

**SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 23-24 FEBRUARY 2011**  
**INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH PORTFOLIO**

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AI-1	<b>CSIRO</b>	Colbeck	Ngara wireless technology	<b>Senator COLBECK</b> —Is there a defined spectrum that you are looking at? <b>Dr Zelinsky</b> —Yes. To provide the exact frequency range, I would need to take that on notice, but, broadly, it is the analog TV spectrum that has been decommissioned.	E9 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-2	<b>CSIRO</b>	Colbeck	Ngara briefings for NBN Co, DBCDE and Senator Conroy	<b>Senator COLBECK</b> —Could you provide on notice the dates of those briefings that you have had with NBN and also the dates of briefings with the department. Do you know if Senator Conroy himself has had a briefing on this technology? <b>Dr Zelinsky</b> —I would have to take that on notice.	E9 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-3	<b>CSIRO</b>	Milne	Eradication of the Asian honey bee incursion	<b>Senator MILNE</b> —I would actually prefer to hear it from CSIRO in this committee rather than just rely on news reports. You just told us a moment ago that you work in collaboration with state governments and with the federal government, and you advise and work closely with the department of the environment. How is it that, on a decision like this, you were not consulted or did not seek to advise, considering how serious this could be for Australia's biodiversity? <b>Dr Johnson</b> —Just to be clear, this is not a matter for the department of environment. I think it is a matter for the department of agriculture. As I said, to the best of my knowledge we did provide advice in 2007 around the identification of this particular organism and any pathogens associated with it. We have provided advice that the bee would be expected to spread widely in Australia. This is based on the work that we have undertaken in the Pacific area, in both the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. We have been very clear on the public record saying that the impact would also have a significant environmental consequence. We have also been on the public record to state that the current view that is out there that the bee would not spread south of Brisbane is not accurate, based on our understanding of the biology and ecology of this bee. We have provided that advice. <b>Senator MILNE</b> —You have provided that advice to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry— <b>Dr Johnson</b> —To the best of my knowledge, that is true, yes. <b>Senator MILNE</b> —that it would spread; that it is serious for biodiversity. What is the technical advice about whether or not it is eradicable?	E10 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<b>Dr Johnson</b> —I am not in a position to comment as this is outside my area of expertise. I would have to take that on notice.			
AI-4	<b>CSIRO</b>	Milne	Biodiversity impacts of the Asian honey bee incursion	<b>Senator MILNE</b> — .....When you say it is serious for Australia’s biodiversity since it can spread all over the country and has spread into highland areas in New Guinea—therefore temperate areas in Australia are vulnerable—what are we talking about in terms of biodiversity impacts, displacement of native bees, nectar feeding animals, insects et cetera? <b>Dr Johnson</b> —Right now I could only answer that in general terms. I would be happy to provide a more detailed answer to you on notice. You are correct; the impact would be significant from a competitive point of view with other pollinators in the environment. It would have an impact on nesting sites for native birds and animals. Also, the bee as a vector for the varroa mite would also have likely consequences to the honey bee industry and queen bee producers. I would be happy to provide a more detailed answer to you.	E11 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-5	<b>ANSTO</b>	Bushby	Telephone survey on nuclear science and nuclear power	<b>Senator BUSHBY</b> —Did ANSTO conduct or commission, or was it otherwise involved in, a telephone survey on nuclear science and nuclear power in the months leading up the federal election? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —A survey was conducted during the latter part of July and the early part of August. <b>Senator BUSHBY</b> —On those issues? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —Yes. <b>Senator BUSHBY</b> —Have you released those results publicly? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —We have not released the results publicly. <b>Senator BUSHBY</b> —Are you going to release those results publicly? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —I am not sure of the exact process we have in place. I will take it on notice.	E19 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-6	<b>ANSTO</b>	Bushby	Telephone survey on nuclear science and nuclear power	<b>Senator BUSHBY</b> —The survey that was conducted in July-August—particularly as it relates to nuclear power—are you able to indicate what those results showed about the public’s opinion on that? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —As I indicated, I do not have the details to hand, and we will take the question on notice.	E20 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-7	<b>ANSTO</b>	Bushby	Llewellyn Rees remuneration	<b>Senator BUSHBY</b> —Is the Victorian government’s lobbyist register correct when it nominates a Llewellyn Rees as lobbying for ANSTO? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —It is correct.	E20 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p><b>Senator BUSHBY</b>—Is this the same Llewellyn Rees who was a Labor candidate in the Victorian election and who is reportedly a close friend of the minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—I am not certain that ANSTO would know who my close friends are.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY</b>—It will be a matter of public record whether he was a Labor candidate in the Victorian election.</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson</b>—I did not know that he was a Labor candidate, but he certainly has worked with us in Victoria.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY</b>—Minister, did you facilitate his engagement in any way at all?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—No.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY</b>—You have had no involvement whatsoever?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—No.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY</b>—What does he do and how long has he worked for ANSTO?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson</b>—He has been working with ANSTO in a role and position within Victoria. As you know, in our corporate strategy, we have indicated that we should not just be a New South Wales based organisation. We have been trying to get an insight into an enhanced role in the Victorian setting. He has helped us with a number of events and presentations, specifically, for example, he assisted us with the Australian Collaboration for Accelerator Science and the launch of that initiative with the University of Melbourne. That would be an example.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY</b>—How much has he been paid in that time?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson</b>—I will take that on notice.</p>			
AI-8	ANSTO	Ludlam	Generation IV International Forum	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Minister, can I put that one to you, if I can just grab your attention for a moment? Could you update us on the status of Australia's participation, formal or informal, in the GIF?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—I am just checking my facts on this matter. This question has been before government and still remains before government.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—So no decision yes or no?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—No decision has been taken on the matter.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—We have not withdrawn our request to participate?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—That is my recollection. I would like to ensure that there is no agency that has advised you of that, but it is not a position I believe I have advised ANSTO of on behalf of the government.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM</b>—Can I ask you to put something in writing to the committee at some stage?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—We will take the question on notice; what the position is, if that would be suitable for you?</p>	E21 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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AI-9	ANSTO	Ludlam	Generation IV International Forum	<b>Senator LUDLAM</b> —Is it possible to tell us how much of your budget is spent on generation IV research? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —We can take that on notice and provide you with information.	E21 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-10	ANSTO	Cameron	Behavioural suspension	<b>Senator CAMERON</b> —I will put this question on notice. Can you tell me the genesis of behavioural suspension? When did ANSTO start using behavioural suspensions? What is the definition of behavioural suspension? Is it part of your agreement with the trade unions on the job or is it a managerial prerogative issue? What lessons have you learned from the application of behavioural suspensions? <b>Dr Paterson</b> —We will take that on notice.	E23 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-11	1.3 ARC	Mason	Ranking of law journals	<b>Senator MASON</b> —Just to make it clear, you are saying that the ranking of law journals is a product of the Council of Australian Law Deans? <b>Prof Sheil</b> —They advised us. <b>Senator MASON</b> —Did you adopt their recommendations in toto? <b>Prof Sheil</b> —I would have to look at each individual journal to tell you if that was the case. We did have another process because we had additional input into the exercise from 700 peer reviewers who looked at the lists. There was additional information provided, as well as that from peak bodies. Ms Harvey can tell you about the tender process for how we are going to engage the peak bodies in the next exercise. <b>Senator MASON</b> —No, that is fine; if you tell me you are engaging, that is fine.	E27 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-12	Enabling Services: e- Business (ICT Operations)	Bernardi	Use of social media	<b>Senator BERNARDI</b> —Can I just go back to the question that I put to Ms Kelly? When a blog is updated—for example, the one to which Ms Kelly referred and the one to which you just referred—does the Twitter feed go out automatically, or does someone have to manually access the Twitter account and then send it off? <b>Mr Pennifold</b> —I am not aware if it does go out automatically from a blog. <b>Senator BERNARDI</b> —Perhaps you could take that on notice? <b>Mr Pennifold</b> —We could take that on notice.	E34 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-13	Enabling Services: e- Business (ICT Operations)	Bernardi	Use of social media	<b>Senator BERNARDI</b> —Similarly, you might be able to take on notice—you may be able to provide it now but I doubt it—which Facebook pages, MySpace pages and Twitter accounts have been approved as having an agreed business case for access by your employees and which employees have access to them..... <b>Senator BERNARDI</b> —I am not sure you are getting my question, so I will try and be even more direct. When a business case is made, tell me that the business case does not simply allow an individual to communicate via their personal Twitter	E35 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>account with their friends or people who follow them? There must be a Twitter account which is required or which assembles a group of people in a particular demographic that is related to the department's business that they can then access. If it is not, it just makes a mockery of the business case.</p> <p><b>Mr Pennifold</b>—Perhaps if I can explain it this way: I gave the example of business.gov.au, which is a particular website that contains information. In that case, there is a Twitter account that business.gov.au has, and they send that information out to a number of people who sign up to that Twitter service. So they will sign on to that website.</p> <p><b>Senator BERNARDI</b>—Mr Pennifold, fantastic, that is terrific. I want a list of the business cases of the Twitter accounts, the Facebook pages and the MySpace pages that are actually there to designate the communications needs of the department. Because that is what you have told me, that business.gov.au have their own Twitter account; they may have a Facebook account and a MySpace account. Every business case would have had to have been made in the same manner, would it not?</p> <p><b>Mr Pennifold</b>—I will take that detail on notice. I do not have the information on all of those individual business cases that have come forward.</p>			
AI-14	<b>Enabling Services: e-Business (ICT Operations)</b>	Bernardi	Use of social media	<p><b>Senator BERNARDI</b>—I understand that and that is why I was interested in whether you can distinguish between the official usage that is authorised through the business case for <i>Facebook</i>, <i>MySpace</i> and <i>Twitter</i> versus other access that is not from a business case scenario?</p> <p><b>Mr Pennifold</b>—We can take that on notice and provide the information.</p>	E36 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-15	<b>1.2 Research</b>	Mason	Research funding programs	<p><b>Senator MASON</b>—I understand. Regarding that \$1.16 return in monetary terms, how does it compare to other Australian government research funding programs? Do you want to take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly</b>—I just want you to clarify the question. Are you just talking about the impact?</p> <p><b>Senator MASON</b>—I was told last time \$1.16 was the return in monetary terms. That is the evidence from last estimates. How does that compare with other government programs?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—Senator Mason, let me make it clear: not all programs have this cooperative nature in terms of a dollar for dollar type return.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON</b>—I understand that.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—In the research area there are different levels; the Linkage Projects scheme in the ARC, for instance, would be one that could be measured but most of them are infrastructure grant programs and do not require a private contribution as</p>	E38 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>such. Some do, some do not. So it is not an easy question to respond to in the sense that the CRC program is specially designed on industry collaboration.</p> <p><b>Ms Morahan</b>—Senator, can I add something further? I would be very reluctant to try and compare that result to any other study that might have looked at the monetary benefits of other research programs, because you could not guarantee that the same methodology had been used, and the same level of assumptions had been used. To my knowledge, there is no study that has looked at everything on the same basis, and nor would it probably be appropriate to do so. It is extremely hard—</p> <p><b>Senator MASON</b>—It is fine to say that, but in the end, the parliament wants expenditure to be accountable, whether it is international comparisons, or national comparisons. Unless the parliament can be assured that the money is being well spent, then the parliament becomes suspicious. Do you understand that?</p> <p><b>Ms Morahan</b>—I understand.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—That is a very reasonable point, and I do not think there is any issue about the money in the research program being well spent. There are evaluations of a multitude in nature. There are, however, different funding arrangements for each of the block grant type payments. There is no point taking a question on notice which we know we cannot answer. We can obviously look at what we can provide for you, in terms of what is known about private sector or commercial contribution.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON</b>—That would be useful.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—The \$1.00 for \$1.16 arrangement goes to industry contributions, broadly defined.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON</b>—I understand that.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—The question is open to a whole lot of methodological assumptions. We can find out what information is available, and I do not believe it would be very much.</p>			
AI-16	2.3: Office of the Chief Scientist	Colbeck	PMSEIC	<p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—Of all the PMSEIC meetings held since the government was elected in 2007, how many has the Prime Minister attended in full?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—I would have to take that on notice, but on my recollection it is just about all of them. The last one was on the morning when the Prime Minister was in North Queensland dealing with the consequences of the cyclone.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—I am asking about since 2007. That was a specific event, and this is a legitimate question.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—I would have to check the record, but my recollection is that the Prime Minister was in attendance at all PMSEIC meetings. I would be very surprised—I just want to check the record, but there were occasions—</p>	E44 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—I am happy with that as an answer. It is nothing more than that question; if that is the answer, that you are going to give it to us on notice, then I am very happy with that as an answer. Are you also able to provide us with a record of attendance of the other ministers who are members of the council? I am happy for that to be taken on notice as well.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—Yes, on notice.</p>			
AI-17	Enabling Services: Corporate (Finance)	Colbeck	Funding cuts	<p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—Minister, you are now quite famously quoted as saying, ‘I would not say anyone’s job is safe.’ Could you give us a sense of the implications of the funding cuts across the department for departmental staffing?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—I will ask the acting secretary, who is dealing with that matter, as to the implications of the reductions that have been announced.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—We have started to look at that in the department. A number of other factors are coming together for us to look at. We are not in a position to say what the impact will be in full, but we are looking at it. I say that because obviously some programs have been closed—the Green Car Innovation Fund, for instance—and there will be some natural attrition, of course, and we have to work out how that will fit in with our current profile.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—It is a significant reduction in throughput and programs, obviously, so that would be expected to have a fairly major impact.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—As I said, we are looking at it. I am not in a position to advise the minister on that at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—So you do not know when you might have that information sorted out?</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—We have a budget process coming up, so we probably want to look at it in the light of that as well.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—But these cuts have been announced and made, and you would quite rightly—as you are—be looking at who is needed to do what in the department. The budget is four months away.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—That is right, but the budget may or may not bring other measures and we need to factor that into whether we move people around and how that all fits in.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—How far down the track will it be before you have this worked out?</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—I cannot commit to that at the moment. It is certainly something we have started work on.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—I will ask you to take that on notice and see whether you can come back within the time frame for taking questions on notice and give us some response as to what you think the impacts might be. Obviously we will have</p>	E44 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>another discussion in May after the budget to pursue that further, but I would have thought.....</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—I was not necessarily expressing a concern that numbers would be cut; I was asking whether, with the significant cut in programs of over \$1 billion, there would be any reduction in the number of staff required to carry them out. I would have thought that was appropriate.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON</b>—You do not need to explain it to me.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—The inference you made about my question was that I was worried about reduction in numbers in the department. I was more concerned about responsible management of taxpayers' funds and employing the appropriate number of people to conduct the business of government with the funding that was available. So I think we are at odds with our intentions there, Senator Cameron. I think it just goes to demonstrate that government cannot tell us what their reductions in staffing might be with \$1 billion worth of cuts, and you are looking to maintain big government.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—What you have been told is that the department will provide you with advice as it is available. The Cleaner Car Rebate did not have any staffing implications as far as I am aware. The LPG changes will have minimal implications for this portfolio in terms of processing of additional claims. And with regard to the Green Car Innovation Fund we have to see, because a number of contracts are still to be managed and \$130 million or so of the fund is still to be administered. The combination of those two measures will have differing effects on the staffing profile.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—You could have told me that in the first place. That is a much better answer than the one I got originally.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—I have just answered now.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—We have been on this for five or 10 minutes. You could have given me that answer at the outset. I am quite happy to accept that in some elements you are still working it out, particularly the Green Car Innovation Fund. But the other elements you have given me now, on which there are no implications for the department—that is fine—</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—So you do not want anything on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—Absolutely_I would like to have on notice that information as it is finalised. It would have been very easy to give me some of the information you have just given me now at the outset of the process.....</p>			
AI-18	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate (HR</b>	Cameron	Staffing rates	<b>Senator CAMERON</b> —Ms Kelly, talking about cutbacks in the department, the coalition policy was not to replace anyone who left a department across the Public Service. Did you do any analysis of the implications it would have if a policy like	E45 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011



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	and Facilities)			<p>that were implemented?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly</b>—I am not aware that we have done any analysis on that basis.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON</b>—What is the turnover in your department per annum?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly</b>—The percentage for the first half of the year to 31 December was 3.6 per cent turnover, which is projecting to a 7.2 per cent annual turnover.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON</b>—Can somebody do the calculation for me: what is 7.2 per cent in terms of headcount for the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Byron</b>—I do not have the exact number with me, but it would be between 225 and 250 per year.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON</b>—So, if the coalition policy had been implemented, there would be 250 fewer people in the department?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—Every year.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON</b>—Every year.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—That does not include the agencies. We would need to do a separate calculation on the turnover in the agencies.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON</b>—Could you take it on notice to get us that number? I find it quite hypocritical that we are getting questions about cutbacks in the department when there was a policy out there that would have been a significant impediment to the department carrying out its duties.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—We are happy to take that on notice. Also, a proposition has been advanced for a further reduction in the automotive program of \$500 million out of the ATS, which would equally have significant consequences.</p>			
AI-19	<b>1.1/1.2: AusIndustry</b>	Colbeck	Administration & advertising costs for GCIF, Cleaner Car Rebate & LPG Vehicle Scheme	<p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—How much money has been spent so far on administration and advertising for the Green Car Innovation Fund, cash for clunkers and the LPG Vehicle Scheme?</p> <p><b>Ms Butler</b>—We will deal with those in sections. I am not sure whether I have the information available for the LPG Vehicle Scheme, so I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—Senator, with the LPG scheme you will recall that some of that program is delivered in other agencies with us. So we would probably have to chase up.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—Okay. I am happy to get that on notice if that is the case.</p>	E52 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-20	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Details of automotive travel	<p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—And the United States! Can you tell us when those trips will be made and the number of people in the delegations.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—Steve Bracks, who is one of our automotive ambassadors or envoys, is taking a delegation of component manufacturers. It is a regular trip and</p>	E54 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>it has been scheduled for some time. It is due to occur in early April. I will leave the officers to give detail on the companies that are involved, but a series of companies are going to a number of locations in the United States. As I said, it is part of a regular pattern of visits that occur in North America, Asia and the Middle East by our auto envoys as part of the New Car Plan for a Greener Future. I will be attending and speaking with the international automotive industry in Shanghai, Nagoya and Detroit on my regular trips as part of my normal duties throughout the next few months.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—Can you give us on notice the details that I have just asked for and the specifics?</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—Why don't we give ministerial travel arrangements in advance for other reasons? I indicate to you that I have a trip organised in relation to the—</p>			
AI-21	<b>DIISR Corporate (HR and Facilities) with input Manufacturing and AusIndustry</b>	Colbeck	Cleaner Car Rebate – staffing numbers	<p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—Have you kept any records of how many ASLs in the department would have worked on the 'cash for clunkers' scheme? I have forgotten the name of it.</p> <p><b>Senator Carr</b>—The Cleaner Car Rebate.</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—It might take a while, Minister.</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—Can you repeat the question, Senator?</p> <p><b>Senator COLBECK</b>—How many staff in the department would have been working on that scheme?</p> <p><b>Ms Weston</b>—We probably will take that on notice. I said there were some people who were working on how the scheme might look, but how much of their time was involved in that as well as other duties—we will have to do a little calculation for you, Senator.</p>	E55 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-22	<b>1.2: Manufacturing</b>	Pratt	Steel Supplier Advocates	<p><b>Senator PRATT</b>—I know that it is not an issue for this department, but I do note that there is some \$300 million in federal government infrastructure funding forecast for this project. Thank you for outlining that to me. I was not sure whether the steel and rail car advocates have specific views about this also, but—</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson</b>—The rail advocate's work thus far has been on rail rolling stock rather than on rail infrastructure-type activities. It has not engaged so far in that project. Also, we do not have a freight rolling stock production in Australia anymore, so it is mostly passenger rolling stock. In terms of the steel, I would have to check on whether there was some specific work on that particular project. The steel advocate certainly did quite a bit of work in Western Australia.</p>	E58 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-23	<b>1.1:</b>	Colbeck	Building Codes	<b>Senator COLBECK</b> —Do you have any specific figures on the impacts on	E59	8/04/2011	

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	<b>Manufacturing</b>			residential buildings costs? <b>Dr Green</b> —I do not have those in front of me here. <b>Senator COLBECK</b> —I was not going to pressure you to give all that stuff to me now but I am looking to get a sense of what your numbers might be for the progressions that are being considered in that process. Do you have any costings or figures that you have done to give a sense, particularly in residential construction, of the costs of the increments in those star ratings?	(23/02/2011)		
AI-24	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	<b>Senator RYAN</b> —Have the organised labour groups—unions, state trades hall councils and the ACTU—raised any issues relating to the bill currently in the House of Representatives to change paid parental leave? <b>Senator Sherry</b> —As I have said, to the best of my recollection those organisations have not. I will double check, but that is to the best of my recollection. Certainly small business organisations have—there is no doubt about that. <b>Senator RYAN</b> —Otherwise you will take it on notice and inform us? <b>Senator Sherry</b> —Yes.	E65 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-25	<b>Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Ryan	Recording of meetings	<b>Senator RYAN</b> —When you have had these meetings that you have referred to with unions and other stakeholders, are any minutes of these meetings compiled by your staff or by departmental officials? Is there a record of these meetings for official purposes other than a diary entry? <b>Senator Sherry</b> —I will check. In terms of my period in small business, I do not believe there are minutes or records other than by the department. <b>Senator RYAN</b> —Or your office? <b>Senator Sherry</b> —On occasions my staff would take notes of any meeting, obviously for follow-up purposes,. It would vary from meeting to meeting. <b>Senator RYAN</b> —I appreciate that. That is entirely reasonable. So you will take on notice whether, since you have been minister—I accept that—there are any officials from the department taking minutes or somehow otherwise recording the content of a meeting that is more than a diary entry? <b>Senator Sherry</b> —There is one that I can recall and that is the small business forum that I conducted in Hobart a couple of weeks ago. There were departmental officials there and there were notes taken of the issues raised there.	E66 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-26	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Cameron	Sham contracting	<b>Senator CAMERON</b> —But you are the department that looks after small business. There is money being lost to government revenue. There are schoolchildren being exploited. Can you take on notice to respond as to exactly what you have done in relation to looking at this matter within the department over the last three years?	E67 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<b>Mr Schwager</b> —I will take that on notice and give you an answer.			
AI-27	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Cameron	Sham contracting	<b>Senator CAMERON</b> —Sorry, I am running out of time; the chair is going to finish me up. Can you, then, do a stocktake of the issues that you say you are looking at in relation to sham contracting and provide me details of exactly what you are doing to diminish sham contracting, to ensure that there is no sham contracting in the small business area—a stocktake of everything you have done over, say, the last two years on that issue? <b>Mr Schwager</b> —We will take that on notice and come back to you.	E68 (23/02/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-28	<b>1.1: Manufacturing with input from Enterprise Connect</b>	Pratt	Oakajee Port and Rail project	Has the Oakajee Port and Rail Pty Ltd (OPR) submitted an AIP Plan for approval under the EPBS scheme?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-29	<b>1.1: Manufacturing with input from Enterprise Connect</b>	Pratt	Oakajee Port and Rail project	Does the existence of the following clause in the State Development Agreement, agreed by Oakajee Port and Rail Pty Ltd and the State Government compromise eligibility to the EPBS scheme? <i>Clause 3.3 Chinese involvement</i> The infrastructure Provider agrees with the State to use reasonable endeavours to secure the involvement of private and state owned Chinese companies in the Project (Oakajee) in the following areas: The provision of rail cars; The provision of fabricated structural steel; The provision of engineering and construction services' and; The provision of debt financing; To meet the requirements of the project.	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-30	<b>1.1: Manufacturing with input from Enterprise Connect</b>	Pratt	Oakajee Port and Rail project	Have the Steel and Rail Supplier Advocates made an assessment of the opportunities for Australian companies for the provision of rail cars and fabricated structural steel for the Oakajee Port and Rail Project?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-31	<b>1.1: Manufacturing with input</b>	Pratt	Oakajee Port and Rail project	Do they consider that Australian companies have the opportunity to compete fairly with private and state owned Chinese companies for the supply of rail cars and fabricated structural steel for the Oakajee Project?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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	<b>from Enterprise Connect</b>						
AI-32	<b>1.1: AusIndustry</b>	Ryan	Small Business Support Line	<p>Can the Department provide a break down of the issues raised by industry sector?</p> <p>Can you provide details of the number of callers from each industry sector?</p> <p>How many calls has the SBSL received regarding the changes counting employees for the purposes of fair dismissal and the Fair Work Act?</p> <p>How many calls has the SBSL received regarding the changes to the administration of the Paid Parental Leave Scheme that take effect 1 July 2011?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-33	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Ryan	30-day payment policy for Small Business	<p>Has Minister Sherry spoken with the Minister for Climate Change about the Department of Climate Change's very poor performance on the small business performance report 2009-10?</p> <p>What actions have been taken to ratify this?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-34	<b>1.1: AusIndustry with input from I&amp;SBP</b>	Ryan	Business Enterprise Centres	<p>Can the Department please provide a full list of all consultants engaged by BECs that have been reported to AusIndustry?</p> <p>Can the Department provide the number of small businesses assisted by each BEC as reported in each progress report?</p> <p>Given that you record the number of small businesses BECs provide assistance to by industry sector can you provide these figures?</p> <p>Are reports of "Customer Success Stories" provided to the Minister or his office?</p> <p>The Progress Report asks under section e. 'Project deliverables comment', to provide information about the proportion of businesses that have benefited by accessing the Centre's services and the proportion of businesses that have expanded their business, staff, revenue, viability and efficiency. Can the department provide information on each of these factors?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-35	<b>1.1: AusIndustry</b>	Ryan	Small Business Online –	Given that the Department records this information by Business Enterprise Centre, can the Department provide details of the cumulative number of small businesses	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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			progress reports	<p>that have been assisted to date by employee size, eg. 0-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20 by Business Enterprise Centre?</p> <p>Given that the Department records this information by Business Enterprise Centre, can the Department provide details of the cumulative number of small businesses that have been assisted to date by industry sector by Business Enterprise Centre?</p> <p>Given that the Department records this information by Business Enterprise Centre, can the Department provide details of the cumulative number of small businesses that have been assisted to date by web presence, ie. Those that had web presence prior to participating in the project, and those that did not by Business Enterprise Centre?</p>			
AI-36	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Ryan	Demographics of Small Business owners	<p>Does DIISR collect data on the demographics of small business owners? For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What proportion of small business owners are Australian born?</li> <li>• What proportion are from an English speaking background?</li> <li>• What proportion of small business owners are not Australian born?</li> <li>• What proportion are from a non-English speaking background?</li> <li>• What proportion of small business owners are male/female?</li> </ul> <p>Can this information be provided to the Committee?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-37	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Ryan	Small Business Survey	<p>DIISR commissioned Colmar Brunton Social Research Pty Ltd to conduct a survey of small business from 25 May 2010 to 30 August 2010 for \$76,400 (CN 292491).</p> <p>What survey was this? What was it for? Why was it commissioned?</p> <p>Have the results been released yet?</p> <p>Can a copy of the report be provided to this committee?</p> <p>Have the results been provided to the Minister yet?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-38	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business</b>	Ryan	Small Business Ministerial Council	Has a RIS been prepared regarding the retail tenancy disclosure statement (national core model)?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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AI-39	<b>1.1: Innovation &amp; Small Business Projects</b>	Ryan	Small Business Advisory Committee	<p>What is the expected cost of operating the secretariat and the committee?</p> <p>How much are members of the Committee remunerated?</p> <p>What were the costs of travel/teleconferencing by the Committee members for the June meeting?</p> <p>Will minutes of the meeting be made available to the public? Can the Department provide copies of the meeting minutes?</p> <p>How does the Small Business Advisory Committee determine whether or not a piece of legislation is “likely to have a significant impact on small business”?</p> <p>What are the criteria for determining if legislation is likely to have a significant impact on business?</p> <p>How many pieces of legislation has the Small Business Advisory Committee provided regulatory impact statements for since its inception?</p> <p>Can the Department provide a list of the legislation for which the SBAC has provided an Regulatory Impact Statement?</p> <p>Has the Small Business Advisory Committee provided a RIS on the R&amp;D Tax Credit legislation?</p> <p>Has the Small Business Advisory Committee provided a RIS on the proposed increase in superannuation from 9% to 12%?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	
AI-40	<b>1.1/1.2: ARC</b>	Mason	University grant applications	<p>For the past two years’ funding rounds could the Minister provide a list of how many applications for grants have been:</p> <p>(a) approved, and</p> <p>(b) how many rejected for each of the applying universities.</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-41	<b>1.3: IP Australia</b>	Birmingham	Plain packaging of tobacco products – FOI inquiry	<p>In light of the government’s pursuit to introduce plain packaging of tobacco products IP Australia released a series of documents under FOI that show the staff inside IP Australia are concerned about plain packaging and its legality. Can you advise on what dates IP Australia has been consulted by the Department of Health on the legality of plain packaging prior to the government’s announcement in April</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>last year?</p> <p>The internal IP Australia documents also show that staff think DFAT negotiators on the World Trade Organisation's international intellectual property agreement, TRIPS, believe it was negotiated to stop policies like plain packaging, specifically Article 20 related to encumbering trademarks. Has IP Australia met with the DFAT to discuss the matter, if so when was that, and what was the resolution of that discussion?</p>			
AI-42	<b>CSIRO</b>	Birmingham	Home Insulation Safety Plan	<p>When did the CSIRO commence work for the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency in relation to its Home Insulation Safety Plan?</p> <p>How much work has been, and is still expected to be, undertaken in terms of hours and days? How many staff are involved?</p> <p>What fees are being charged?</p> <p>What timelines were involved in the initial contract? Please outline any variation between these and timelines now applying. What deliverables have been provided to date?</p> <p>Was the CSIRO asked to provide advice on whether the numbers of properties being inspected was adequate? Has the CSIRO provided advice on the appropriateness of the number of properties being inspected? Has the CSIRO advised that further expertise might be required?</p> <p>Is the CSIRO aware of the appointment of Booz &amp; Co. as consultants also to advise the Government in relation to the Home Insulation Safety Plan? Can the CSIRO comment on the suitability of such an arrangement, including with respect to relative skills and expertise?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-43	<b>1.1: AusIndustry</b>	Colbeck	Simplot Gas Project	<p>As at 9 November 2010 there was no agreement formed with Simplot for the delivery of \$3 Million, Retooling for Climate Change program funding, has an agreement been made since? If so, what is the nature if this agreement?</p> <p>Have conditions been placed on the funding? If so, what are these conditions?</p> <p>What targets or KPIs will or have been placed on the project?</p> <p>It was stated that funding would be delivered over two years, starting in 2010-11, has this funding been provided? If not, why not?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011



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AI-44	CSIRO	Colbeck	CSIRO land sale at Townsville	<p>Did CSIRO, in 2009 and/or early 2010, offer to give land adjoining the Townsville Hospital to the State Government?</p> <p>What was the reason for (and the nature of) that offer, and on what cost basis was the offer made?</p> <p>Is it true that the State Government initially didn't agree to that offer, but then decided in late 2010 to reverse its decision, and purchase it? And for what price was the land sold?</p>	Written Question		12/05/2011
AI-45	CSIRO	Colbeck	CSIRO land sale at Rockhampton/Townsville	What is the latest update on the disposal of CSIRO's Rockhampton site? And what has been the impact (especially the financial impact) of the delay of the sale on the move to the new research facility at James Cook University in Townsville?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-46	CSIRO	Colbeck	CSIRO Research Vessels	<p>How many applications were made for the contract for design and construction of the <i>RV Investigator</i>, the CSIRO's new research vessel. And, of these, how many were from Australian companies?</p> <p>What was the financial value of the contract for design and construction of the ship that was awarded to Teekay?</p> <p>When was the procurement process for assessing applications to design and construct the ship completed, and when was the contract signed?</p> <p>Was consideration of Teekay's Australian Industry Participation Plan completed as part of the assessment of the original application, or was that requested and/or assessed at a later stage?</p> <p>Was the impact on local investment and jobs of the outcome of the process a part of the criteria in awarding the contract?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-47	CSIRO	Colbeck	Climate Change conference in Beijing – co-hosting funding costs	<p>Is it correct that CSIRO co-hosted a climate conference in Beijing late in 2010? If yes:</p> <p>(a) Over what dates was the conference held?</p> <p>(b) How many people attended the conference?</p> <p>(c) How many Australian Government officials attended the conference?</p> <p>(d) What were the outcomes?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				(e) How much did it cost the Australian Government?  How much of this amount was paid on travel and accommodation for the delegation?			
AI-48	<b>CSIRO</b>	Colbeck	External review of CSIRO	<p>Are external reviews of each of CSIRO's divisions conducted on a regular basis – and, if so, is the time period for the reviews typically approximately once every five years?</p> <p>How are these reviews structured, what is their purpose, and what is their average cost?</p> <p>How are the individuals who undertake these external reviews selected?</p> <p>Did the last external review of the Division of Sustainable Ecosystems conclude that it should continue to operate as a standalone division?</p> <p>How many recommendations were listed in the last external review of the Division of Entomology - and how many of those recommendations have since been implemented?</p> <p>How many staff were there respectively in Sustainable Ecosystems and Entomology when those two divisions were merged? How many of those staff were scientists and how many were corporate staff?</p> <p>How many staff were there in the merged division at the time of its creation? How many of those staff were scientists and how many were corporate staff?</p> <p>How many staff are there now in the merged division? How many of those staff are scientists and how many are corporate staff?</p> <p>Is it correct that, in some CSIRO employees' contracts, there are performance bonuses that are based on the number of Comcare claims made by staff under their direction? And, if so, how many staff are employed under such contracts?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-49	<b>CSIRO</b>	Colbeck	CSIRO Code of Conduct	Was a new CSIRO Code of Conduct introduced in 2010? Was an electronic training module about the new Code also created, were all or most staff required to complete that module, and what was the overall cost of the development and	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				delivery of that training?			
AI-50	<b>CSIRO</b>	Colbeck	CSIRO Workplace Bullying and Harassment Policy	Is there a CSIRO Workplace Bullying and Harassment Policy? If so, when was it introduced and how many cases of disciplinary action have been taken under the policy since it was introduced? Of these cases, how many were filed against staff at or above CSOF 8 level and how many were filed against staff below the CSOF 8 level?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-51	<b>CSIRO</b>	Colbeck	CSIRO formal audit committee	Is there still a formal audit committee within CSIRO? If yes:  What is the current composition of the committee – and how many are independent members?  When was the last change (or changes) made to the membership of the committee?  Can you please provide a full list of what projects have been internally audited since the start of 2008?  If no: When was the committee abolished – and why?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-52	<b>2.3: Science &amp; Infrastructure with input from the Office of the Chief Scientist</b>	Colbeck	Chief Scientist	When did Professor Sackett first advise the Minister of her intention to resign as Chief Scientist? Was it verbal or did she write to him – and on what date did this happen?  Did anyone ask Professor Sackett to delay in any way the public announcement of her resignation?  Is there any kind of order or clause Professor Sackett has signed that prevents her either from speaking publicly about aspects of her experience as Chief Scientist or about the reasons why she left the job?  What will the interim arrangements be between Professor Sackett's departure from the job and her replacement with a new Chief Scientist?  What was the total cost of Professor Sackett's (and any accompanying staff members') travel and associated expenditure during her time as Chief Scientist?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>How many times did the High Level Coordination Group of which Professor Sackett was the Chair meet?</p> <p>Did the Government ask Professor Sackett to provide any input into the work of its Climate Commission?</p> <p>Was Professor Sackett asked to provide or contribute to any reports to the Government on the recent Queensland and Victorian floods?</p> <p>Was Professor Sackett asked by the Government to provide or contribute to any reports to the parliamentary committee the Government has set up on future policy on climate change and how to price carbon?</p> <p>Has the Government provided a formal response to the two impact statements (and accompanying reports) that were tabled at the PMSEIC meeting of 4 February? If not, when is it expected that it will do so?</p> <p>One of those reports was titled <i>Challenges at Energy-Water-Carbon Intersections Report</i>. In part, it addresses the outlook for nuclear energy usage in Australia. Among the references it cites, it doesn't include the Electric Power Research Institute's 2007 review and comparison of studies for Australian electricity generation planning nor the University of Sydney's 2007 report on the life cycle energy balance and greenhouse gas emissions of nuclear energy in Australia. Were those publications consulted at all?</p>			
AI-53	ANSTO	Colbeck	Operating expenses for reactor fuel assemblies	In the months since the 2009-10 Budget, what has been the amount of ANSTO's operating expenses in relation to reactor fuel assemblies and does that amount remain within the original budgetary expectations?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-54	ANSTO	Colbeck	PMSEIC report	Was ANSTO asked at any stage to contribute to the work of the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council report on <i>Challenges at the Energy-Water-Carbon Intersections</i> ?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-55	ANSTO	Colbeck	Neutron beam instruments	How many of the 13 neutron beam instruments are now operational – and at what stage are the remaining non-operational instruments?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-56	ANSTO	Colbeck	Nuclear waste management	Can you tell us about recent progress at ANSTO on sourcing any commercial opportunities in nuclear waste management?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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AI-57	ANSTO	Colbeck	ANSTO organisational structure	It has now been removed but, until very recently, there was a page in the 'Operational Overview' section of your website that included the following quote: "ANSTO is currently in a restructure phase. As such, the leadership team is expanding and evolving to meet the needs of the organisation". Can you explain what was meant by this?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-58	ANSTO	Colbeck	Climate Change research	Can you explain to us what work ANSTO performs in relation to climate change?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-59	ANSTO	Colbeck	ANSTO Young Researchers Club	What is the ANSTO Young Researchers Club is; how does it work; what have its results been; and how much funding has been directed to it?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-60	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	IBM Research Lab	On what date did the Government decide to withdraw from its commitment of \$22 million to the IBM Research Lab in Melbourne and what were the reasons for the discontinuation of this funding?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-61	<b>2.2: Science &amp; Infrastructure</b>	Colbeck	Super Science initiative	How many of the projects under the Super Science initiative are devoted to broadband? Which projects are they, and how much funding in total has been allocated to those particular projects?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-62	<b>1.2: Innovation</b>	Colbeck	Coordination Committee on Innovation (CCI)	Will the outcomes of the Department's research project with the CCI on the collaboration of SMEs with international businesses be made available publicly? And will that project include, as part of its research, an assessment of the impact of the Government's policy position on the Export Market Development Grants Scheme and its decision in 2008 to transfer the Global Opportunities program away from the Department to DFAT?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-63	<b>2.3: Questacon</b>	Colbeck	Science Education programs	The Minister did not commit to an answer at the Estimates hearing of 23 February about whether the Government will cut funding for the 'Primary Connections' and 'Science By Doing' science education programs. Has the Department participated in any formal discussions with the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations about the fate of these programs – and, if so, when?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-64	<b>1.2: e-Business with input from AusIndustry</b>	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	The Department started a tender process in 2009 to "acquire a commercial off-the shelf product to support the Green Car Innovation Fund and subsequent new grant programs by establishing a common, scalable grant management system platform that also has the potential to replace existing Department legacy grants systems".	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				(a) Was that tender process completed? (b) If so, who was the successful tenderer? (c) How much did that product cost? (d) Is that product still being used? (e) If so, for which programs?			
AI-65	<b>1.2: AusIndustry with input from Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	Were any applications under the Green Car Innovation Fund received after 27 January 2011? If so, how many – and what was the total amount of the funding being claimed under those applications?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-66	<b>1.2: AusIndustry with input from Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	How much will the Government spend in total on the Green Car Innovation Fund by the time the program is brought to an end?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-67	<b>1.2: AusIndustry with input from Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	Is it true that the Minister has said the Government intends to spend a further \$130 million on the Green Car Innovation Fund? Is it also true that an officer from the Industry Department told the Estimates hearing on 23 February 2011 that there is only \$113.7 million (\$108 million in applications on hand and \$5.7 million currently under offer) left to spend even if every single application still on hand was to be approved? What accounts for the difference between those two figures?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-68	<b>1.2: AusIndustry with input from Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	Is it true that, even if every single Green Car Innovation Fund application still on hand was to be approved, the total spent on the Fund would be \$422 million? Given the Government disclosed in its list of savings of 27 January 2011 that this amount would be \$499 million, what accounts for the \$77 million (and possibly as much as \$185 million) difference in these figures?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-69	<b>1.1: AusIndustry</b>	Colbeck	LPG Vehicle Scheme	How much money has been spent by the Government since the last week of November 2007 on grants through the LPG Vehicle Scheme?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-70	<b>1.1: Manufacturing with input from</b>	Colbeck	Automotive Transformation Scheme	What amount of funding has been spent and/or committed under the Automotive Transformation Scheme? How much funding remains uncommitted under the Automotive Transformation	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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	AusIndustry			<p>Scheme for 2010-11?</p> <p>What are the annual appropriations for the Automotive Transformation Scheme for each of the financial years from (and including) 2011-12 through to (and including) the final financial year of the program?</p> <p>Has the Department been involved in any discussions with Treasury and/or Finance since the 2010 election about potential cuts to the Automotive Transformation Scheme? If yes, on what date(s)?</p> <p>Has the Department been asked to undertake any work for, and/or provide any briefings to, the Minister's office on potential cuts that could be made by the Government on the Automotive Transformation Scheme? If yes, on what date(s) were those requests made and/or briefings provided?</p> <p>Has the Department at any time provided a document to the Minister's office detailing possible cuts to the Automotive Transformation Scheme? If yes, on what date(s)?</p> <p>Has the Department at any time provided a document to another government department detailing possible cuts to the Automotive Transformation Scheme? If yes, which agency(ies) and on what date(s)?</p>			
AI-71	N/A: Manufacturing	Colbeck	Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme	<p>In its work on the Cash for Clunkers program (or Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme, as it was called by the Government), the Department undoubtedly would have considered the implementation of an awareness campaign for the scheme. What did you assess would need to be the cost of that campaign?</p> <p>Have records been kept of how many ASL in the Department would have worked on the Cash for Clunkers scheme between September 2010 and January 2011?</p> <p>What were the dates of the Cabinet meetings Minister Carr attended in October and November 2010? And at which of those Cabinet meetings was the decision taken to defer the start date of Cash for Clunkers from 1 January to 1 July 2011?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-72	1.3: Manufacturing	Colbeck	Book Industry Strategy Group	<p>In the weeks leading up to 17 February 2010, was the Minister's office or the Department given any forewarning of the impending action to place Redgroup Retail (and therefore Borders and Angus &amp; Robertson stores across Australia) in</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>administration? If so, who and when?</p> <p>According to the Department's website, the Book Industry Strategy Group received 90 responses to its call for submissions about the industry's future. What is the breakdown (by industry subcategory – book publishers, retailers, authors and so forth) of who provided them? And how many included criticism of the Government's policies?</p> <p>Why have these submissions not been made available publicly yet?</p>			
AI-73	<b>1.1: DIISR Corporate</b>	Colbeck	Portfolio reviews	All of the submissions to the National Innovation System, Automotive and TCF reviews (and a host of Annual Reports from the years before 2005) were originally made available on the Department's website. But they are no longer there. On what dates were they respectively removed from the website, and why?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-74	<b>1.2: Innovation with input from AusIndustry</b>	Colbeck	R&D Tax Credit	<p>Following the Minister's admission in a Financial Review report of 18 February 2011 (titled 'Business told to pay up for R&amp;D') that he believes the spending on the current R&amp;D Tax Concession system is "unsustainable", can the Department now confirm that thousands of businesses, advisors and consultants and the Opposition were all correct when they said this Bill will legislate for a reduction in BERD?</p> <p>Given the elimination of the 175% concession and the likely contraction in what is recognised as genuine R&amp;D, how much additional R&amp;D would need to occur over the first four years of the new program to keep it revenue neutral?</p> <p>On 21 May 2010, Peter Thomas – the Chair of Innovation Australia – told a Senate Economics Committee hearing that "in the end, it is all judgement" in relation to dominant purpose. Is that a reasonable statement of the application of the dominant purpose test – in other words, there will inevitably have to be some discretion and judgement used and that there will be some grey areas?</p> <p>Has the Department had – or attempted to initiate – any discussions with the Board of Taxation with a view to having the Bill reviewed by them?</p> <p>How much was paid to claimants through the 175% concession for each of the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011



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				<p>How much of the expenditure on the R&amp;D Tax Concession for the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively was paid to businesses with an annual turnover of \$20 million or less?</p> <p>Does the Department believe the dominant purpose test works against R&amp;D in a production environment where the R&amp;D is based on process developments or environmental projects or projects to improve manufacturing efficiency? If not, why not?</p> <p>There is still no public modelling available of the effect of the new legislation. Has the Department received any documentation from the Treasury modelling the effect of the new legislation – and, if so, when? And what representations has the Department made to Treasury to seek more modelling (including the public release of this modelling) of the effect of the new legislation?</p> <p>A stated benefit of the Bill is that the R&amp;D Tax Credit is not tied to the company tax rate. Yet the feedstock adjustment in Section 355-465(2) assumes that the tax rate is 30% and all companies are eligible for the 40c tax credit. Given this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Why is this calculation tied to the company tax rate?</li> <li>(b) Will all R&amp;D research companies always pay 30% company tax given the Government’s stated intention to reduce the Company rate for SMEs and later for larger companies?</li> <li>(c) Do all taxpayers receive the 40c tax credit on their eligible R&amp;D expenditure?</li> <li>(d) Businesses that earn less than \$20 million will receive a 35c credit on feedstock inputs where the feedstock output is sold for a profit. The more such a business spends on materials and goods prior to undertaking the R&amp;D or energy for that R&amp;D, the more they will benefit from this windfall gain. Why has this provision been designed in such a way when this windfall gain cannot occur under the current provisions?</li> </ul> <p>The necessity to split R&amp;D activities and costs between core and supporting is a brand new requirement. Under the current program, these activities are registered and costed together. What is the Department’s calculation of the size of the increase in complexity and compliance costs that will accrue as a result?</p> <p>The Bill proposes that the feedstock adjustment will need to be made each and every time a product made or partly made during an experiment is sold outside of</p>			

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				the group. Where the product has a long maturation process after the experiment then the taxpayer claims the benefit including feedstock inputs in the year they do the experiment. The feedstock inputs are not clawed back until the product has matured and is sold. Is it true that the Bill is framed in such a way that it can provide a zero interest loan for the period of maturation?			
AI-75	<b>1.2: AusIndustry with input from Innovation and e-Business</b>	Colbeck	Commercialisation Australia	<p>How many meetings of the Commercialisation Australia Board were held in 2009 and 2010?</p> <p>How many staff does Commercialisation Australia have?</p> <p>Does that include the Case Managers – and how many of them are there, and what salaries are they paid?</p> <p>What has been the total ASL and total salaries for the entire set of Commercialisation Australia employees (including the Case Managers) for 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively?</p> <p>What has been the cost to date of creating and maintaining the Commercialisation Australia website?</p> <p>What was the reason for creating a separate standalone website instead of housing this within the Department’s main website that already existed when Commercialisation Australia was established?</p> <p>How many of the grants made through Commercialisation Australia so far have gone to manufacturers?</p> <p>Given there are no closing dates for applications and they are assessed on a continuous basis, how is the timing of the decision processes and announcements determined?</p> <p>How often does the Board meet to assess and make decisions about the applications? And what kinds of records are kept of those meetings?</p> <p>Given this is a competitive process, the final assessment step is presumably ranking the applications relative to one another, to establish which are the most qualified for funding?</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				<p>Who makes the final decisions about which applications are supported?</p> <p>The outcome of the third round of funding offers was publicly announced on 19 October last year. On what date was the final decision to make those offers signed off?</p> <p>Were all of the individuals who were appointed to the Board required, before their duties began, to complete a declaration of interests? If so, to whom were those declarations submitted?</p> <p>We understand that at least 22 incidents involving potential conflicts of interest for Board members had arisen by September 2010 – and at least 9 of these related to successful funding applications. Have there been further potential conflicts of interest identified since that time – and, if so, how many in each of those two categories?</p> <p>Is there a procedure in place for formally advising the Minister and/or Secretary of further potential conflicts of interest as they arise?</p>			
AI-76	<p><b>1.1: AusIndustry with input from Manufacturing</b></p>	Colbeck	Green Building Fund	<p>Will the NABERS reports for projects under the Green Building Fund be made available publicly? If not, why not?</p> <p>One of the Government's 2010 election promises was that it would commit another \$30 million to the Green Building Fund during 2010-11. Then that got changed to \$30 million over three years. What is now the timeframe over which these grants are scheduled to be paid?</p> <p>What work does the Department do to satisfy itself that the necessary post-construction activity occurs in these buildings – in terms of what some in the building industry call 'aftercare support'?</p> <p>Is there a requirement on those responsible for the projects to keep a log (including for AusIndustry) of defects and problems experienced in the building during or after the work on the projects?</p> <p>What records are kept of maintenance that is needed during or after work on the projects?</p> <p>Have any of the grant recipients notified the Department and/or the Minister's</p>	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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				office of any kinds of problems in meeting the deadlines since 30 September 2010, or sought any extensions to those deadlines? If yes, how many?			
AI-77	<b>1.1: AusIndustry</b>	Colbeck	Retooling for Climate Change	Following the Government's announcement during the 2010 election campaign that it would close the Retooling for Climate Change program, what was the last date from which applications were accepted?  Were any applications received after the closing date – if so, how many – and what was the total amount of the funding being claimed under those applications?  On what date were the Department's and AusIndustry's websites respectively changed to indicate the Retooling for Climate Change program had been closed?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-78	<b>1.1: Enterprise Connect</b>	Colbeck	'Making Better Managers' program	How is the \$4 million that has been allocated to the 'Making Better Managers' program specifically being spent?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-79	<b>DIISR Corporate</b>	Colbeck	Program funding	What action is taken to check the background of the businesses and the individuals to whom grants are paid under the Department's programs? Are there ASIC checks performed on the businesses and/or each of the applicants and/or each of the project proponents, for instance?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-80	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate</b>	Colbeck	Portfolio programs	Some parliamentarians recently received a letter and accompanying pack from the Minister titled 'Important information for your local area'. How many people were sent this letter and pack, and what was the cost of producing them?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-81	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate (TRIM)</b>	Colbeck	TRIM recordkeeping system	Did the Department introduce a new electronic TRIM recordkeeping system either in 2009 or 2010? If so, can you indicate how that system was rolled out to staff; how many ASL were responsible for its rollout; and the total cost of each of the aspects of its implementation?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-82	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate (Finance)</b>	Colbeck	Program funding	Which programs in the portfolio are currently tracking for an underspend this financial year?  Which programs in the portfolio are currently tracking for an overspend this financial year?  How many of the Department's funding programs/budget measures lapse this Financial Year – and which ones are they?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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AI-83	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	How many days' worth of work did Steve Bracks undertake for the Government in 2010, and how much was he paid? What were his travel costs?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-84	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	How many days' worth of work did Barry Jones undertake for the Government in 2010, and how much was he paid? What were his travel costs?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-85	<b>DIISR Enabling Services</b>	Colbeck	Audit Committee	How many people are on the Department's audit committee? How many of these are independent members?  When was the last change (or changes) made to the membership of that committee?  Are you able to provide a list of each of the internal audit reports that has been written since the creation of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 3 December 2007? For each of the reports that are listed, could you please indicate how many of the findings were noted respectively as having a CR1 and CR2 status?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-86	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Industry Supplier Advocates remuneration	How much are each of the Government's Industry Supplier Advocates respectively paid? For what time period are they respectively contracted?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-87	<b>DIISR Corporate</b>	Colbeck	Program funding	In January this year, the Prime Minister announced she had written to many businesses asking for their help in donating money to help in the recovery operation from the Queensland floods. At the time at which she wrote those letters, were any of the businesses to which she wrote receiving government funding under programs administered by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research? If so, which ones?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-88	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate</b>	Colbeck	Business continuity	Does a business continuity team still exist within the Department? If so, how many staff are in this team and what do they do? Did they do any work in respect of the recent Queensland floods – and, if so, what? Where can information about this aspect of the Department's work be found on the Department's website? (Please note that the first link that appears now in a search for "business continuity" on the website is to a publication on flu pandemics that contains a foreword from former Minister, Ian Macfarlane!)	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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AI-89	<b>1.3: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Industry Innovation Councils	How many union representatives are there in total on the Government's various Industry Innovation Councils? Are the lists of members of each of the Government's Industry Innovation Councils shown on the Department of Innovation website presently correct? And on what date was any of those list(s) most recently changed on the website?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-90	<b>Enabling Services: e- Business</b>	Colbeck	Switchboard costs	What has been the total cost of operating the Department's switchboard during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-91	<b>Enabling Services: e- Business</b>	Colbeck	Online Resource Library	Did the Government open a tender process in 2010 in which it requested proposals for the provision of an online resource library? If so, what progress has been made on awarding this tender and the commencement of the delivery of this online library? Will this library be incorporated within the Department's existing intranet – Innovation Central – or will it be housed on a separate platform?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-92	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate (HR and Facilities)</b>	Colbeck	Staffing	What has been the total amount paid on security guard services at Industry House at Binara Street in Canberra for each of the financial years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-93	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate (HR and Facilities)</b>	Colbeck	Branding and logos	What has been the total cost of Government expenditure on signage (including for your co-tenant, the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism) since 3 December 2007 at Industry House at Binara Street in Canberra?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-94	<b>DIISR Corporate</b>	Colbeck	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) events	Do any Departmental staff attend OECD events? If so, how many staff have attended such events; in what locations have each of these events been held; and what has been the total cost to the Department for each of the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? What formal follow-up activity occurs in the Department to ensure that what is learnt at these events is passed on to other staff?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-95	<b>Enabling Services: Corporate (HR and Facilities) with input from e- Business</b>	Colbeck	Graduate Program	What has been the full cost to the Department of its Graduate Program for each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?  Please provide figures for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 which show how many people participated in the Graduate Program and how many still remain full-time employees of the Department for each of those years.	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-96	<b>1.2: Innovation</b>	Colbeck	National Innovation	What was the total of the payments made to Dr Terry Cutler for his work on the National Innovation System Review?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011

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			System Review	What was the full amount spent by the Government on the National Innovation System Review?			
AI-97	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Review	What was the total of the payments made to Dr Roy Green for his work on the TCF Review?  What was the full amount spent by the Government on the TCF Review?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-98	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Automotive Review	What was the total of the payments made to Steve Bracks for his work on the Automotive Review?  What was the full amount spent by the Government on the Automotive Review?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-99	<b>1.2: Research</b>	Colbeck	Cooperative Research Centres Review	What was the total of the payments made to Professor Mary O'Kane for her work on the Cooperative Research Centres Review?  What was the full amount spent by the Government on the Cooperative Research Centres Review?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-100	<b>1.1: Manufacturing</b>	Colbeck	Australian Industry Participation	At what stage of procurement processes are Australian Industry Participation plans typically considered?	Written Question	8/04/2011	12/05/2011
AI-101	<b>CSIRO</b>	Milne	Biodiversity impacts of the Asian honey bee incursion	<b>Senator MILNE</b> —Are you aware that the department of the environment was an observer at the meeting at which it was decided that it was not technically possible to eradicate and made no comment? <b>Dr Johnson</b> —I am not aware of that. I was not at that meeting, and I have not been briefed on that. Again, I would have to take that on notice.	E11 - Hansard (23/2/2011)	8/04/2011	12/05/2011