the back of your question on consultancies to ask if I could get a list of all the reports that the department has commissioned on impacts of climate change, not necessarily on energy efficiency, but more broadly, including any work that has been done on biodiversity or tourism or on agriculture or water supplies. And can you extend your time back 18 months? Senator IAN MACDONALD—If my memory serves me correctly, I am sure you asked for this last time. Senator McLUCAS—If that is the case then we will have it between February and now.	ICED	18/07/07
77	77 (22/05/06)	McLucas	Reports on impacts	Senator McLUCAS - The one question I did want to know today was: are there any reports that have been completed and are not yet released?	ILAD	18/07/07

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			of Climate Change	Mr Morvell—On the subject of? Senator McLUCAS—Climate change. Mr Morvell—Impacts? Senator McLUCAS—Impacts. Mr Carruthers—I cannot think of any. Sometimes there is a short delay between completion in the department and a suitable moment for a release event if it is a public release. But as far as I am aware, I think all completed reports have been published. I would really need to take that on notice and just double-check that there is not something that has escaped my eye.		
78	83 (22/05/07)	McLucas	Asia-Pacific Partnerships	(a) Senator McLUCAS—Can you advise the committee how many departmental staff are working on the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate? Mr Bamsey—I think we would have to take that on notice... (b) Senator McLUCAS—Broadly, we do not have a unit in the department anywhere that is charged with running our involvement in that program? Mr Bamsey—Mr Carruthers and I are just discussing it and thinking that probably half a dozen FTEs would be an approximate number, but we will check and, if it is significantly different from that when we have thought a bit about it, we will let you know.	ICED	17/07/07
79	84 (22/05/07)	Macdonald	MRET process for funding	Senator IAN MACDONALD—Could I just put one question on notice? Could someone give me a list of contributions that have been made to hydro projects under the MRET process for funding? I am told there have been a number of MRET projects that have supported hydro. Could I have a list of those? Is it accurate that there have been some? Senator Abetz—There are some that have driven extra efficiencies, I understand. Do we have such a list? Mr Morvell—We do not have it here, but we can provide that.	ICED	18/07/07
80	(Written Questions on Notice)	Wong	Climate Change	(a) Was the Department involved in developing the Government's nuclear energy strategy, which was announced by the Prime Minister on 28 April 2007? (b) Are there any funds in this year's Departmental Budget or in the forward estimates for the implementation of the nuclear energy strategy? If not, why not? (c) Has an Interdepartmental Committee been established to implement the nuclear energy strategy? If yes, is the Department on the IDC? Who else is on the IDC? (d) Has the Department been asked to provide any advice to the Minister on nuclear power? (e) Has the Department commissioned any research into the contribution of nuclear power to addressing climate change? If not, why not? If yes, provide details. (f) Has the Minister requested, or has the Department provided, any advice on the environmental impact of nuclear power? (g) What work on climate change impacts has the Department commissioned in the last 18 months? (h) Has the Department commissioned any work on the impact of climate change on biodiversity? On tourism? On agriculture? On water supplies? (i) If yes, to each and/or any of those areas, when was the work commissioned? When are they due to be released? What is the current status of these reports?	ICED	31/07/07

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				(j) What consultants were employed to produce these reports? (k) Are any reports completed and waiting final approval for release? If so, which reports? When were given to the Minister? (l) Has any work been undertaken on risks from climate change to the water supply catchments supplying towns and cities? If not, why not? (m) Has the Department done any analysis on the economic impact of climate change on Australia? Either internally or through external consultants? (n) Is the Department aware of any such analysis being done by other Commonwealth agencies? (o) Has the Department provided any briefings to the Minister or conducted any research on the possible economic impact of climate change on Australia? (p) Is the Department aware of any such analysis being done by other Commonwealth agencies? (q) Has the Department provided any briefings to the Minister on the possible economic cost on Australia if nothing is done to combat climate change? (r) Did the Department propose the establishment of an Emissions Trading Task Group, as was announced by the Prime Minister on 10 December 2006? (s) Was the Department consulted in relation to the decision to establish an Emissions Trading Task Group? If not, where did the decision come from? (t) Was the Department consulted in relation to the membership of the Emissions Trading task Group? If not, who determined the membership of the Task Group? (u) Was the Department asked to provide any information on the possible membership of the Task Group? (v) Was the Department consulted on the terms of reference for the Emissions Trading Task Group? (w) Has the Task Group or the Department commissioned any modelling into the economic impact of a national emissions trading scheme? Can the modelling be provided? (x) In relation to the proposed climate change public education campaign, what role did the Australian Greenhouse Office play in undertaking market research? (y) What role did the Australian Greenhouse Office play in the preparation and production of the climate change public education campaign? (z) How many Departmental staff hours have been allocated to the preparation and production of the climate change public education campaign? (aa) Was there a public tender process for the selection of consultants to undertake the climate change public education campaign? (bb) How much greenhouse gas has the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme abated by January 2007? (cc) How much money has the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme committed by January 2007? (dd) How much money has the Greenhouse Gas Abatement Programme spent by January 2007?		
81	90 (22/05/07)	Siewert	Avon Catchment	Senator SIEWERT—Do you know who the consultant is undertaking that feasibility study? Ms Pearce—Not off the top of my head. I will have to take that on notice.	NRMPD	30/07/07
82	91	Siewert	Avon	Senator SIEWERT—And is there a requirement that it be independently reviewed?	NRMPD	30/07/07

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	(22/05/07)		Catchment	Ms Pearce—I cannot answer that one either. I cannot remember. I can get DAFF to answer that one tomorrow, if you like— Senator SIEWERT—Yes. Ms Pearce—if you are going to be at that— Senator SIEWERT—I will be there. Ms Pearce—Yes. So we will do that overnight and we will give you the answer tomorrow.		
83	91 (22/05/07)	Siewert	Yarra Yarra	Senator SIEWERT—It is unclear from your answer whether Yarra Yarra Stage II has been approved. Ms Pearce—I do not know the answer to that. Again, we can bring you that answer tomorrow in the other portfolios.	NRMPD	30/07/07
84	91 (22/05/07)	Siewert	Whaling	Senator SIEWERT—....At last estimates we were asking about whales and we were asking about the plan for next year, for this coming summer... Mr Oxley— ... I am unaware as to whether the scientific committee has yet considered Japan's proposal for next financial year, but I can take that on notice. Senator SIEWERT—If you can take that on notice, that would be appreciated. So that there is no misunderstanding, when you see if they can consider it, could you supply details of the plan, if it is available, please? Mr Oxley—I undertake to do that, yes.	MBD	18/07/07
85	112 (22/05/07)	Fielding	Extension on Ballarat	Senator FIELDING—Minister, do you have any feeling of when a decision will be made on the extension on Ballarat? Senator Abetz—No, I have not. But if you want an answer from the minister, I am happy to take that question on notice.	NWC	30/07/07
86	124 (22/05/07)	Siewert	Irrigation/ Free Trade Agreement	Senator SIEWERT—Has it been assessed against the provisions of the United States FTA or any other trade agreements? Has anyone who looks at trade arrangements for agriculture checked this subsidy? Senator SIEWERT—I would appreciate it if you would take that question on notice.	WRD	23/07/07
87	120 (22/05/07)	Stephens	SMEC Australia report - Dams	Senator STEPHENS—When was that desktop study commissioned? Mr Costello—I do not have the exact date but I would say it would have been November or December. I will confirm. Senator STEPHENS—If you could confirm that for us, that would be good. And the cost involved? Mr Costello—I think that was in the order of \$155,000, but I will also check the details. Senator STEPHENS—If you could, also confirm that, thank you. So what happens now? Is there additional work for SMEC in relation to the proposed dams?	NWC	18/07/07
88	127 (22/05/07)	Birmingham	Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water Scheme	Senator BIRMINGHAM—Do you have any estimation of how much water would be recycled under that project? Mr Costello—I would have to take that question on notice..	NWC	18/07/07
89	127	Birmingham	Waterproofi	Senator BIRMINGHAM—I understand that the project known as Waterproofing the South was	NWC	18/07/07

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	(22/05/07)		ng the South	presented to the commission in October 2006, is that right? Could you provide us with an update on that one? ... Senator BIRMINGHAM—Again, do you have any estimation about the amount of water that would be saved or recycled through that project? Mr Costello—I will take that question on notice as well and get back to you. I think it would be a number of ggalitres.		
90	Written Questions on Notice	Wong	NHT	(a) How much investment was approved for funding streams of the National Action Plan and Trust in 2006-07? (b) How much was expended under the National Action Plan and Trust in 2006-07? (c) How many projects involving Indigenous people were approved for investment in 2006-07 under (a) National Action Plan (b) Trust? Please provide a list of all Indigenous projects that were funded under the NAP and Trust, where those projects are located and how much money they will receive. (d) How much expenditure from the (a) NAP and (b) Trust were on projects involving Indigenous people in 2006-07? Please provide a list of all Indigenous projects that were funded under the NAP and Trust, where those projects are located and how much money they received.	NRMPD	30/07/07