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<i>Q No.</i>	<i>Senator</i>	<i>Division/ Agency</i>	<i>Broad topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Proof Hansard page &amp; Hearing date or Written question</i>	<i>Date answered</i>	<i>Date tabled</i>
AI-1	Bushby	ANSTO	PETNET financials	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Still on PETNET, in May 2011 estimates you indicated PETNET would be profitable in two years. In October 2011 estimates the story became that it will be cash positive in two years. In May 2011 the return investment was 10 years. In October 2011 it became 15 years. In February last year you were less confident about PETNET's prospects, citing the situation as very dynamic at the moment and you were seeking additional information. Now that we are a year further down the track, are you able to indicate when you consider PETNET will reach break-even and when it is expected to reach profitability?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I think my current evaluation of the situation would be that there continues to be a two-tier approach to nuclear medicine provision using cyclotrons: there are publicly funded cyclotrons, which are established by state and other health authorities; and there are privately funded cyclotrons, which are intended to make a return for the people who make those investments—and that includes the PETNET facility. I would imagine that, with the situation we face with our facility in New South Wales, there will be continuing pressures for us and for any other privately funded or fully commercial cyclotron to make adequate returns. I do not think this is unique to ANSTO, but it is the structure of the market. We thought—and our board agreed with us, and I felt, when I joined ANSTO, that that was valid—that this was a market that would naturally become a fully commercial market. That has proven not to be the case. That is a fundamental change in the structure of the market, and we continue to engage with all the stakeholders to make sure that there will be an adequate return, but it is not possible to absolutely quantify that. We do tend to take a conservative view of what will happen, but I believe it would be prudent to say that the earlier projections that I made—which assumed that it was a truly commercial market that was emerging—have not been validated by the actual actions of public sector investors.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Which explains the change in the dates and</p>	Pages 6 and 7, Wednesday 13 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			<p>now your inability to actually put a date on there.</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> That is the dominant reason for it. I must say, though, that there are many patients every week in Canberra, New South Wales, South Australia and other parts of Australia that are benefiting from the PETNET FDG, which is the only one that meets all of the requirements of the TGA—both as a pharmaceutical and in relation to full compliance with good manufacturing practice. We still regard ourselves as the best established and the most accredited F-18 FDG-providing facility in Australia, and we think that is a standard that everyone should meet.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I presume that the internal rate of return of 5.3 per cent at 10 years, and 9.2 per cent at 15 years, is probably not quite so firm now?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> We have not run the models on our new set of assumptions. We will do that in the work up of our books for the end of this year, and I will be happy to brief the Senate on the further elaboration on the model at that time.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I understand that the New South Wales tender FDG will conclude in May 2014.</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Do your revenue projections at this stage assume that you will maintain your current market share once that tender is re-let?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> If the market position and that tender is let on the basis of the proper Good Manufacturing Practice Status and the certification by the TGA, I believe that we will retain it.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> On a number of occasions, when asked about PETNET financials, ANSTO has not disclosed some of the information, citing commercial sensitivity, which is fair enough to some extent. However, given that your competitor in New South Wales is a publicly listed company and it is, as a result, required to disclose all of its accounts, doesn't claiming commercial confidentiality in a setting like this mean that you are not providing the same level of transparency as your competitors are?</p> <p><b>Dr Paterson:</b> I would like to take that on notice because I have not compared our accounts directly on the levels disclosure, but I</p>			
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				think we would make that comparison and bring it back to this committee.			
AI-2	Mason	CSIRO	Job cuts – Wireless Research Division	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I refer to a report in the Australian. In November 2012, Andrew Colley wrote in the <i>Australian</i> that CSIRO's management had decided to cut three senior research positions from CSIRO's wireless research division after the division lost five staff a year earlier. It is noted in the article that in the past year the division had its capacity cut by 23 per cent. I am citing what was said. Dr Borgus, who is the CSIRO staff association president, labelled the decision as acutely short sighted and 'baffling'. I understand that the wireless division's research led to the wireless networking technology patents that the committee has discussed in the past that have delivered hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue in licensing proceeds for CSIRO. It seems paradoxical. What is the rationale for the job cuts?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> We continue to have a strong focus in the wireless area both in the development of wireless technologies in the terrestrial area and particularly broadband wireless in rural and remote Australia. We also progress our wireless technologies through receivers in space. That is why space is the ultimate wireless domain. So it is a very strong focus for us and we have a large investment in that area. From time to time we need to adjust and prioritise the skills that we need for the work that we have. In this case those jobs were as a result of reprioritisation for skills that we need for the future.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Is that an accurate report? Would you dispute the numbers?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> I would have to take on notice the detail of the number. I would be happy to provide that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> But there have been cuts?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> We prioritise. I will get back to you on notice the specific details.</p>	Page 8, Wednesday 13 February 2013	21/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-3	Mason	CSIRO	Postgraduate students	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Sure, I accept that. Another area that crosses my interest of higher education is that of the postgraduate numbers. The annual report caught my eye. It provides an outline of the number of CSIRO sponsored postgraduates and supervised</p>	Pages 9 and 10, Wednesday 13 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			<p>postgraduates and states that 'the number of students fluctuates with uneven intakes each year and a reduction in student numbers is often seen when a cohort moves through the program'. I understand that. That indeed may be the case, and I appreciate that. But the figures still demonstrate the total postgraduate numbers both for sponsored and supervised postgraduates increased between 2007-08 and 2009-10 before declining in 2010-11 and 2011-12. Again that is in the annual report on page 56. How do you explain the overall trend and does it reflect declining interest in CSIRO's research programs? If you are looking at page 56, you will see, for example, in 2009-10 there were 413 sponsored postgraduates and in 2011-12 there were 328, which is a drop of about 25 per cent. What is happening?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> As you point out, we are a significant provider of training for postdocs and they do form a very important part of our research. In terms of the trends and the numbers per year, I will just call on Mr Roy.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> It is a pretty big drop. I noticed that it was not just one or two; it was 90-odd.</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> I can probably provide you with some updated numbers. Let us look at the five-year trend across postdocs, PhD students, master's students and honours students. In each case they have gone up over that five-year period. I agree with your assertion that they have gone down over the last 12 to 24 months. That is accurate. It is not demand limited though. There was an implication in the question that there might be a lack of interest in CSIRO research. We still get many more applications coming in than we have the capacity to fund or people to supervise in some of those student programs. My suggestion is that it is more a reflection of the broader movement in CSIRO staff numbers and our capacity to actually oversee some of the students that we have at the moment. As we do portfolio investments, this is one part of that portfolio investment. As I would reiterate, the five- and even 10-year long-term trends are an upward trajectory notwithstanding the last 12 to 24 months when we have gone backwards.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I have the annual report in front of me and it seemed dramatic. Just to cut to the chase: you are saying that it is</p>			
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			<p>not about people losing interest in CSIRO; it is often about the capacity for all sorts of reasons to appropriately supervise postgraduate students.</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> We would get tens and tens of applications for every—</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> And you have your own research priorities. I understand that, as much as students are wonderful, supervising postgraduate students also takes time and costs a bit of money. I know that.</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> I may even have some updated numbers for the annual report for you. It looks like the numbers have stabilised. In terms of PhD students in 2011-12—</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Can we just stick to sponsored postgraduates?</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> I do not have a breakdown in front of me.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> That is what I am referring to. I am being quite specific. As I said, there has been quite a dramatic drop. You are sponsoring quite a few less. Why is that? That is not about supervision; it is about sponsoring. You have cut the sponsors. Why is that?</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> Our intention is to fund and stimulate interest in science and align the science that the individuals are doing with the delivery across our flagship programs plus also the work we are seeking to do in the future aligned with some of the areas we want to develop capability in over the horizon. So it is an important area to us. I do not have the specific answer for you today as to why some of those numbers may have reduced.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Let us be specific: supervised postgraduates, it is quite static. I understand that and I understand there are issues about staff and everything, but this is sponsored postgraduates. There has been a dramatic decline and you have not really answered the question.</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> The other part that I should marry in, and we will need to take part of this on notice, is the introduction of the reinvigorated scheme around the science industry investment opportunity as well. So SEEF, which was part of the dividend flowing out of the Wylan proceeds, means there have been a number of new scholarship programs awarded under that particular program as well. I would need to take on notice if they</p>			
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				<p>are captured in the annual report; I do not have that detail with me at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I really want to know why there is a reduction of about 25 per cent of sponsored postgraduates. You have not given me an answer, with the greatest respect.</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> I have indicated that I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> You don't know?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> Let us put it in context here: our postdocs have risen from 259 in 2004 to where they are currently and, as Mr Roy has outlined, it is an important aspect of what we do.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I accept all that.</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> We certainly will continue to sponsor postgraduates at all levels. Mr Roy outlined, in terms of masters, that we are a very significant and important part of the innovation system in supporting such a large number.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Sure, I accept all of that, but that has not answered the question. So if you can get back to me, is that all right?</p> <p><b>Mr Roy:</b> Absolutely.</p>			
AI-4	Bushby	CSIRO	Bullying of female staff	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Is it true that during 2012 a formal investigation was launched into allegations of the bullying of a female staff member by a senior officer in the Food Futures flagship? Is it also true that that investigation unearthed another 10 cases of suspected bullying of female staff by the same CSIRO employee but that nothing was done about that either at the time or since because it was not considered to be within the scope of the original investigation?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I would have to take that question on notice. I have got general information about numbers of investigations and the outcomes of those that I can provide to the committee, but that specific matter that you have raised I have no transparency on. I would be more than happy to take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> It is an example that I suspect—if it is the case and I note that you have not said, so if it is the case that an investigation into a certain person's allegations highlights a commonality of issues with others but they do not get</p>	Page 16, Wednesday 13 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>investigated because they were not part of the original investigation—would be something I think maybe the inquiry should be examining.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> From my experience in looking at these matters in CSIRO, that would be an unusual situation should that have been the one that happened. There are mechanisms that staff and managers have access to to informally raise issues and deal with those closely to the workplace. They need not require formal or written communication; they can be as simple as a discussion. There is certainly no barrier, from a process or policy perspective, to that. As I said, I am not aware of the circumstances that you seem to be suggesting.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> If you would have a look into that—</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I will look at that and provide you with information on that.</p>			
AI-5	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace bullying	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Minister, the workplace relations minister said yesterday that Labor believes that bullying has no place in the Australian workplace. Is it true that Mr Williams separately approached and wrote to both his Labor MP, Mr Cheeseman, and the then science minister, Senator Carr, to tell them of the intimidation and bullying that he was experiencing—or says he was experiencing at the CSIRO—and make a plea for help? But, in the end they merely referred him back to CSIRO?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I am sure you can appreciate that I cannot answer those questions. I can assure you, though, that the government's attitude toward bullying is that it has no place at all. I can only suggest that we take those questions on notice, but I do not know if we will be able to answer them.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> You may also seek to take on notice that seven former CSIRO employees collectively wrote a letter last year to the then science minister, Senator Evans, in which they detailed a long series of incidences and concerns about workplace misconduct at CSIRO. He effectively told them there was nothing new in their letter and that he would not act upon their concerns unless they had something new to add.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> No, I cannot. But, I can suggest to you—and I do not know the timing—that the investigations and the issue</p>	Page 17, Wednesday 13 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>were taken very seriously by CSIRO at the time, and that the minister would have had confidence in that.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Will you take that question on notice, though? Just to—</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I do so on the basis that I do not know if it can be answered, but of course, we will take the question on notice.</p>			
AI-6	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace bullying	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> In answer to question on notice SI74, the team within CSIRO overseeing the organisation's workplace bullying has not been listed in full. It may just be the use of a word that makes it confusing; it uses the word 'includes' rather than, 'the team is'. It suggests that there might be others. Are Dr Drummond and/or Mr Thomas part of the team? And could you ensure that we now receive an answer that clarifies whether there are other members of the team within CSIRO overseeing the workplace bullying?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> In answer to the first part of your question—Dr Drummond and Mr Thomas are not part of that team.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> If I recall correctly, when I was clearing that answer I think we chose to use the word 'includes' because this is a dynamic process and we have been adding and adjusting to the resources of it. To give you an 'is' answer would potentially have been misleading. For example, I am not listed there as a member of the team, yet I chair the incident management team now, and I am accountable for reporting to the chief executive. We have adjusted this process to make sure it remains fit for purpose. Certainly there was no intent in the answer provided to you at the time to imply that we were just giving you a subset and that there were others. At the time of providing that answer to you, that was the 'is' answer at the time; we chose to use the word 'includes'.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Could you provide us with an update of who currently 'is', as at the date that you provide the answer?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I would be happy to do that.</p>	Pages 17 and 18, Wednesday 13 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-7	Bushby	Science and Research	Dr Clark's appointment as CEO	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> The question I was going to ask is: is it correct that Dr Lonsdale has now vacated his position, which I do not think is material to the court case.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> It is correct that Dr Lonsdale has indicated that he</p>	Page 19, Wednesday 13 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013



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				<p>is not seeking another term as chief of the Division of Ecosystem Sciences.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> That is at his instigation?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> He has indicated he is not seeking another term.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I understand that Dr Clark's appointment expires at the end of this year. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> It is probably a question for the minister. Senator Lundy, I understand that Dr Clark's current appointment expires at the end of this year. Have there been any steps taken towards looking at what might happen with the CEO's position beyond the end of this year?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I would of course refer that to the minister, but I would just question the appropriateness of discussing such things at the Senate estimates table. I am very happy to take that on notice for the minister.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I am aware that the Tax Commissioner's position has been discussed, the ACCC commissioner has been discussed and all sorts of such positions are discussed, because it is a matter of public importance and public interest.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> They do indeed.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Would you on notice advise what processes will be followed in order to examine that position and what might occur from 1 January next year?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I am sure they will be normal processes.</p>			
AI-8	Mason	CSIRO	Regional Sites Working Group	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Going to regional sites, Strategic Action 3.5 of CSIRO's strategy for 2011-15 outlines CSIRO's commitment to ensuring:</p> <p><i>... the vibrancy of our regional sites through appropriate science agendas, internal and external science connections, local community engagement, and support mechanisms.</i></p> <p>In response, CSIRO established, I understand, the Regional Sites Working Group. In its November 2011 report the working group made 10 recommendations and provided a time line for implementation, with some actions to commence immediately, or some from 1 July 2012, the next year. What progress has CSIRO made in implementing the working group's recommendations</p>	Page 20, Wednesday 13 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>with respect to that?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> Can I take that question on notice for providing you with the detailed progress against each one of those recommendations? Each of the recommendations were accepted. There are several of them and I will provide detail, under each one of them, of the progress we have made to date.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Can you give the committee an overview of what has happened?</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> We have made significant progress. As you mentioned that working group was led by Dr Daniel Walker, who is one of our deputy chiefs. It was presented to our consultative council. On the areas of progress from CSIRO, we have been looking at our planning and implementation work. We have looked at our Indigenous employment. We have looked at our regional support arrangements. We have also looked at all of our plans for our sites, moving forward. In terms of our regional sites, we have sites in New South Wales: at Armidale, Griffith, Myall Vale, Narrabri and Parkes. In the Northern Territory we have a site at Alice Springs and we have plans as well in Darwin—</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> We will hear of the plans for these things, but in the question on notice could you provide details of any outcomes that have been achieved.</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> I would prefer to provide them to you in a detailed and documented way against each of the recommendations. I think that would serve your purpose.</p>			
AI-9	Heffernan	CSIRO	AWI-CSIRO Contract	<p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> ...I have another issue and I would like to give you some documents.</p> <p><b>Dr Clark:</b> Certainly.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Senator Heffernan, are you seeking to table the documents?</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Can you table the documents and circulate copies, please.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> It includes correspondence between parties. You will be familiar with the SWAG group; you will be familiar with the CSIRO—it is all part of selling the goods and</p>	Page 22, Wednesday 13 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>chattels to make the place pay—at Belmont, Geelong, and the worsted wool equipment there.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I am familiar with that material.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> As you would also be familiar with, there is a letter of support from the Chairman of AWI, Wally Merriman. You know the issue. You know that we woolgrowers and the Commonwealth paid for the equipment. There is an enclosed document, which we are not allowed to see, which is an agreement between AWI and the CSIRO to settle the ownership of the various bits. Given that they are both publicly funded and you are a public entity, why do you need an enclosed document? Why can't we see the document so that woolgrowers can know whether they have been duded or not? Why does it have to be an enclosed document?</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I am not sure of the details about any enclosed document. If there happens to be a commercial agreement between—</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> A sealed document between CSIRO and AWI dated 12 October 2001.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> I would have to take the details of that on notice. You were making some observations then around funding of the organisation; what I do know is that the assets are surplus to requirements and CSIRO has obligations, under the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines and the processes for handling of assets, to responsibly dispose of those.</p>			
AI-10	Heffernan	CSIRO	Letter from AWI – minutes from meeting	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Senator Heffernan, I have been provided with a copy of a letter signed by Mr Merriman, chairman of Australian Wool Innovation Limited, attached to which are some minutes of a meeting dated Thursday 18 October 2012 and a letter attached to those minutes. Apart from the covering letter, the minutes are not signed.</p> <p><b>Senator HEFFERNAN:</b> That is right. So can I ask if that is a true record of that meeting?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I will take some advice from the secretary as to whether or not the documents should be tabled. You may continue with you discussion.</p> <p><b>Mr Whelan:</b> With respect to your question of whether the</p>	Page 23, Wednesday 13 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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AI-11	Ryan	Small Business	Industry and Innovation Statement	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> ...Has the department brought in any external assistance with the development of the statement?</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> Yes. We did engage the services of Mr Rod Glover to assist with the preparation of the statement.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Would I find the details of that on AusTender?</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> What is the reference number for that, if you have it handy?</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> I do not have the details of exactly what was on AusTender, but I can tell you that the contract was for \$77,000, including GST. I have just been handed what is on AusTender. It is contract notice view CN922091. That has all the details.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Just to save me typing it in now, what was the</p>	Pages 31 and 32, Wednesday 13 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>method of procurement? Was it a direct source, open tender or limited tender?</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> It was a direct source.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> For what period was the work undertaken? That contract note should have it.</p> <p><b>Mr Pettifer:</b> The contract was from 17 August, and my recollection is that it would have finished sometime in October. I can take that on notice if you like; I just need to check.</p>			
AI-12	Ryan	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce, and SMEs consulted	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> The Prime Minister's taskforce did not include any specific consultation with small business. Did you undertake any specific consultation with small business as part of the development of this, or is there any ongoing dialogue?</p> <p><b>Mr Kennedy:</b> There has certainly been ongoing dialogue. I will just turn to Mr Chesworth to talk about any specific consultation.</p> <p><b>Mr Chesworth:</b> I headed the secretariat for the Prime Minister's taskforce. We conducted consultations with over 70 groups. Some were representative groups and some were individual businesses. Some were representative groups that actually brought along businesses as well. I would not have the exact number of SMEs, but I could have a check of that for you. There was small business representation on the taskforce itself, both through industry associations and through members.</p>	Page 33, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-13	Ryan	Corporate	FOI request – grants to Holden, Toyota and Ford	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I will turn to the rejection of the <i>Financial Review's</i> request under freedom of information about the amount of public money provided to Holden, Toyota and Ford. Who was the official who took the decision and communicated it to Holden, under the FOI Act?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> That was me.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can we go to your reasons for denying that request? It has been reported, and the quote I will use with respect to your denial of the request, is that the figures would not: ... <i>contribute in any meaningful way to informing debate on a matter of public importance.</i></p> <p>Did you write that?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I gave a comprehensive response to the <i>Fin Review</i> about their request. You can take that out of context, but there is context on what we decided.</p>	Page 33, Wednesday 13 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I do not have copy of the letter; is it possible for that to be provided?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I will check with people from the FOI area to see if it is possible.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I am not familiar with the provisions of the act in that regard.</p> <p><b>Ms Tregurtha:</b> In relation to disclosure of documents around FOI applications, generally speaking, we have to be cautious around privacy concerns before we release correspondence to and from applicants and third parties. Subject to dealing with that issue, it may be possible to release that correspondence.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> You would have to consult with both the parties mentioned in the letter, and the people making the application, with respect to the release of it and make a judgement as to whether anything should be blacked out or released at all?</p> <p><b>Ms Tregurtha:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Could I ask you to take that into consideration, and, following consideration, provide on notice what you feel is appropriate?</p> <p><b>Ms Tregurtha:</b> Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>			
AI-14	Ryan	Corporate	FOI request – grants to Holden, Toyota and Ford	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Yes, that is exactly it; you can see the future, Mr Lawson—where I was going to go. Just to go back to the question—and I am only going to ask for a 'yes' or 'no'—it is not possible, as a genuine query, for me to find out what the Commonwealth expends in this fashion by breaking it up amongst participants. I have to rely on third party or recipient numbers, which can be slightly different due to the difference between government standards and corporate standards in accounting. But it is not a research project that I can undertake and come up with a number?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> That is correct. The act provides for us to publish the aggregate amounts; it does not provide for us to publish individual amounts.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Mr Durrant, why then did you write this comment, that it would not:  <i>... contribute in any meaningful way to informing debate on a</i></p>	Pages 35 and 36, Wednesday 13 February 2013	14/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p><i>matter of public importance.</i></p> <p>Your assertion now is that you could not release them anyway because of law. Why did you make the assertion that having taxpayers know what is spent—given—to certain corporations is not going to contribute in a meaningful way to informing public debate on a matter of public importance?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> As I said, there was one element of my response to—</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> This is an important element. I have dealt with inquiries on the FOI Act; my other committee dealt with it. The commissioner has talked regularly about a culture of seeking to find ways to release information as opposed to a reliance upon provisions not to. And I am not saying, by any stretch of the imagination, that the only fault in that approach is in the bureaucracy or with you—that is a cultural issue that I think the commissioner sought to change more generally.</p> <p>But it seems to me that on one level that is a fairly extraordinary statement to make about a large amount of government funds being handed over to a select number of corporates, and on a second level: rather than allowing people to exercise their own judgement on what might inform them you are seeking to interpose yourself and decide what they may use to inform themselves.</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I take your point, Senator, but I wish to make it known the fundamental reason that I felt restricted in releasing this information did go to the commercial and financial affairs issue, and that was as a consequence of my deliberations and taking into account the restrictions under the ATS.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Were there other reasons? We have mentioned the big one, which is your reference to the act which funds these programs and its predecessor. We have covered that. Were there any other reasons you provided?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I did take into account the third-party consultations.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I know that is a standard provision under the act. By that, it would be consultation with the other parties mentioned which, in this case, were three car companies and their willingness or otherwise to have the numbers released?</p>			
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				<p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> What I understand though is that—it might have been subsequent to this becoming a matter of public furor—at least a couple of the companies were not particularly happy for the information to be released. That is a public comment I have in front of me here.</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> Those comments, if they are the same as I have read in the paper, were post my decision—</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> The third-party responses were mixed.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Yes, okay. If I could ask you to take on notice what you feel you can really release about that process, including the application for FOI as well and whatever issues and other documents you have. But I take the point that there are privileges around this. I will leave it to your judgement and we can talk in May—I am sure we will again.</p>			
AI-15	Cameron	Manufacturing	Employed workforce in Geelong – vehicle and component sector	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How many people are employed in the Geelong region in the vehicle and component sector?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could you take it on notice, and could you give us some idea of what proportion that represents of the employed workforce in Geelong.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes, we can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could you do that for each of the car-manufacturing centres.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> We can.</p>	Page 38, Wednesday 13 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-16	Cameron	Manufacturing	Transfer of skills	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> The argument has been that actually it is a good thing to crowd manufacturing out of the economy to allow the skills to be freed up to move to what was seen as a growing area of the economy, the minerals resource sector. But the skills in the manufacturing sector are not always compatible with the skills that are required in the minerals sector—is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> To the extent that the automotive industry people have good skills, those skills are valued in other sectors. My understanding is that those other sectors sometimes do put some pressure on the automotive industry in terms of looking for skilled people. Mobility occurs in the labour market, but the</p>	Pages 39 and 40, Wednesday 13 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013



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			<p>government provides assistance in providing appropriate skill upgrades and things like that to assist people to make those transitions.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But this economic rationalist argument that Senator Ryan would probably espouse to his mates down at the HR Nicholls Society does not really work, does it? You cannot take a toolmaker—</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Chair, we are now having a discussion about—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Order! Senator Cameron has the call. Senator Cameron, you should not be reflecting on other senators.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am not reflecting; I am only making a comment.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> That is reflecting.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I am being as nice as I can. So, with these skills, a toolmaker cannot just go and become a diesel fitter, can they?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> I think you have the advantage of me, Senator, in the sense of understanding—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> I think I have. I would have thought some of you guys would know these things.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> It is hypothetical.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> You may take a point of order if you wish, Senator Bushby, and I will rule.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> On a point of order, I think we have given Senator Cameron a fair bit of latitude in exploring these issues, but he is now asking the officers to discuss economic theory. You would probably be better off doing that with Macroeconomic Group tomorrow than asking hypotheticals about things that are not on the table from anywhere.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> These are not hypothetical issues.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Senators regularly ask officials to offer opinions on matters of policy. Officials should respond where it is within their competence. If they do not have any knowledge, they just say so. But I do not think the questions that Senator Cameron is asking at this stage as to transferability of skills between trades and occupations is yet to be classified as speculation.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> If you do not know, that is okay, but I am</p>		
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				<p>surprised that there has not been some analysis in the industry portfolio about transfer of skills and problems of transfer of skills. But that is okay.</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> Perhaps I can make a comment about some of the outcomes of the Mitsubishi closure. The workforce there was quite old, so the consequences were that people decided not to—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> They were in their 40s or something.</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> Employees decided to finish up and not look for other jobs. I understand that for those who did find another job it was a relatively short time before they did so. However, they reported that their remuneration was not as high as it was in the automotive area.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> How long did they stay in those jobs? You see, there are all these issues that seem to be ignored when the analysis is done. But I appreciate the time I have been given. Can you also, on notice, provide me with details not only of the employment impact of the jobs in the car and component sector in the main areas of production but also of the economic impact in those regional areas, as distinct from the national economic impact.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> We will do what we can. I think one problem that we will be faced with is that the breakdown of employment data by region is much more granular than the breakdown of things like value added or investment and things like that. So I am not sure that we will have the same capacity to provide that breakdown, but we will investigate what is available and make sure we can provide it to you.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> It must be the new in-word. I heard a lot about 'granularity' last night.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> Yes, absolutely. I thought about it for a moment.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Okay, thanks very much.</p>			
AI-17	Bushby	NMI	Sports drug testing – detection of peptides	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I have some questions for the National Measurement Institute. I understand that the NMI perform virtually all of the sports drug testing carried out in Australia and New Zealand. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> Yes. We are the only laboratory in Australia accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency for that purpose.</p>	Page 44, Wednesday 13 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Which probably explains why you do most of the work. How many staff do you currently have undertaking that testing?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> Presently it is 20 staff—20 full-time effective staff.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Is that for the whole of the NMI or working on that particular aspect?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> That is just working on the sports drug function.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Has that number of people changed significantly over the course of the past year or even two years?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> Not significantly, no. It has been quite stable.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> When did drug testing at the NMI first include testing relating to the detection of peptides?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> I will take that on notice. I would have to check.</p>			
AI-18	Bushby	NMI	Sports drug testing	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> In the absence of that exception you just mentioned, you would not have any idea. You do not know that you are testing, to use topical information, an AFL team or, if it is coming from the Australian Football League, you would not know which team it was.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> Your suggestions are probably more relevant to ASADA about the policies about the complete regime. NMI is the testing laboratory. I would suggest you place some questions on notice to ASADA, given they were not called at last night's estimates.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> The questions I am asking are just to find out how NMI deals with things and the extent to which they understand what is going on.</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I know, but to just start asking questions about specific teams or athletes, I would put to you, is inappropriate.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I was not going to ask about specific teams. I was wondering whether NMI knows whether they are testing those. I believe the answer is no. You would not know a particular team, even though you might know which code it has come from.</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> If the sample comes directly from ASADA, we generally do not know what team it is. But we do generally know what sporting code this has come from. We do, occasionally, do testing directly for the sporting codes, in which case that</p>	Page 45, Wednesday 13 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>information may be provided, but I do not know presently. I could find out if you need to.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> That might be for AFL's internal drug-testing practices or something like that.</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> If we had samples from a particular sporting code or league and they did not come through ASADA, then of course we would know that they had come from that code, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Have you seen any notable upsurge in the amount of positive tests for any drugs in Australian sport over recent years?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> I would have to take that on notice to provide some statistics for you, but I am not aware of such an upsurge.</p>			
AI-19	Bushby	NMI	Sports drug testing – contact with ACC	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Thank you for that. I will bear that in mind in my further questions for the agency. There is speculation in the media that you may be asked to retest a number of samples that are currently frozen at your premises at North Ryde, specifically for traces of peptides. If that were to occur, from which authority would or should that instruction properly come?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> I would expect it to come from ASADA because we hold those samples under the terms of an MOU with ASADA.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Bearing in mind the comment Senator Lundy just made, do you have any statistical records that you hold that are publicly available?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> The records that are publicly available are made public by ASADA and our MOU is with them. So when I refer to being able to provide you with statistics, I would be providing you with statistics which are available publicly from ASADA.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Have you been contacted at all by the Australian Crime Commission for your input, either formally or informally, into their recent investigation into the use of drugs in Australian sport?</p> <p><b>Dr Fisk:</b> Not to my knowledge, but I will take that on notice to ask my staff to see whether or not there has been any contact of which I am presently unaware.</p>	Pages 45 and 46, Wednesday 13 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-20	Bushby	Enterprise Connect	Grant funding – research and business	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> The department's fact sheet for 2010, under 'Enterprise Connect: Research and Business', indicated that there</p>	Page 47, Wednesday 13	5/04/2013	16/05/2013

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			<p>was \$10 million committed to support this—and an additional \$1.7 million over three years to specifically support mathematical science based internships. Has that commitment of \$11.7 million gone by the wayside?</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> No, Senator, but I would need to check to details of the fact sheet to which you are referring.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I have fact sheet 2010, headed 'Enterprise Connect: Shaping Business and Transforming Industry. Research and Business fact sheet'</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> I have that fact sheet in front of me, I believe, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay, the second, smaller dark heading, 'What is research and business'.</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> Okay. Our fact sheet has been updated since that time, since the one I think you have in front of you.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> This is from 2010.</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> Certainly, we have arrangements with a number of agencies that we work with in the course of implementing the program. You are referring to maths and science internships. We have an arrangement currently with AMSI, the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute. They work with us to facilitate the matching of placements of maths and science graduates.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> And are you using some of the money allocated for research and business for that purpose?</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> We use the grant funding which is allocated to the program to support placements that are identified through that organisation, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay. So, is that included in the money that you indicated to me had been spent?</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay. So the \$11.7 million—the \$10 million plus \$1.7 million—that three years ago was shown as allocated is no longer committed to this particular program?</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> I cannot tell you that off the top of my head, but what I could do is potentially give you a breakdown of the different grants that we have applied—some of them facilitated through AMSI, some of them facilitated through CSIRO's business engagement offices; if that would be helpful to you.</p>	February 2013		
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				<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> It might be useful. Would the answer be that, in the 2½ to three years since that fact sheet was on the website, you have spent the bulk of that \$11.7 million?</p> <p><b>Mrs Henderson:</b> Senator, if I may: I think that your latter interpretation is correct. So the information that has been provided by Ms Urquhart relates to this financial year, 2012-13—and, of course, does not take into account the money that was available to the RIB component of Enterprise Connect from the beginning of the service, which was in financial year 2008-09.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> So if you could take on notice an explanation of how much has been spent since that fact sheet was put up—and, if there is some uncommitted money that does not show up in the amount that you have indicated is currently committed, what might have happened to that.</p> <p><b>Mrs Urquhart:</b> We can certainly give you a breakdown across years.</p>			
AI-21	Bushby	Corporate	Contribution to OECD reports and work	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay, I thank you for that, Mr Pettifer. He has attended OECD meetings in Europe on 12 occasions. He was appointed in June 2012 to the chair. I presume that the 12 times he has attended, has not been since he was appointed chair—maybe some of those were part of the process of becoming chair. How regularly does the department commission and pay for overseas reports from overseas bodies?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> With the OECD we make a contribution, and then the work program is normally decided by the committee process. There are occasions on which we make an additional so-called voluntary contribution for a particular piece of work that we might give priority to which would not otherwise happen. I would have to take it on notice, but we could give you information about the occasions we have done that.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay, so you have not commissioned any particular reports yourself from, say, the OECD—it is more you helping to bring forward that the OECD might otherwise have done by contributing to the cost.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We have actually made some voluntary contributions—</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> If I may, Senator, I need to confirm this with the</p>	Pages 49 and 50, Wednesday 13 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>head of the PM's manufacturing task force secretariat, but my understanding is that we commissioned and paid for a specific piece of work from the OECD for the purposes of the PM's manufacturing task force. So that was not in that nature of a voluntary contribution; it was a commissioned piece of research work.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Would you mind taking on notice, for the years 2011-12 and 2012-13, what you may have contributed, in any shape or form, to the undertaking of work through the OECD or otherwise for those years—and how much you have contributed, the nature of the work and so forth.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Yes, Senator.</p>			
AI-22	Bushby	AusIndustry	Steel Transformation Plan	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I have some questions of AusIndustry. I want to go to the answer provided to question on notice No. SI-105 from the October estimates. Do you have a copy of that there?</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I am just getting it, thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I might wait till you get it, because it refers to the question to some extent.</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I have so many folders, so I had to have a spare!</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I understand. It would be a lot easier if you knew exactly what we were going to ask and you could bring along exactly what you needed!</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> So, this is the rather large response about the Clean Technology Innovation Program and the Clean Technology Investment Program?</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> That is correct, yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I think I might get my general manager specialist colleague to join me.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Absolutely. Having added up the figures provided in parts 10 and 12 of that answer, can I confirm that at least \$262,260 has been spent on the training of staff who are working specifically on the carbon tax compensation programs?</p> <p><b>Dr Edwards:</b> I have not added up those columns but, if that is what it adds up to, then yes.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Is that a full representation of the training—it doesn't understate the figure in any shape or form? There is no</p>	Page 50, Wednesday 13 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>other training that may have been applied to staff in that area?  <b>Dr Edwards:</b> There is a significant amount of other training that does not cost us money, and that comes by way of more experienced staff passing on information and training in the new processes of launching new large programs like this.  <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay—others that do not cost money, but if it costs money then it is included in that?  <b>Ms Butler:</b> Yes, we were very careful to make sure we captured all the costs in that response.  <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Does it include staff that work on the administration and delivery of the so-called Steel Transformation Plan?  <b>Dr Edwards:</b> No, Senator; this was not about the Steel Transformation Plan, to my knowledge.  <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> So it does not include that?  <b>Ms Butler:</b> No, the question was for the Clean Technology Investment Program, the Clean Technology Innovation Program and the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Program, so it does not capture those costs.  <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Would you mind taking on notice the same question for that area as well.  <b>Ms Butler:</b> We will do that for you, Senator.</p>			
AI-23	Bushby	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Programs – training of staff	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Have there been any other briefings and/or training courses or associated events conducted since the time that answer was written?  <b>Dr Edwards:</b> To my knowledge, we have not commissioned any external training that has cost us money during that time. I will take it on notice to confirm that. We have done lots of other training, but it has been by specialist groups using video technology, where we run the training from a central point but we have people linked up by video network.  <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Very good. If there has been, if you could provide the same details once again. Part of the answer to question No. 11 of SI-105 it stated that some of the staff concerned travelled to Sydney by bus or car. Are you able to tell us exactly how many, and from where they travelled, in each case? I am happy for that to be taken on notice as well.</p>	Page 50, Wednesday 13 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013



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				<b>Dr Edwards:</b> I can get you that detail. It was not many; it was people with an aversion to flying.			
AI-24	Bushby	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Programs – advertising campaigns	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> That better explains it. On its face, 'fundamentals of writing' does seem to raise some questions. How much has been spent in total on the department's information and advertising campaigns for each of the Clean Technology Investment Program, the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Program and the Clean Technology Innovation Program?</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> The administrative marketing budget over the five years for the Clean Technology Program—which, in my definition, is the investment program, the food and foundries program and the innovation program—is \$4.6 million over the five years.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> That is the budget; do you know how much has been spent?</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I will see if I can find that information. The expenditure in 2011-12 was \$492,387 and the budget for this year is \$510,000, of which currently the expenditure is \$77,000. So, for each financial year, we work up a communications program that covers that financial year.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> The spend so far this year seems fairly low, which would suggest a large back-end spend—if you are likely to spend the amount you have budgeted.</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I suspect, Senator. My figures are as at December. I also suspect that there are some outstanding accounts in that factor.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Is it still anticipated that you will spend the large proportion of the budget for this financial year?</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> At this stage, yes. Sorry, Russell, did you have something to add?</p> <p><b>Dr Edwards:</b> I was just going to add: we have a number of case studies being professionally prepared as well. That work is ongoing; there are about 40 of them being prepared. The expense for that is not in yet; we are about halfway through that.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> You do not have any breakdown between the spending on those three programs?</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I will have a quick look, but I also wanted to point</p>	Page 51, Wednesday 13 February 2013	17/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>out that we actually have some advertising happening right now for the Clean Technology Innovation Program, which is campaign advertising. So that program is currently being rolled out and that will consume a significant proportion of that spend.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay. And you will take on notice the breakdown?</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> Yes.</p>			
AI-25	Bushby	Corporate	AusIndustry Victorian State office relocation	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay. In relation to the recent move of the AusIndustry Victorian office from Collins Street to Bourke Street in Melbourne, can you confirm the exact date or dates that that move was undertaken and the total cost associated with the relocation.</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I was just thinking it was not that recent for me, but maybe in the scheme of things. I will just check for you. My colleague Mr Sexton says they moved on 5 December. In terms of the cost of the relocation, I think I will have to take that on notice, because that is not something that I am responsible for. I will take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> In doing so, you could look at all the costs of relocation involved—planning and actual implementation of the plan.</p> <p><b>Ms Butler:</b> I certainly shall.</p>	Page 52, Wednesday 13 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-26	Bushby	Manufacturing	Food manufacturing businesses	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> There are just a couple of questions I have here. Is the federal government—and this may be a question for Senator Lundy—making any contribution to the Kraft Foods Asia Pacific Centre of Excellence Development in Melbourne that was announced last Friday? If so, what is the extent of that contribution?</p> <p><b>Senator Lundy:</b> I will ask Mr Lawson to answer that.</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> The simple answer is no, there is no federal government contribution to that particular centre.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Is that something that government considered? Was there a request for participation financially?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> No, there was not a request from Kraft or anybody else for support. But, I have to say, the CEO of Kraft was the head of the Food Industry Strategy Group. We did know about</p>	Page 52, Wednesday 13 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>what was happening, but that is a matter between Kraft and the Victorian government.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> In relation to food manufacturing businesses, the department shows figures on its data card for the current distribution of those businesses across Australia by state. But, within each of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland specifically, do you have any information that would indicate in which areas the highest concentrations of them are?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> We would have to take that on notice. I think we have done some work on that, but I am not sure.</p>			
AI-27	Rhiannon	ARC	Future Fellowships Program	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What is your involvement with the Future Fellowships program?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> The Future Fellowships program is a program of the Australian Research Council.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I understand that it has been wound up.</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> It is a terminating program, as I understand it. I think Professor Byrne might have answered some questions on that this morning. It is a terminating program from, I think, the middle of this year.</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> But the government has made no decision one way or the other on the future of that program at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Has the department recommended that the program should continue?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> I do not think I can comment on the advice that the department might give to the minister about budget issues.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Do you judge that it is a useful program?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> Yes, it has been a useful program, particularly in attracting high-quality Australians back to Australia to take up research appointments.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Do you expect that this trend of attracting high-quality researchers back to Australia will continue?</p> <p><b>Ms Kelly:</b> We certainly hope so. I think the additional investment in research over recent years has meant that there are more opportunities for high-quality researchers. The Future Fellowships program clearly helps that process, but I think it is not the only thing that attracts them.</p>	Page 64, Wednesday 13 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Has any quantitative or qualitative work been done to judge how this trend can be maintained after the Future Fellowships program?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I understand an evaluation of that program is due this year.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> When will that be released and will it be released publicly?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I cannot give you the exact timing of that. The ARC would know the answers to those questions.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could that be taken a notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> We can take that on notice on behalf of the ARC, certainly.</p>			
AI-28	Rhiannon	Science and Research	Diversity of postgraduate degrees	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. I also wanted to pick up on some issues to do with postgraduate degrees and trends amongst a diversity of research degrees that are available. Can you comment on the diversity and numbers of postgraduate degrees and what factors are impacting on the numbers and the diversity?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> Senator, could you clarify which postgraduate degrees you are talking about.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I was actually just trying to explore this issue.</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> Some of these may be questions for us, and some of them may be questions for our colleagues in outcome 3, because there are some postgraduate courses that are research degree courses, which are our responsibility, and there are other postgraduate courses that are not our responsibility. If they are not research-based qualifications then our colleagues in outcome 3 will be able to answer those questions for you.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I am trying to get an assessment of whether there is a correlation—or, really, what is happening with postgraduate degrees in terms of the diversity and the flow-on both into academia and to wider jobs, and the degree to which there is quantitative data on this. I am just trying to see if you are tracking it and how you are tracking it.</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> We certainly look at the job destinations, if you like, of research PhDs. I would need to get you precise figures, but I think about 50 per cent go into the education sector, about 30 per</p>	Page 64, Wednesday 13 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>cent go into the private sector and the rest go into government and NGO-type sectors. Those are the current research workforce outcomes of PhD candidates. I will double-check those figures and correct them on notice if necessary.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Of that 50 per cent who went into education, is that into academia or education across the board?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> It is into education more broadly. The majority would be into academia.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Within that, can you give us a breakdown of how many are into academia and full-time academia. Would you have that information available?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I do not know, but I can check.</p>			
AI-29	Rhiannon	Science and Research	Average length of study and time funded by scholarships	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. What is currently the average length of time taken to complete PhDs or other postgraduate degrees in different areas of study?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I think it is about 4½ years for a PhD, but we can take that on notice and confirm it.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Would you also have data on how much of that time is funded by scholarships?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> We can tell you, in the funding that we provide to universities, how long that lasts for. A student who is on an Australian Postgraduate Award, an APA—which is the stipend part of that—is able to get 3½ years worth of scholarship, and the Research Training Scheme that funds the university—so that is like the tuition part of that—goes for four years.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> If I understand correctly, on average it takes about 4½ years to complete the higher education degree, and about 3½ years, on average, is funded. Is there any data on how much time postgraduate research students therefore spend in paid employment and how it impacts on their research and thesis completion?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I do not know whether we have that information, but I can take that on notice and see what we can get for you.</p>	Pages 64 and 65, Wednesday 13 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-30	Rhiannon	Science and Research	Cost of scholarships and PhDs	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Are you also looking at, in terms of how much money is made available to students through scholarships, the cost from scholarships to people doing PhDs and the cost of the various PhDs, whether that is influencing the areas of study?</p>	Page 65, Wednesday 13 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<b>Ms Baly:</b> I will take that one on notice, Senator.			
AI-31	Rhiannon	Science and Research	Casualisation of the academic workforce	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> With the increasing casualisation of the academic workforce—which I think is one of the highest in the world now—are you looking at how that is impacting on completion rates of PhD study, courses taken, completion of the thesis—getting into that detail?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I can give you a general answer to that, which might not really answer your question fully, but we have done a lot of work over the last couple of years on the research workforce and preparation for research careers. The Research Workforce Strategy was released in 2011, I think, and it sets out a program of work. One of those areas that we are looking at is the research training process itself and how we can provide incentives both for students to finish early and for universities to assist in that process of improving the completion rates and the work readiness of PhD graduates. There are a number of universities that are doing quite different things when it comes to research training, in order to try to address some of those things. During this year we will be doing a review of research training arrangements, including looking at the Research Training Scheme itself.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you for that. Just to check again, is the level of casualisation something that is looked at as a factor that could be impacting on these outcomes?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> The casualisation of the workforce?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes, of the active workforce.</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I think that is a different sort of question to the preparation of students who are undertaking research training. I do not know whether that is impacting on people's choices about whether or not to go into PhD and the like type programs.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Is anybody in the department looking at that?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> That is part of the work that we have looked at and will continue to look at when we are looking at the needs of the research workforce.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you provide the information now, or take it on notice to provide information, to the committee about the research that you are doing into the impact of</p>	Pages 65 and 66, Wednesday 13 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>casualisation on the academic workforce?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> I can take that on notice and see what it is that we can give you that would be helpful on that.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Also related to that—and maybe give a general comment or just take it on notice—is the casualisation being assessed in terms of the impact on a future skilled academic workforce, especially in terms of the need for a future generation of PhD supervisors?</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> Let me just see that I have got this straight. You are interested in the casualisation of the workforce and how that is impacting on the choices that potential students make in choosing, or not choosing, to undertake a research training program. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes, that is part of it, and just to dig a bit deeper, whether you are judging, or making an assessment, that this is having an impact in terms of the future skilled academic workforce that we need—and clearly a part of that is a future generation of PhD supervisors.</p> <p><b>Ms Baly:</b> On the first part, I do not think that we have got very good information on the choices that are made or not made at the point of deciding whether or not a student will go into a research training program, but I will take it on notice just to see what has been done on that that we might be able to provide you with. In terms of the quality of the supervision, the work that we have been doing on the research workforce and the work that we are doing—and will be doing—during the review of research training will look at issues around the quality of supervision. That is a very big part of what makes a good research training program, as you would appreciate.</p> <p>Anything that would impact on the capability of current supervisors, or supervisors into the future, will certainly be part of what we will need to look at, and be reaching some views on, in terms of what needs to be done to ensure that we have a high quality research training environment.</p>			
AI-32	Bushby	AusIndustry	Allocation of funds to the CRC program	<p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> I understand. Minister Evans also stated that the allocation to the CRC program over the forward estimates—at the time that he made the \$240 million announcement—was</p>	Page 67, Wednesday 13 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>\$625 million. Can you confirm how that fits into all of this? Over which years does that \$625 million relate to?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> The \$625 million commenced from 1 July 2012 and would have been to the last forward estimate year, which I think at the time was 2015-16.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> So that would include some of the \$240 million, or all of the \$240 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> Some of the \$240 million.</p> <p><b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> How much of the \$240 million?</p> <p><b>Ms Fellows:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that with me.</p>			
AI-33	Mason	International Education and Science	ISSA – COAG Agenda	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Many people have highlighted the need for broader international engagement activity in international education—it is a common refrain—including the establishment of better research linkages, focusing on the student experience in Australia, actively promoting the mobility of Australian students to overseas institutions and the establishment of joint programs. These are common discussions in the sector. What is the government doing about those broad issues? The Council of Australian Governments International Students Strategy for Australia—ISSA—I understand was not even on the COAG agenda in 2012. Is that right?</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> Just going to the last question about the ISSA, the International Students Strategy for Australia from COAG: I do not know that it was not on the COAG agenda.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Really? I might be wrong; I had been told it was not, but all right.</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> The ISSA is a long-term plan, as you would know, around students. There is a report annually through to the COAG secretariat about the activities under the ISSA. So a report has been provided through the arrangements on progress against the ISSA to COAG more broadly.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Okay, but that does not answer my question about whether it was actually on the COAG agenda. But you think it was, do you, Ms Weddell?</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I do not want to be too firm about that</p>	Page 70, Wednesday 13 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013



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				<p>because I am not certain. With respect to the ISSA: how are we going on progress? Have you any comment on that? Have any funding commitments being made to it?</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> The ISSA is a broad framework of action across a number of different areas. Various progress has been made against each of those areas. One of them would certainly be for students and the issue around student safety. There has been work done where student safety guides have been brought together by states, territories and the Commonwealth and placed on the pertinent websites about studying in Australia. That is one of the areas under the ISSA which is around better information for students.</p> <p>As a framework across large areas, I do not know that it was a funding commitment framework; it was areas that various states and territories, and the Commonwealth, could work together on.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Need to address. Okay. I have just seen information on the COAG website: apparently there is no mention of ISSA on the agenda for 2012 at all. Again, I could be wrong, but where I fail I have very good staff, you see, and they say that. If that is correct, that does not strike me as being terribly good. Surely, it should have been addressed in 2012? Anyway—my staff could be wrong, but I am not certain they are.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I will check about the COAG website. We will do that. But if you could take it on notice that would be helpful.</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> Certainly.</p>			
AI-34	Mason	International Education and Science	Australian Education International's July 2012 paper	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> ----- When will a response be provided to Australian Education International's July 2012 paper: <i>Student voices: enhancing the experience of international students in Australia</i>? Is there any likelihood there will be any response to that?</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> That is a set of outcomes from focus groups that is part of the International Student Survey undertaken by government that was provided in the middle of last year. I do not have that report on me, but I can take your question on notice to provide the report.</p>	Page 70, Wednesday 13 February 2013	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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AI-35	Cameron	VET Reform	TAFE funding cuts	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is the federal government's or your department's involvement in this? We are pouring money into the TAFE system, and these Liberal and coalition governments are pulling money out at the other end. What are the implications for the funding of the TAFE system in Queensland?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> I think what you are referring to is probably the implementation of the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform, which involves quite a deal of money for Queensland. The state of play is that those negotiations and discussions are still continuing around what information is there and how to come to what the implications are for the details of the implementation plan. So that implementation plan has not yet been agreed, and hence no money has yet flowed to Queensland.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What is the department's view about the implications of the funding cuts and redundancies in the TAFE system in Queensland for quality and capacity?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> I have not undertaken a detailed assessment, because the details themselves are unclear, so I really cannot give much detail on that.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But there have been announcements of cuts, haven't there?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> They have cut some programs, and they have talked a lot about changes to TAFE. Exactly how those changes play out is not yet clear—whether they are rearranging—</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Are we engaging with them?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> We are engaging with them.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Where is that engagement up to?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> We have asked some further questions of Queensland and are seeking information.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Information about capacity to deliver under the overall position that we take? We are putting more money in. They are drawing money out. That is correct, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> Yes, they have made some cuts. I am just trying to find what details we have here.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Do you have the figure on the cuts in Queensland?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> I cannot lay my hands on a figure right now.</p>	Page 72, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
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				<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Okay. Can someone have a look for that. If we cannot get it by the time I am finished, maybe you can take it on notice—</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> Yes.</p>			
AI-36	Cameron	VET Reform	TAFE funding cuts	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But, without being an analytical genius, you would have to say that \$290 million out of the Victorian TAFE system will have implications for employment, for quality and for delivery, surely.</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> We have heard a number of reports from individual TAFEs of the cuts to their funding.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> What are the impacts?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> The impacts on individual TAFEs that we have heard about range from \$35 million in the case of, say, Swinburne to, in a number of the other large ones, around the order of \$30 million and, in some cases—the smaller ones—maybe of the order of around \$6 million. So it is a significant amount for those TAFEs, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Can we identify similar problems in Queensland and New South Wales?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> Not to that degree of precision, because their reforms are at a much earlier stage. But, as I said, in each case they were to be looking at the funding and the cost base for TAFE, I think, in the case of Queensland. We do not know the details in New South Wales.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Could you take it on notice and provide to the committee details of the implications of the Victorian \$290 million cut as you understand them. You are obviously reading from something. You said you had some idea.</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> We have.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So can you provide us with details of the implications of these cuts to TAFE in Victoria. Could you also see whether you can assess what the implications are in New South Wales and Queensland in terms of the delivery capacity—how many students can access TAFE and what types of courses are being cut. Just give us a general overview of what is happening so we can understand what is happening to the money we are putting in as a federal government compared to the money</p>	Pages 73 and 74, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>that is being pulled out, and what the implications are. Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Ms Furnell:</b> Certainly. The figures I was quoting were estimates from the Victorian TAFE Association, and we will put together what we know for the committee. If I could just come back to the budget question around the Queensland government budget cuts, in their budget they showed a decrease of around \$80 million in their training, tertiary education and employment line, so there are some cuts. But, again, that is in an overall sense. Again, we do not know the details of their reforms, as they are still being worked out.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> Thank you.</p>			
AI-37	Nash	Higher Education	Metropolitan and regional students	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> As you know, the Bradley target by 2025 is 40 per cent. What sort of percentage are we up to at the moment roughly?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> We are ahead of schedule, Senator.</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> It is 36.8 per cent.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Yes, I was told 37 per cent but 36.8 is more precise than I had.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> One decimal point better.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Do you have a breakdown of those figures for metropolitan and regional students, or could you take it on notice for me if you do not have it?</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> I have it by state here.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I will come back to that if there is time. I am conscious that it is Senator Mason's time.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> What we certainly do have is a breakdown by gender. Women—you will be pleased to know, Senator Nash—are already at the target, approximately 13 years ahead of schedule. Men still have a considerable way to go, and it may take men considerably longer, in fact past the target, to get to 40 per cent, but we are relying on women to bring the population as a whole to the target a couple of years ahead of schedule if we keep on track at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Terrific. Could you perhaps take on notice then, in the breakdown in the regional areas, the numbers of men and women.</p> <p><b>Dr Taylor:</b> We use the ABS education and work survey. I am</p>	Page 75, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>not sure if they break it down that way. They break it down by state and by gender.  <b>Senator NASH:</b> Could you take it on notice and have a look?  <b>Dr Taylor:</b> I would just qualify that we can only do that if they do the survey.  <b>Senator NASH:</b> I hope they do.</p>			
AI-38	Mason	Higher Education	HECS-HELP debt	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I will be jumping around a bit, if that is okay, Mr de Carvalho, so bear with me. HECS-HELP debt—is that something for you?  <b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I think I have heard of it.  <b>Senator MASON:</b> How much HECS-HELP debt is currently considered to be at risk of not being repaid?  <b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> It is estimated that 83 per cent of all new HECS-HELP debt will be repaid.  <b>CHAIR:</b> What is the figure for current debt?  <b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> The total pool of debt?  <b>CHAIR:</b> The percentage.  <b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> The total debt out there is around \$26 billion. Debt not expected to be paid—and Mr Warburton will correct me if I am wrong—is currently in the order of \$6.2 billion.  <b>CHAIR:</b> About a quarter. So you are roughly increasing, you think, from 75 per cent to 83 per cent.  <b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Yes. The 75 per cent, if you like, represents the current stock. The 83 per cent was in reference to new stock.  <b>Senator MASON:</b> Do the actuaries—or anyone else, for that matter—break down that sum into components, for example at risk of not being repaid due to death, at risk of not being repaid due to likelihood of not reaching the repayment threshold, or some other measure? Are there component parts to the final summation of, let us say, about 25 per cent?  <b>Mr Warburton:</b> I am not aware that they break down debt not expected to be repaid into those components.  <b>Senator MASON:</b> Is that right? So it is just a global figure? Of the roughly 25 per cent, as the chair suggested, that is not disaggregated?  <b>Mr Warburton:</b> Not that I am aware.  <b>Senator MASON:</b> That is a pity. That would be interesting. Do</p>	Pages 79 and 80, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>you have an estimate at all, then, about how much debt is in the hands of Australians working overseas?</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> You do! That is something.</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> The research that has been undertaken—the best that we have seen is the material that was put together by Chapman and Higgins—would seem to indicate to us that 90 per cent of debt not expected to be paid, that is, the current stock not expected to be paid, relates to Australians who are in the country or only go overseas for very short periods of time. So less than 10 per cent is people who have moved permanently overseas. That is of the stock that is not expected to be repaid.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> It is important to say that the research done by Professor Chapman and Dr Higgins relies on some fairly heroic assumptions to fill in gaps in the data, and they acknowledge that. It is their best guess that the results of their research suggest that the foregone revenue from HECS debt going overseas in the period 1989-2011 was between \$400 million and \$800 million. So you can see that that is quite a—</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Margin for error, isn't it? Or discrepancy.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> It is quite a big gap. It could be anywhere from \$400 million over that 20-year period.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> When someone goes overseas to work, is that amount then considered doubtful? In other words, is it 100 per cent of the people going overseas, having completed an Australian degree, to work in London or New York or wherever, that is automatically then considered doubtful?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>			
AI-39	Mason	Higher Education	Payments to Universities by indexation	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Can I jump to the Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program. At the last estimates I was trying to find what accounted for the growth in the participation component—that is, what proportion of the increase in the program was to do with the increase in the number of low SES students and what proportion were to do with the increase of the overall allocation and/or indexation. Do you recall that conversation?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Yes.</p>	Pages 83 and 84, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I have asked on notice how much of the amount paid to the university per student is made up by indexation. Do you remember that?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> In the answer you provided on notice—and thank you to the department—you said that indexation is applied to the total program funded and not to the individual per head amount.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> I think I understand that. I am not very good at mathematics, but we will carry on. Would you be able to tell the committee in terms of dollars and percentages how much of the participation components allocations each year over the forward estimates is made out of indexation? Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Out of the total allocation as opposed to the per student amount?</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Which, as we said in the answer, we cannot disaggregate for you.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> We should be able to get that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> And the partnership component, too, I suppose.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Yes, we can do that on notice for you.</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> And participation and partnership, both components?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Yes.</p>			
AI-40	Mason	Higher Education	Low SES students	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Do you produce projections of the numbers of low SES students over the next few years? Have you got projections?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Yes, we need to do that. Last year there was a budget measure that said we will move to setting the participation amount at an estimated \$1,400 per student. That estimated per capita figure was based on the program allocation on the one hand and the number of students that we expected, low SES students who would be eligible for access to the program or for that particular amount.</p>	Page 84, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Can I get to that in a minute. I do want to go there. Are you able to provide to the committee, then, the numbers of low SES students over the next few years? Is that possible?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> The projections?</p> <p><b>Senator MASON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>			
AI-41	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Participation	Independent Youth Allowance	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I understand that, but then how do you keep track in a policy sense of how many regional students are unable to access assistance through that mechanism to go to university? How do you keep any track of whether it is one or 1,000 or 15,000? How do you know?</p> <p><b>Ms Sakkara:</b> It is very challenging with the way the system records the data.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> You do not. So, since the change in policy where the government—in my view and others' view incredibly stupidly—put the parental income test in place, we have no idea how many regional students this has affected.</p> <p><b>Ms Sakkara:</b> But we do have data on how many additional regional students are receiving payment—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> No, I am talking about independent youth allowance. I am not talking about all of those figures the minister talks about with youth allowance. I have said that the increased thresholds are good news and a number of other things. I am talking about independent youth allowance and these kids that are stopped from going to university or further education. We have no idea how many there are since that policy change. That is just a yes or no answer, isn't it? We just have no idea.</p> <p><b>Ms Sakkara:</b> I think we do have data on the number of independent regional students and we can compare that over time.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> No, specifically from the parental income test. That is my question. Do we—</p> <p><b>Ms Sakkara:</b> Specifically from the parental income test, no.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> We do not know. Okay. I am going to have to move on. Does it bother you that we do not know? In a departmental policy sense, does it bother you? It bothers me a lot.</p> <p><b>Ms Borthwick:</b> The main aim of the data system is to track</p>	Page 86, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013



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				<p>expenditure and to ensure that that information and the amounts spent are accurate. That is the primary concern of government in relation to the funding of that particular program.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I find it extraordinary that it is not a priority that we know how many regional students are precluded under this mechanism from going on to tertiary education—particularly given, as Senator Mason so rightly raised before, the fact that we have this target of 40,000. We do not even know—no-one could even tell me—if we break it down to metropolitan and regional when it comes to the 40 per cent. Are we happy with 100 per cent of the increase coming from the cities? Is that okay?</p> <p><b>Ms Borthwick:</b> I think what we are attempting to do is to find the answer to that question before we rise tonight.</p>			
AI-42	Nash	Higher Education	Agricultural graduates	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> ...Can I ask very briefly about agricultural courses. Sorry, we might be skipping to another area here. Does anybody have any figures on how many graduates coming out of university are going into agriculture and agribusiness compared to the agriculture-related jobs each year?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I am not sure if we have the data on where agriculture graduates end up. Dr Taylor might be able to tell us whether the Graduate Destination Survey can do that.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I have about seven minutes, so if it is not easily gettable then we might just take it on notice if that is all right.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Certainly.</p>	Page 86, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-43	Nash	Higher Education	HECS increase – agricultural graduates	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> ...Am I correct that there has been a HECS increase for science which would take in the agriculture-related courses?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> There was a removal of a priority rate for maths and science.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Does that include ag, just to clarify? Is that where it is?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I think it does, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So what effectively is that? What does it mean for a student who is doing ag?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> They would have had their student contribution increased?</p>	Pages 86 and 87, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> By how much? Anyone? While we are looking for that, given the five minutes I have left, can I ask about this: my understanding, and this is why I am after the figures, is that it is around 700 graduates for around 4,000 places in the agri-related sector. Was there any consideration given in a policy sense to what that increase in HECS would do given that we have a huge dearth of students in that category?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Yes, there was. When that decision was made, there were a range of evidence-based reports taken into account. Because we have an income-contingent loan system, this effectively dampens the price signal quite a lot. The evidence shows that the removal of the priority rate back to the standard rate, if you like, of HECS for students has had very little, if any, impact on participation.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> When did the change come in?</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I think it came in last budget.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> But we would not know, because the intake of students would be now.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> But there have been a range of price increases over the years across a range of disciplines, so that evidence is an input into the decision-making process.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay. Can you take on notice for me the time line around the issue of the increases and the detail around the considerations of what impact that would have. I specifically want agriculture-related courses, not science.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> I understand.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> If you could take that on notice and just turn that all into English for me, that would be great.</p> <p><b>Mr de Carvalho:</b> Did you want the price increase?</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> On the rates you were after, in 2012, maths and science were 4,520.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> It is not much use to me without it specifically being ag.</p> <p><b>Mr Warburton:</b> Okay. Do you want it all on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Yes, that would be great. Thank you very much. It is of use, but not as much as specifically the agriculture figures.</p>			
AI-44	Nash	International	Post-study work	<b>Senator NASH:</b> ...Just very briefly, do we have anyone that can	Pages 87 and 88,	10/05/2013	16/05/2013

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		Education and Science	rights	<p>deal with post-study work rights? I just want to talk about the eligibility of international students of higher education providers and the post-study work rights issue. I am trying to get a sense of what work is done to align the visas that are granted in relation to the work that is then available. How is that all determined?</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> I will try and go some way to answering that question.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Do you understand what I mean? I am just very simply trying to get my head around what happens when we have these international students, they are granted a visa, they get a post-study work right and they can go out to work. I am just trying to see if there is a match between the visas and the actual work available or if there is a mismatch, if that helps.</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> It is very difficult to get a match, but there are various kinds of approaches, if you like, to try and get a match. It is a DIAC matter. The system is moving more and more towards an employer-based visa arrangement.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So what you mean by that is that there would have to be a job before the visa is granted?</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> A sponsorship by an employer, so the match clearly becomes closer there.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Did you say you are moving towards that?</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> So we are not there yet.</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> Yes, in some visa classes—not in others.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Sorry to interrupt. I have two minutes left.</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> Sorry. Then, in others, it is far more open than that. Perhaps, because of the complexity of it, I might be able to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Could you.</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> What I am very interested in is whether or not we have a situation where visas are granted and then the work is not available for the student who has been granted that visa, or if there is a time lag—all of those types of things. Could you take that on notice for me.</p> <p><b>Ms Weddell:</b> Sure. We will look at that.</p>	Wednesday 13 February 2013		
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AI-45	Nash	AWPA	Research staff numbers	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I have questions for the Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency. I have 90 seconds, so if we can try and do this really quickly that would be great. Are you able to give me the total cost of running the agency for the 2012-13 financial year?</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Yes. We have a budget of about \$8 million, but we also got some money in terms of what was coming out from Skills Australia as well.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay. How much was that?</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> We are operating on a budget of around \$10 million.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay. How many staff are currently employed?</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Forty-five.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> How many do full-time research?</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Nearly everybody—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> You can give me a ballpark if you like and take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Yes. Nearly everybody does research, because besides our communication and admin people everybody is engaged in research in some way. We have a number of dedicated teams who do sectoral study, such as defence materiel and mineral resources, and we also have other people who are doing research into productivity and things like that—the majority.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Fantastic. Could you take on notice for me a breakdown of all those areas.</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Yes, absolutely.</p>	Page 88, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-46	Nash	AWPA	National Workforce Development Fund	<p><b>Senator NASH:</b> This is my very final question: when registered training organisations receive funding from the National Workforce Development Fund—am I correct that they do?</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Yes. Well, they can—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> No, I am just making sure I have it right. They do get funding from that?</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> In most cases. The funding goes to the ISC and then the ISC can fund the RTO on behalf of the enterprises. In some cases, like SkillsDMC, all the money goes to the ISC and they give the money to the enterprise, which gives it to the RTO.</p>	Page 89, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>We do not fund RTOs directly.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay. So, when the money goes to the RTOs through that process, what is the accountability ensuring the quality levels of the training?</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Certainly they have to acquit the training. They have to meet national standards. The view that is expressed to us is that, as it is a co-contribution scheme, the industry partner—the enterprise—has a very definite incentive to have a quality RTO. We have not had many complaints about the quality of RTOs directed to us or, I believe, the department.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Okay. If you could take on notice for me whether there have been complaints insofar as you can and provide those to the committee, that would be great.</p> <p><b>Mr Shreeve:</b> Yes, certainly. I am not aware of any.</p>			
AI-47	Nash	ASQA	Audits	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> We now turn to ASQA. Welcome Mr Robinson and your officers. Senator Nash.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Mr Robinson, how many audits have been done to date?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> I will just have to get the figure out. We will come back to that in a moment.</p>	Pages 96 and 97, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-48	Nash	ASQA	Complaints	<p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> -----</p> <p>We have had 1,254 complaints in our first 18 months. Various things are done with those because they are quite varied in nature.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Did you have an expectation at all? Was that figure surprising, or not at all surprising? Or because you had not been there before did you not know what to expect? It sounds like a lot, and that is why I ask the question.</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> Yes, it is quite a few, to be honest. Some of them relate to things that might be a breach of standards. If that were the case, we could follow it up with that RTO; we might go and audit them and look at the issue that was raised in particular in that audit. It may go through to a point where we would give that RTO a direction, or it could even affect their continuing registration as the RTO if it was a serious breach of the standards. So far, it is quite a number. I was not really sure how many to</p>	Pages 96 and 97, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>expect.</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> Can I ask you to take it on notice to give us a snapshot of the types of complaints, in so far as you can, to give us a bit of a sense of their different natures?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> I can give you—</p> <p><b>Senator NASH:</b> I would prefer that you take it on notice because we are really tight for time. In terms of audits where specialist training is being offered, do you second people in a specialist area, or do you have those resources within ASQA anyway?</p>			
AI-49	Rhiannon	ASQA	ELICOS	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Okay. I will come back to that one, just because of time. I want to ask about teaching in private VET the English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students—the ELICOS. Are there any minimum requirements here for ELICOS teachers?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> There is a code set out in the act, and there are specific standards for ELICOS. I believe they include the qualifications that teachers are required to have.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I was particularly interested in what the standards are for the International English Language Testing System. You can take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> I will take that one on notice. There are standards that we assess them against. They are specific to the English language providers and are different to the ones the VET providers are generally assessed against.</p>	Page 99, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-50	Rhiannon	ASQA	Industrial relation conditions	<p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> In our standards, the VET sector training packages generally set out requirements for industry experience in different sectors, and the national standards go to the issue of qualifications that teachers ought to have. There is a similar set, as I understand it, in the ELICOS area as well. We assess whether people have met those particular standards or not in relation to assessing their continuing registration.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> In making that assessment, are you looking at the conditions of the work—the working conditions and levels of pay—in terms of judging that quality?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> They are essentially a matter for the industrial relations sector. Sometimes those things lead to complaints being</p>	Pages 99 and 100, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>made to us by staff of an organisation. If they were about whether people were being paid award wages or the like, we would be tending to refer those on to the industrial relations authorities to have a look at.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> But wouldn't you recognise that the conditions under which people work impact on how they work and therefore the standard of teaching?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> The focus of our assessment would be more on whether these matters are leading to an unacceptable level in the teaching standards being achieved, the teaching programs and the assessment approach. We fundamentally assess providers around the quality of their delivery, the quality of their assessment and, as you say, the qualifications required of the staff. There are other related matters that may contribute to that which may be of concern to us, but we would fundamentally be assessing whether they are affecting those core issues in the standards.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So do you look at industrial relations conditions or not?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> We look at the quality of the teaching and the quality of the assessment. If those issues were flowing through to that issue then we could take some action, but we might also refer some of the matters across to other authorities if we thought there was some sort of issue of breach there.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Have you done that?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> Not that I am aware of in relation to IR issues.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you take that on notice if you need to?</p> <p><b>Mr C Robinson:</b> Yes.</p>			
AI-51	Nash	Higher Education	Agricultural Graduates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide any updated figures on the number of agricultural graduates and the number of agriculture-related jobs available.</li> <li>2. Is there any available data to confirm reports by <i>The Australian</i> on 19 January that there has been an increase in the number of students applying to study agriculture in 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How much was the increase?</li> <li>ii. Which universities saw an increase in numbers?</li> <li>iii. Which courses benefitted from an increase?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>3. Please advise which universities still offer agriculture and agricultural science courses and list the types of courses provided.</p> <p>4. Is there any data available to break down the number of students applying to study agriculture-related courses into gender?</p>			
AI-52	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Relocation Scholarships	<p>1. What is the eligibility criteria for relocation scholarships?</p> <p>2. Are students eligible for independent youth allowance that move away from home also eligible for this payment?</p> <p>3. The criteria include a dependent person who has to live away from home to study. What is defined as 'live away', is there a distance criteria, eg they need to live a certain distance from place of study?</p> <p>4. Refer to QoN SI-127. Is the information for payments of the relocation scholarship for 2012 able to be broken down into the categories of student receiving the scholarship? For example those in receipt of ABSTUDY, those who are dependent and required to live away from home and those meeting specific independent criteria.</p> <p>5. Please advise the number of students in 2012 receiving relocation scholarships who receive dependent youth allowance at a rate of \$6,000 and under.</p> <p>6. Please provide a breakdown of figures on the number of dependent students in 2012 who were eligible for the relocation scholarship and received less than the full rate of dependent youth allowance.</p> <p>7. Refer to QON SI-127 and to the relocation scholarship expenditure table at paragraph 3. Can this be further broken down to show how much of the total expenditure per Remoteness Area was directed to students deemed dependent?</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-53	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Youth Allowance	Refer to QON SI-128 part 2. Please break down the number of students who qualified for Youth Allowance as dependent living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2012 into ASGC-RA classification.	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-54	Nash	Tertiary Quality	Youth Allowance	1. How many students from regional and remote areas in 2012	Written Question	22/05/2013	27/06/2013



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		and Student Support		<p>and 2013 (if available) received independent youth allowance living away from home? (Please break down into the ASGC-RA map zones).</p> <p>2. How many students from regional and remote areas in 2012 and 2013 (if available) received dependent youth allowance living away from home? (Please break down into the ASGC-RA map zones).</p>	Thursday 21 February 2013		
AI-55	Nash	Higher Education	Building Aspirations and Learning Links for Young People	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please clarify the nature of the <i>Building Aspirations and Learning Links for Young people to go to university project</i>. Is it a Government initiative, initiative of the Murdoch University, joint project between Government and university..?</li> <li>2. Was the \$5 million grant from the Government specifically allocated in the 2012-13 budget?</li> <li>3. Is the \$5 million payment a one-off payment for the 4-year project? Or will there be additional grants over the life of the project?</li> <li>4. Are there plans to implement/encourage similar projects through other universities and in other regions?</li> <li>5. In a joint media release by the Minister for Education, the then Minister for Tertiary Education and the Special Minister for State regarding the project it was stated that there is an increase in the number of low socio-economic undergraduates, up from 16.5 per cent in 2010 to 16.8 per cent. Is an increase of 0.3 of a per cent over 2 years considered a 'success'?</li> <li>6. What proportion of the 0.3 per cent increase are rural and regional students?</li> <li>7. The same media release states '<i>Our unprecedented investment and our landmark reforms have opened up the doors of our universities to an extra 190,000 Australians</i>'. Can you clarify where the figure 190,000 came from? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Over what timeframe did this increase occur?</li> <li>ii. What number or percentage of this increase are students from remote and regional Australia?</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. The project refers to innovative curriculum and teaching, aspiration building, alternative curriculum and leadership and</li> </ol>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				teacher development, but what does this project specifically do to address the issue of cost as a barrier to university studies?			
AI-56	Nash	International Education and Science	Post study work rights	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department been advised when legislation to allow international students of higher education providers to undertake post study work will be introduced to parliament?</li> <li>2. Can the department provide an update on the number of streamlined visa processing students who are undertaking degree programmes at private higher education providers?</li> </ol>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-57	Nash	VET Reform	Regulation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An article in <i>The Australian</i> on 11 February referred to industry concern surrounding regulations set to see registered training providers required to provide the same information for all students, irrespective of the duration of the course they are undertaking. Is the Department considering reducing the compliance burden on providers of courses that may only last a day or two?</li> <li>2. What will the requirement on a provider be, when enrolling a student?</li> <li>3. How many questions will the student be required to answer?</li> <li>4. Has the department considered the cost of compliance to providers?</li> <li>5. Has the department considered the likely implications of providers no longer being willing to offer short courses due to high administrative burden?</li> <li>6. What impact will this have on the availability of critical courses such as first aid?</li> </ol>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-58	Nash	VET Reform	National Partnership development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the \$1.75 billion for VET linked to capital development?</li> <li>2. What percentage of VET enrolments are now outside of the National Partnership agreement?</li> <li>3. How many major companies are now choosing to undertake their own training, outside the national training system?</li> <li>4. What are the implications of this?</li> <li>5. What is the deadline for states to sign up to the partnership before the offer expires?</li> </ol>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-59	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – impact of research projects	According to pages 17-18 of the CSIRO 2011/12 Annual Report, of the independent reviews of CSIRO’s Flagships to date, 60% of	Written Question Thursday 21	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>themes making up the Flagships were within the “acceptable” range for probable impact on end-users (industry and community).</p> <p>In relation to non-Flagship research capabilities, pages 44-45 of the CSIRO 2011/12 Annual Report indicate that, in the second cycle of the review program which was completed in 2011/12, 68% of these research capabilities were within the “acceptable” range for probable impact on end-users (industry and community).</p> <p>a) Page 18 of the CSIRO 2011/12 Annual Report attributes the results of the Flagships review to “the Flagships being a new portfolio or the Flagship activities having less short-term consulting-type work within the portfolio”. Does CSIRO expect the results to improve once the Flagships are no longer a “new portfolio” and the benefits of longer-term research are realised?</p> <p>b) What specific measures will be implemented to improve results for both the Flagships and non-Flagship research capabilities?</p>	February 2013		
AI-60	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – impact of research projects	<p>With respect to the July 2010 ACIL Tasman report into the Assessment of CSIRO Impact &amp; Value:</p> <p>a) To what extent has CSIRO implemented ACIL Tasman’s recommendation that CSIRO “build a flexible strategy so that it can better respond, at lower cost, to plausible new information” (pages xii-xiii)?</p> <p>b) Have ACIL Tasman’s recommendations been incorporated into CSIRO’s Impact 2020 Project?</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-61	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – Global Precincts	<p>With respect to CSIRO’s plans to develop Global Precincts (outlined in the CSIRO Strategy 2011-2015):</p> <p>a) Please provide an outline of the specific progress that has been made by CSIRO in developing plans for the operation of the Global Precincts.</p> <p>b) Who are the key stakeholders/partners likely to be involved in the Global Precincts and what contact has been made with</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>stakeholders to date?</p> <p>c) Will plans for the Global Precincts be consistent with CSIRO's general capital investment strategy?</p> <p>d) Given the potential for overlap, will the Global Precincts involve any streamlining of existing CSIRO collaboration programs, for example CSIRO's investment in the Cooperative Research Centre program and CSIRO's Flagship Collaboration Fund?</p> <p>e) What contribution to the Global Precincts will be provided by the Science and Industry Endowment Fund?</p>			
AI-62	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – National Research Priorities	<p>Page 2 of the CSIRO 2011/12 Annual Report states that over 90% of CSIRO's resources are directed to achieving the government's National Research Priorities (NRPs).</p> <p>The National Research Investment Plan, endorsed by the government on 28 November 2012, flags that the NRPs will be replaced by new Strategic Research Priorities (SRPs), currently being developed by the Australian Research Committee (see pages 83-84 of the National Research Investment Plan).</p> <p>a) Will CSIRO need to restructure some of its programs, including its Flagships, in light of the replacement of the NRPs?</p> <p>b) What discussions has CSIRO had with the government and/or the Australian Research Committee with respect to (a) above?</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-63	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – community awareness	<p>One of CSIRO's Key Executive Actions for 2011/12 was to "revitalise CSIRO branding and marketing strategies (with associated co-branding options) and run three to five consumer orientated campaigns to increase awareness of CSIRO" (page 12 of the CSIRO 2011/12 Annual Report).</p> <p>Please outline the specific marketing strategies and consumer-orientated campaigns that were undertaken and whether these initiatives were successful.</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-64	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – community	Please identify the progress that has been made by CSIRO in	Written Question	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			awareness	relation to Key Executive Actions 15 and 16 outlined in CSIRO's 2012/13 Operational Plan (page 15) – specifically, CSIRO's intention to: a) execute a systematic engagement strategy which includes both national areas of science interest and each of our outcome domains; and b) develop and implement a marketing strategy to address the primary areas of industry, government and community.	Thursday 21 February 2013		
AI-65	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – precincts	In how many major research hubs or precincts does CSIRO now have an involvement?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-66	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – precincts	With respect to each of the major research hubs or precincts in which CSIRO is involved: a) How much has CSIRO spent to date? b) How much has been committed by CSIRO over future years?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-67	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – precincts	Are there any plans currently underway in relation to any potential CSIRO involvement in additional research hubs or precincts (other than the Global Precincts identified in the CSIRO Strategy 2011-2015)? If so, what are those research hubs or precincts?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-68	Mason	CSIRO	CSIRO – precincts	Has CSIRO been involved in any discussions and/or work with the government during 2012 and/or 2013 on any impending changes to its existing precincts and/or the impending rollout of additional precincts (including with respect to the establishment of Global Precincts)?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-69	Mason	Science and Research	Chief Scientist – National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser	In the 2012/13 Budget, the government committed \$4.3 million for a “National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser”. a) What will be the specific responsibilities of the Adviser? b) What will the Adviser do to promote science across education and industry?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-70	Mason	Science and Research	Chief Scientist – Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council	At its 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 9 July 2012, the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council ( <b>PMSEIC</b> ) defined its “three-year forward work program, which will include consideration of reports prepared by the Australian Council of Learned Academies under the overarching theme of ‘Securing	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				Australia's Future' ” (Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, ‘Twenty-Fourth PMSEIC Meeting – 9 July 2012’, Media Release, 9 July 2012). a) What specific activities are involved in the three-year forward work program? b) Will the three-year forward work program be publicly released? c) Has the PMSEIC commissioned any projects to be undertaken by the Australian Council of Learned Academies with respect to the “Securing Australia’s Future” program?			
AI-71	Mason	Science and Research	Chief Scientist – Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council	According to a summary of the 25 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC), the Chief Scientist has been asked to provide advice to the PMSEIC about “breakthrough actions that the Australian government could take to enhance innovation” (Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, ‘Twenty-Fifth PMSEIC Meeting – 13 December 2012’, Media Release, 13 December 2012). In response to its consultation process regarding this issue, the Chief Scientist is said to have received “65 written responses offering a wide range of opinions, with many presenting consistent themes and issues”. a) What are the “consistent themes and issues” in the submissions? b) Will the submissions be made public? If so, when?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-72	Mason	Science and Research	Chief Scientist – Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council	The summary of the 25 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC) states that the Chief Scientist will also provide advice on “a process for setting national research priorities for Australia”. Will this advice be integrated with the Australian Research Committee’s work (National Research Investment Plan, page 83) on developing strategic research priorities to replace the national research priorities?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-73	Mason	Science and Research	Chief Scientist – Forum of Australian	With respect to the Forum of Australian Chief Scientists: a) How often does the Forum meet?	Written Question Thursday 21	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			Chief Scientists	<p>b) What specifically has the Forum done in the last 12 months and what has been the outcome of its meetings?</p> <p>c) When is the Forum’s next meeting?</p> <p>d) What is the Forum’s agenda for the future?</p>	February 2013		
AI-74	Mason	Higher Education	DIISRTE – budget commitment to the Chief Scientist’s <i>Mathematics, Engineering &amp; Science in the National Interest</i> report	<p>In May 2012, the government, in its Budget announcement, committed to provide \$54 million as part of its response to the Chief Scientist’s <i>Mathematics, Engineering &amp; Science in the National Interest</i> report (<b>Report</b>): see Chris Evans and Peter Garrett, ‘Budget 2012-13 – Investing in Science and Maths for a Smarter Future’, Joint Media Release, 8 May 2012.</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What programs will be supported by the “\$10.9 million to improve the quality of teacher training through innovative delivery of maths and science teaching programs for prospective teachers”?</li> <li>ii. Which of the Report’s recommendations does this expenditure relate to?</li> </ul> <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is the “\$3.0 million for national support and advice for teachers”, which includes, among other things, “funding for a national advisory and linking service” to be used to establish the National Centre for Mathematics and Science Teachers proposed in recommendations 7-8 and Appendix C of the Chief Scientist’s report?</li> <li>ii. What steps have been taken to establish the National Centre for Mathematics and Science Teachers to date?</li> <li>iii. What steps have been taken to train regionally-based facilitators linked to the National Centre for Mathematics and Science Teachers (as mentioned in recommendation 11 of the Report)?</li> </ul> <p>c) In the Budget announcement, the government committed \$5 million to the Science Connections program and \$6.5 million to the Science Partnerships program. Will funding be provided for the other two components of the</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Collaborations in Schools program recommended by the Chief Scientist, namely (a) Science Innovation and (b) Science Practice/the Advancing Science Education by Learning in the Laboratory (<b>ASELL</b>) program (Report, page 9, Appendix D and Appendix E)?</p> <p>d) With respect to the ASELL program, the “\$3.0 million for national support and advice for teachers” committed by the government in its Budget announcement includes support for “practical activities for school science laboratories”. This funding is not sufficient to support both the National Centre for Mathematics and Science Teachers and the ASELL program because the Chief Scientist recommends funding of \$3 million solely for the ASELL program (Report, page 9, Appendix D and Appendix E). Will further funding need to be committed to implement the Chief Scientist’s recommendations?</p> <p>e) Which of the Report’s recommendations does the “Australian Mathematics and Science Partnerships Program” (attracting a \$22.5 million investment from the government, as announced on 30 December 2012) purport to implement?</p>			
AI-75	Mason	Higher Education	DIISRTE – implementation of recommendations in the Chief Scientist’s <i>Mathematics, Engineering &amp; Science in the National Interest</i> report	<p>Please confirm whether the following recommendations of the Chief Scientist from the <i>Mathematics, Engineering &amp; Science in the National Interest</i> report (<b>Report</b>) will be implemented and, if so, the progress that has been made to date:</p> <p>a) Requiring established teachers without formal qualifications to be accredited against the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) standard of “Professional Knowledge” in order to continue to teach maths, engineering and science subjects (recommendation 2 of the Report).</p> <p>b) Implementing the higher education initiatives to increase maths, engineering and science teacher graduates</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013



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				<p>mentioned in recommendations 3-4 and Appendix B of the Report, namely the Flagship Program in Mathematics, Science and Education and up-front financial support in the form of cadetships and bursaries.</p> <p>c) Cooperation between the Commonwealth government and the states and territories to ensure more focused and better quality professional development for maths, engineering and science teachers and equitable access to opportunities (recommendation 6 of the Report).</p> <p>d) Removing financial barriers that may inhibit teachers from renewing their qualifications or attending professional development (recommendation 9 of the Report).</p> <p>e) Negotiating with universities to ensure that structured development programs for teachers lead to credit towards a qualification and that any credits are transportable between universities (recommendation 10 of the Report).</p> <p>f) Develop programs to encourage more women into maths, science and engineering courses (recommendation 17 of the Report).</p>			
AI-76	Mason	International Education and Science	International Science Linkages Program	<p>The government's International Science Linkages (ISL) program lapsed on 30 June 2011.</p> <p>The review of the ISL program by the Allen Consulting Group in February 2011 noted that the ISL program filled a gap that other government programs did not cover and recommended the continuation of funding for the program (Allen Consulting Group, <i>Evaluation of the International Science Linkages Program: Executive Summary and Recommendations</i>, February 2011, page ii).</p> <p>a) Does the government intend to devise a replacement for the ISL program?</p> <p>b) If so, when will the replacement program be announced?</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-77	Mason	ARC	Australian Research Council – duration of competitive research	<p>In relation to the review into the duration of competitive research grants to be conducted by the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council (see Tim</p>	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			grants	Dodd, 'Reducing Agony of Research Grants', <i>Australian Financial Review</i> , 3 December 2012, page 23): a) Has a committee been established to conduct the review? If so, who are its members? b) What are the terms of reference for the review? c) When will the review be completed?			
AI-78	Mason	ARC	Australian Research Council – Excellence in Research for Australia	What are the anticipated costs of conducting the 2015 Excellence in Research for Australia round?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-79	Mason	ARC	Australian Research Council – absenteeism	In the Australian Public Service Commission's State of the Service Report 2011-12, the Australian Research Council is identified as being one of the top five worst-performing agencies in the Australian Public service with respect to unscheduled absences. While the median Australian Public Service sick leave rate in 2011-12 was 8.5 days and the median absence was 11.1 days, the Australian Research Council sick leave rate was 14.3 days and the median absence rate was 17.8 days. a) What is the explanation for these rates? b) Are absences of this magnitude having a negative impact on the Australian Research Council's performance and productivity? c) What steps has the Australian Research Council taken to improve these rates?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-80	Mason	ARC	Australian Research Council – compensation leave	What provision does the Australian Research Council make for compensation leave for its staff (including how many staff are involved and the length of leave)?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-81	Mason	ARC	Australian Research Council – absenteeism	With respect to the top five worst performing agencies in the Australian Public Service in relation to unscheduled absences, the State of the Service Report 2011-12 states: "Three of these five agencies had very high proportions of compensation leave which, in an agency with few employees, can be heavily influenced by one or two individuals on an extended return to work program". Is this the case for the Australian Research Council?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013

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AI-82	Mason	Science and Research	Australian Research Committee – operation of the National Research Investment Plan	When will the “detailed plan” to be developed by the Australian Research Committee to harness enabling capability across the five key domains (as outlined in the National Research Investment Plan, page 63) be delivered?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-83	Mason	Science and Research	Australian Research Committee – Strategic Research Priorities	According to page 83 of the National Research Investment Plan, the Australian Research Committee will develop new Strategic Research Priorities (SRPs) to replace the existing National Research Priorities (NRPs). a) Will the inclusion of the SRPs in the National Research Investment Plan necessitate a separate level of assessment for each new research funding program proposal? b) What weighting will the SRPs carry in the allocation of funding? c) Will some SRPs be given more weight than other SRPs? d) When will the SRPs be finalised by the Australian Research Committee? e) Will the humanities, arts and social sciences be reflected in the SRPs?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-84	Mason	Science and Research	Australian Research Committee – operation of the National Research Investment Plan	According to page 86 of the National Research Investment Plan, the Australian Research Committee has undertaken to: a) provide advice on a whole-of-government approach for opening access to the outputs and data from publicly funded research; b) propose measures to ensure the quality, quantity and skills of research trained staff will meet demand; and c) provide advice on mechanisms to support strategic international collaboration. d) When will each of these tasks be completed and what work has been done by the Australian Research Committee to address these tasks to date?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-85	Mason	Science and Research	Research Workforce Strategy	What work has been completed so far by the Research Workforce Strategic Advisory Group and the Research Training Quality	Written Question Thursday 21	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				Working Group in implementing the government's Research Workforce Strategy?	February 2013		
AI-86	Mason	Science and Research	Research Workforce Strategy	Will there be any coordination between the Research Workforce Strategic Advisory Group, the Research Training Quality Working Group and the Australian Research Committee (which is examining structural issues relating to the research workforce) with respect to the implementation of the Research Workforce Strategy?	Written Question Thursday 21 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-87	Bushby	Higher Education	Pre-bachelor & post-graduate placements	What factors/criteria determine a University's allocation of pre-bachelor and post-graduate placements?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-88	Bushby	Higher Education	Pre-bachelor & post-graduate placements	a) What pool of funds is available for University pre-bachelor and post-graduate placements in Australia? b) How much of that goes to Universities in the Group of Eight?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-89	Bushby	Higher Education	Pre-bachelor & post-graduate placements	Has any assessment or review been conducted on the impacts of the Federal Government's decision to cap pre-bachelor and post-graduate places on Australian universities in regional and remote areas?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-90	Bushby	Higher Education	Pre-bachelor & post-graduate placements	Has any consideration been given to allowing Universities to determine their own allocation of pre-bachelor and post-graduation placements? Please detail.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-91	Bushby	Higher Education	Pre-bachelor & post-graduate placements	How many pre-bachelor placements does the University of Tasmania have?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-92	Bushby	Higher Education	Pre-bachelor & post-graduate placements	How many post-graduate placements does the University of Tasmania have?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-93	Bushby	Higher Education	Pre-bachelor & post-graduate placements	Have all placements for pre-bachelor and post-graduate courses/programs at the University of Tasmania been filled since the cap came into place?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-94	Bushby	Science and Research	SRE Grants	What saving to the Budget will there be stemming from the decision to freeze Sustainable Research Excellence Grants? Please outline for each year in the forward estimates.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-95	Bushby	Science and Research	SRE Grants	Has any modelling been undertaken to determine how universities outside the Group of Eight have been/will be affected by the freeze on Sustainable Research Excellence	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				Grants? Please detail.			
AI-96	Bushby	Science and Research	SRE Grants	Please list for each year since 2007 how much money was provided to the University of Tasmania through the Sustainable Research Excellence Grants program.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-97	Bushby	Science and Research	SRE Grants	Please list the recipients of each successful SRE grant application at the University of Tasmania, and the amount that was awarded.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-98	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Teaching-only data	Teaching & Learning was looking at gathering data on which universities are allocating teaching-only positions and how they are using those positions. Has that project been completed, and what were the outcomes and trends showing up from that research?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-99	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Teacher student ratios	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is data yet available from universities to clarify teacher to student ratios in real body terms, not in fulltime equivalent terms?</li> <li>2. If not yet, when will it be available, and how will we be able to differentiate between ongoing class teachers and tutors, and those industry professionals brought in to teach just a few hours here and there?</li> <li>3. Is there yet available a clear picture of 2012's teacher:student ratios - at each university and in different areas of study?</li> <li>4. Is there any indication yet of teacher:student ratio trends correlating to the effects of the demand-driven rise in students?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-100	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Senior academic workforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the figures on the numbers of senior academic leaders in each broad field of education?</li> <li>2. Considering rates of casualisation in the university workforce, is there any strategy being discussed with universities regarding the next generation of senior academics?</li> <li>3. What is the research on ratios of qualified and experienced teachers supervising post-graduate students?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-101	Rhiannon	TEQSA	Sydney University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 2001-12 hundreds of academics at Sydney Uni had to</li> </ol>	Written Question	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			and Enterprise Agreements	<p>justify their teaching positions under new research performance standards. What is TEQSA's response to this development?</p> <p>2. Sydney University's draft Enterprise Agreement subsequently removed many workplace conditions and limits the ability of academics to undertake research: With the next national round of university enterprise agreements due, how do teacher's conditions intersect with TEQSA's concerns about quality of teaching and learning?</p> <p>3. Is this issue something TEQSA is keeping a watching brief on in terms of how it affects quality provision of higher education?</p>	Friday 22 February 2013		
AI-102	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Student Services & Amenities Fee	<p>1. Is there available a summary on what universities have spent SSAF funds on?</p> <p>2. What are the details of any complaints about the expenditure decisions made by universities, or the student consultative processes?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-103	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Demand driven funding and industry needs	<p>1. In October last year the Minister was reported as saying the student-demand driven system is not working because too many students are choosing courses that do not meet skills shortages or industry demand: What types of courses are showing high student demand and which courses are suffering from a lack of demand?</p> <p>2. What trends are emerging with university applications and offers this year so far?</p> <p>3. What is being considered to address this?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-104	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Funding and demand driven courses	<p>1. Has the link between lack of funding highlighted in the Base Funding Review Report, and the need for Universities to run popularly demanded courses been explored?</p> <p>2. If the University didn't need to source as much funding from student demand, couldn't they begin to offer more courses that better suit the needs of the Australian economy?</p> <p>3. The serious gap between government funding levels and</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	31/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>universities' actual has been widely recognised, including by the Bradley Review's recommendation for 10% more funding per student and by the Base Funding Review's call for funding: What is the basis for the Government's refusal to increase funding to the sector in its response to the Base Funding Review and what was taken into account?</p> <p>4. Was any modelling done to inform the refusal to increase funding, despite the identified need?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. If yes, please provide a copy of that modelling.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. If no, why not?</p> <p>5. Given that a quality higher education sector has been identified as an economic necessity, and indeed has become central to this government's agenda for economic and industrial renewal, what is the economic basis for ignoring the funding advice given in the Base Funding Review Report, and the Bradley and Cutler reviews?</p>			
AI-105	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Growth in university student numbers	<p>1. In January it was reported in the media that demand for university places has plateaued after 3 years of strong growth: is there stagnation in demand?</p> <p>2. What are the details of the growth in student numbers for indigenous students, lower SES students, isolated or rural students, women, school leavers, and in the general student cohorts?</p> <p>3. What was the actual increase in <u>applications</u> for those students last year, and what does this represent in actual numbers.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. What are the early indications this year?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. What are the figures for each state or university, and for course areas?</p> <p>4. What is the corresponding data on university offers, and student enrolments?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. What is, if any, the correlation between the wealth</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>or background of the student and the offers made; and by which universities, and the offers accepted?</p> <p>5. How do the enrolment figures compare to the government's participation targets of 20% increase in lower SES students by 2020 and 40% degree holders among younger people by 2025?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. What were the hopeful yearly increases to achieve this?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e. How are these increases on or not on track?</p> <p>6. What are the trends as far as increases in particular student cohorts at each university?</p> <p>7. Has there been any consideration or analysis on barriers to students that the government needs address to achieve the enrolment targets?</p>			
AI-106	Rhiannon	Science and Research	Postgraduate research students	<p>1. Is there any data on how much time postgraduate research students spend in paid employment, and how it impacts on their research and thesis completion?</p> <p>2. Do the costs of various PhDs influence which areas of study are undertaken?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-107	Bushby	CSIRO	Tasmanian ICT Centre	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of the projects/companies that the \$50 million package to help Tasmania to "build the skills and tools needed to benefit from the digital age" announced by Senator Kim Carr in April 2011 has been spent on or allocated to.</p> <p>2. Please outline whether these projects/companies are in Tasmania or are Tasmanian.</p> <p>3. Is/was there any formal agreement in place to ensure the money was spent in Tasmania? If not, why not?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	21/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-108	Bushby	CSIRO	Tasmanian ICT Centre	Is funding for TasICTC guaranteed until 2016? Please provide a break-up by year over the forward estimates.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013



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AI-109	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are they?</li> <li>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are they?</li> <li>3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-110	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many <u>ongoing</u> staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</li> <li>2. How many <u>non-ongoing</u> staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</li> <li>3. How many <u>contract</u> staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were they?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-111	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</li> <li>2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason(s) why these are happening.</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	17/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-112	Bushby	Corporate	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 at:  <a href="http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html">http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html</a>).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel?</li> <li>(ii) Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</li> <li>(iii) Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/Agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</li> <li>(iv) Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>(v) Has the Department/Agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, and if no, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>			
AI-113	Bushby	Corporate	Printing costs	How many documents (include the number of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	29/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-114	Bushby	Corporate	Graduate Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs.</li> <li>2. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-115	Bushby	Corporate	Graduate Staffing	How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-116	Bushby	Corporate	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</li> <li>2. Is the advertising <i>campaign</i> or <i>non-campaign</i> advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program that the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</li> <li>3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</li> <li>4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</li> <li>5. Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>7. What advertising – campaign and non-campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or planning to undertake?</p>			
AI-117	Bushby	Corporate	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>1. What is the <u>Department/Agency's hospitality spend</u> for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, please detail total <u>hospitality spend</u> for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3. What is the <u>Department/Agency's entertainment spend</u> for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, please detail total <u>entertainment spend</u> for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>5. What <u>hospitality spend</u> is the Department/Agency's <u>planning on spending</u>? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>6. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, what <u>hospitality spend is currently being planned for</u>? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7. What <u>entertainment spend</u> is the <u>Department/Agency's planning on spending</u>? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, what <u>entertainment spend is currently being planned for</u>? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
AI-118	Bushby	Corporate	Meeting Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the <u>Department/Agency's meeting spend</u> for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, please detail total <u>meeting spend</u> for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What <u>meeting spend</u> is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-119	Bushby	Corporate	Program Launch Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the <u>Department/Agency's program launch spend</u> for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, please detail total <u>program launch spend</u> for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What <u>program launch spend</u> is the <u>Department/Agency planning on spending</u>? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, what <u>program launch spend is currently being planned for</u>? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>5. What is the <u>Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2012-13</u>? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>6. For each <u>Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office</u>, please detail <u>total program launch spend</u> for 2012-13. Detail date,</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.			
AI-120	Bushby	Corporate	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</li> <li>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> <li>3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-121	Bushby	Corporate	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</li> <li>2. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</li> <li>3. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-122	Bushby	Corporate	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</li> <li>2. How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses.</li> <li>3. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental officers attend? List date and location.</li> <li>4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-123	Bushby	Corporate	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Reviews are being undertaken?</li> <li>• What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	06/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>• When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>• Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</li> <li>• What is the estimated cost of each of these reviews?</li> <li>• What reviews are planned?</li> <li>• When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>			
AI-124	Bushby	Corporate	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</li> <li>2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-125	Bushby	Corporate	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</li> <li>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
AI-126	Bushby	Corporate	Social Media	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has there been any changes to Department and Agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</li> <li>2. Does the Department/Agency monitor usage of social media? If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks).</li> <li>3. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</li> <li>4. Do social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-127	Bushby	eBusiness	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-128	Bushby	Corporate	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-129	Bushby	Corporate	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the Department/Agency <u>purchased</u> coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</li> <li>2. Why were coffee machines purchased?</li> <li>3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	14/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>5. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>6. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>7. Does the Department/Agency <u>rent</u> coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>8. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>9. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>10. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>11. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>12. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
AI-130	Bushby	Corporate	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp;</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013



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				<p>UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? Provide details, including the work undertaken and the cost.</p>			
AI-131	Bushby	Corporate	Grants	<p>1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>details.</p> <p>3. Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see <a href="http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html">http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html</a>). How much was funding reduced for each grant?</p>			
AI-132	Bushby	Corporate	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>• What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ul>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	17/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-133	Bushby	Corporate	Government Payments of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.</li> <li>2. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</li> <li>3. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-134	Bushby	Corporate	Stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?			
AI-135	Bushby	Corporate	Media Subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>• What is their cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>• What is their cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-136	Bushby	Corporate	Travel Costs	<p>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for <u>Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary</u> on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for <u>Departmental officers</u>. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>3. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>4. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>5. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>6. Are <u>lounge memberships</u> provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and what is their classification, what is the reason for the provision of lounge memberships and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>7. When SES employees travel, do any support / administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of their travel.</p> <p>8. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees' work-related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
AI-137	Bushby	Corporate	Legal costs	<p>1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	Revised answer received on 28/05/2013  Initial answer received on 17/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-138	Bushby	Corporate	Education expenses	<p>1. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				(provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.			
AI-139	Bushby	Corporate	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services;</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</li> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</li> <li>5. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification;</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service;</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The location used;</li> <li>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>d) Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013

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AI-140	Bushby	Corporate	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services;</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification;</li> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged.</li> <li>5. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased;</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service;</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The location used;</li> <li>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion;</li> <li>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);</li> <li>d) Any costs the department or agency has incurred to use the location.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	06/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-141	Bushby	Corporate	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22	07/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. Please list how many staff (and detail their classification) are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>3. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date?</p>	February 2013		
AI-142	Bushby	Corporate	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on <u>training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries</u> in your portfolio? Itemise each training, provide the cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on <u>training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries</u> in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, provide the cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for; note how many employees attended and note their classification.</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-143	Bushby	Corporate	Corporate Cars	<p>1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>2. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>3. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-144	Bushby	Corporate	Taxi Costs	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-145	Bushby	Corporate	Hire Cars	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each</p>	Written Question Friday 22	13/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	February 2013		
AI-146	Bushby	Corporate	Credit Cards	1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update details of the following: a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse been discovered? If yes, list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-147	Bushby	Corporate	Provision of Equipment	1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and what are the purchase and associated costs? 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-148	Bushby	Corporate	Electricity Purchasing	1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?	Written Question Friday 22	28/05/2013	27/06/2013



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				2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	February 2013		
AI-149	Bushby	Corporate	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>2. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why they could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	17/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-150	Bushby	Corporate	Shredders	Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders	Written Question Friday 22	07/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	February 2013		
AI-151	Bushby	Corporate	Protective security policy framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements, and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-152	Bushby	Corporate	Office Locations	1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and their classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	Revised answer received 27/05/2013  Initial answer received 23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-153	Bushby	Corporate	Communications Staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or Agency: - How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location; - How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; - How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location; - How many are graphic designers? - How many are media managers? - How many organise events?  Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				yes, why? When were they established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?			
AI-154	Bushby	CSIRO	Major research hubs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In how many major research hubs or precincts does CSIRO currently have any kind of formal involvement? (And please list all of these.)</li> <li>2. In relation to each of these precincts, where can members of the public see how much, financially, CSIRO has both (a) spent to date and (b) committed over future years to them?</li> <li>3. Are there any plans currently underway in relation to any potential CSIRO involvement in other precincts – and if so, what precincts are those?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-155	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On what date was Professor Dennis Pearce first contacted to gauge his potential interest in heading the inquiry into workplace bullying and harassment at CSIRO, and by whom?</li> <li>2. By whom was he formally invited to head the inquiry; on what date; and how?</li> <li>3. On what date did he agree to head the inquiry, and to whom was his formal acceptance of the appointment notified?</li> <li>4. On what date(s) did Minister Evans and/or Minister Bowen provide their approval, in writing, for the appointment of Professor Pearce as the head of the inquiry?</li> <li>5. On what date(s) did Minister Evans and/or Minister Bowen provide their approval, in writing, of the Terms of Reference for the inquiry?</li> <li>6. Aside from the direct discussions with Dr Pearce and his team, has advice on how to constitute the inquiry been sought by CSIRO from any other external individual or organisation - if so, who, how, on what date(s) and why?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-156	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the Estimates hearing of 13 February, Dr Clark stated that she had sought to have the findings in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal case involving former CSIRO employee, Martin Williams, reviewed internally by CSIRO's Acting General Counsel. Did this review confirm to Dr Clark that Justice Constance had found that the senior</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				<p>CSIRO officers, Calum Drummond and Damien Thomas, had been unreliable witnesses? Did this review also confirm to Dr Clark the findings by Justice Constance that none of the evidence of any of the CSIRO witnesses in the case was factual, except where it agreed with the evidence of Mr Williams?</p> <p>2. At the hearing of 13 February, Mr Whelan also implied that CSIRO was not a major player in the case in that it was a matter between “Mr Williams and Comcare and the AAT”. How many separate witnesses from CSIRO appeared in the case? How many witnesses in the case provided evidence against Mr Williams, and how many of these were CSIRO employees?</p> <p>3. Did any CSIRO employee provide a false affidavit in this case at any time? Did any CSIRO employee provide false evidence under oath during cross examination at any time?</p> <p>4. If the implication of Mr Whelan’s statement – that CSIRO is essentially not bound by the findings of this case – is to be accepted, then wouldn’t this have further, more far-reaching implications for Comcare’s relationship with the organisation? Isn’t this effectively saying that the basis of the agreement under which CSIRO is insured will now have to be revisited given that Comcare spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on this case in relation to incidents that occurred purely within CSIRO?</p> <p>5. Have there been any other occasions on which Dr Clark has ultimately preferred internal CSIRO opinions to adverse findings made about CSIRO employees by a court or tribunal? If so, when and why? If not, why did she specifically decide to take such an approach on this occasion?</p> <p>6. And, if Dr Clark wanted another opinion on the full implications of the case for CSIRO, why did she not seek external, independent legal advice?</p> <p>7. On what date(s) did Dr Clark brief the CSIRO Board on the findings of this case? Did any member of the Board suggest that she should seek external, independent legal advice on the implications of the case for CSIRO?</p>			
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				<p>8. Was it Chris Gibson who was the Acting General Counsel to whom Dr Clark was referring in her answers on this issue on 13 February? If not, what is the name of the person to whom she was referring?</p> <p>9. If this person was acting as General Counsel, then presumably they normally occupy another position at CSIRO? In what position (and in what specific area of CSIRO) were they employed immediately prior to acting as General Counsel? And to what position (and in what specific area of CSIRO) did they return once their duties acting as General Counsel concluded?</p> <p>10. Under which Group Executive’s direction does this person work in their normal day-to-day duties?</p> <p>11. What is the nature of this person’s legal background, what are their specific legal qualifications and career experience, and are they a specialist in Australian administrative appeals actions?</p> <p>12. Has this person – who recommended to Dr Clark that no misconduct cases should be commenced against Mr Drummond and Mr Thomas – also been involved in establishing the structure of the inquiry to be headed by Professor Pearce? If so, what specific role have they played in this process?</p> <p>13. Between what dates did this person act as General Counsel? And why were they acting in that position – was Mr Walker on leave and, if so, between what dates was he on leave?</p> <p>14. During December 2012, January 2013 and February 2013, in which area of CSIRO has Damien Thomas been employed?</p> <p>15. Mr Whelan made reference, at the hearing of 13 February, to the activities of a group called ‘Victims of CSIRO’. Included in his criticisms of that group was a comment that CSIRO has had to take legal action in respect of that group’s activities. What specific legal action has been taken against that group, what is the legal basis for it, how has the ‘Victims of CSIRO’ group been notified of such action and when, and what has been the outcome?</p>			
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AI-157	Bushby	Corporate	Pre-election consultations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Given the election date has now been publicly announced by the Prime Minister, from what date will the Secretary make staff from within the IISRTE portfolio agencies and the Department available to the Opposition for the purpose of pre-election consultations?</li> <li>2. From whom has the Secretary specifically sought and/or taken advice on this issue; has that included legal advice of any kind; and on what date(s) did he seek this advice?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-158	Bushby	AusIndustry	Electric Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did the business case compiled by the EV Engineering consortium as part of their application for a Green Car Innovation Fund grant include any forecasts about the percentage of electric cars it believed would be on Australian roads by a particular date or dates? If so, what were those forecasts?</li> <li>2. Are there any other electric car related businesses or projects to which the Rudd and/or Gillard governments have provided any form of support? If so, which ones and what has been the extent of that support?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	14/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-159	Bushby	Corporate	Program Spending	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many programs administered by the Department are currently due to end in 2013? And which ones are they?</li> <li>2. How many programs administered by the IISRTE portfolio agencies are currently due to end in 2013? And which ones are they?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	14/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-160	Bushby	AusIndustry	Innovation Investment Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to the Innovation Investment Fund (IIF), on what date does the Department envisage that there will be public information released about the successful applicants under Tranche 4 of the program?</li> <li>2. On page 36 in the 2011-12 PBS, there was an allocation of around \$88 million listed against the IIF through to and including 2014-15. In the 2012-13 PBS and in the recently released version of PAES, there are no figures listed for it. What is the reason that the \$88 million (or even a portion of it) no longer appears?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/04/2013	16/05/2013

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AI-161	Bushby	Manufacturing	Buy Australian at Home and Abroad program	How much has been spent on the 'Buy Australian At Home and Abroad' program so far – and how much remains allocated to that program over each year of the forward estimates?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-162	Bushby	Manufacturing	Clean Technology Programs	In relation to each of the following programs being administered by the Department: (i) Clean Technology Investment Program (ii) Clean Technology Innovation Program (iii) Clean Technology Food and Foundries Program (iv) Steel Transformation Plan  has any modelling been commissioned by, or undertaken for, the Department on the extent of the financial changes that will be needed to those programs once the level of the Australian carbon price is aligned with the EU price in July 2015? If that work hasn't been done, does the Department envisage that it will be done in the near future – and/or has it been instructed by the Government to undertake such work?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	5/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-163	Bushby	Corporate	Legal Services	1. Is it true that, under the Legal Services Directives of 2005, a Commonwealth authority or corporation is obliged to conduct its legal proceedings as a 'model litigant' in the interests of taxpayers and the Australian public? 2. And would that include obligations like ensuring that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it deals with claims promptly, and does not cause unnecessary delays in the handling of claims and litigation;</li> <li>• it keeps litigation costs to a minimum; and</li> <li>• it does not require other parties to prove a matter which the Commonwealth and/or the agency knows not to be true?</li> </ul> 3. And, all of that being the case, is the Department and are each of the agencies in the IISRTE portfolio required to meet these 'model litigant' requirements? 4. Has it been brought to the Secretary's attention, at any time, that one or more of the portfolio agencies and/or the Department may have failed to meet these requirements? If so, when – and which one(s)?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	17/05/2013	27/06/2013

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AI-164	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	Industry and Innovation Statement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the precise basis of the claim made by Ms Gillard and Mr Combet during the public launch of the Industry and Innovation Statement that the flagged changes to the Australian Industry Participation system would “add somewhere between \$1.6 billion to \$6.4 billion of economic activity per year”, and on what date(s) were they respectively provided with this advice? How was this formally modelled, by whom and when?</li> <li>2. From what date will each of the programs listed on page xv of the so-called ‘A Plan for Australian Jobs’ document respectively start operation?</li> <li>3. Of the four ASL who were dedicated to working on the Statement within the Department, does each of them have past experience in the private sector? If not, how many have previously worked in the private sector – and, for each of these people, please list what specific private sector experience they possess and the length of time they spent in that role (or roles)?</li> <li>4. Did any other individuals and/or organisations from outside the public service, and/or from outside the membership of the Prime Minister’s Manufacturing Taskforce, contribute in any way to the development of the Industry and Innovation Statement? If so, please list each of these individuals and/or organisations, explain their contribution to the Statement, and indicate how much they received in remuneration and any other benefits.</li> <li>5. Various financial commitments are listed on page xv of the ‘A Plan for Australian Jobs’ document released by the Government on 17 February 2013. In relation to these commitments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) How is the \$98.2 million nominated for the ‘Opening up opportunities through Australian Industry Participation’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? How much of this \$98.2 million is new spending, and how much of it has been drawn from spending commitments already made for</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	14/05/2013 Revised answer received 11/06/2013	16/05/2013 Revised answer tabled 27/06/2013
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				<p>existing programs? If any of this expenditure draws upon previously-made commitments to existing programs, which programs are these and how much money does it involve in each case? Please also indicate how much of the money is due to be spent by (i) 12 August 2013 and (ii) 14 September 2013.</p> <p>(b) How is the \$27.7 million nominated for the ‘Strengthening Australia’s Anti-Dumping and Countervailing System Reforms’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? Does this figure of \$27.7 million incorporate the \$24.4 million of funding for changes to anti-dumping arrangements already announced by the Government on 4 December 2012? If so, what accounts for the difference between the \$24.4 million and \$27.7 million? Please also indicate how much of the money is due to be spent by (i) 12 August 2013 and (ii) 14 September 2013.</p> <p>(c) How is the \$238.4 million nominated for the ‘Industry Innovation Precincts’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? How much of this \$238.4 million is new spending, and how much of it has been drawn from spending commitments already made for existing programs? If any of the expenditure draws upon previously-made commitments to existing programs, which programs are these and how much money does it involve in each case? Please also indicate how much of the money is due to be spent by (i) 12 August 2013 and (ii) 14 September 2013. Please also provide a full, categorised breakdown of how the \$238.4 million will be spent, including an indication of the total remuneration that will be provided to board members of each of the precincts. Please also indicate whether there has already been spending on the Food Precinct and, if so, how much – and where</p>			
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				<p>in Melbourne this precinct will be located. Please also indicate whether there has already been spending on the Manufacturing Precinct and, if so, how much.</p> <p>(d) How is the \$9.9 million nominated for the ‘Expediting Clinical Trials Reform in Australia’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? How much of this \$9.9 million is new spending, and how much of it has been drawn from spending commitments already made for existing programs? If any of this expenditure draws upon previously-made commitments to existing programs, which programs are these and how much money does it involve in each case? Please also indicate how much of the money is due to be spent by (i) 12 August 2013 and (ii) 14 September 2013.</p> <p>(e) How is the \$378.6 million nominated for the ‘Venture Australia’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? How much of this \$378.6 million is new spending, and how much of it has been drawn from spending commitments already made for existing programs? If any of this expenditure draws upon previously-made commitments to existing programs, which programs are these and how much money does it involve in each case? Was the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> correct when it reported in an article about the Industry and Innovation Statement titled ‘Creative accounting props up jobs and budget’, on 19 February 2013, that the Government regards the entire sum of \$378.6 million as an equity fund and that it will therefore remain “off-budget”?</p> <p>(f) How is the \$27.7 million nominated for the ‘Enterprise Solutions Program’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? How</p>			
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				<p>much of this \$27.7 million is new spending, and how much of it has been drawn from spending commitments already made for existing programs? If any of this expenditure draws upon previously-made commitments to existing programs, which programs are these and how much money does it involve in each case? Please also indicate how much of the money is due to be spent by (i) 12 August 2013 and (ii) 14 September 2013.</p> <p>(g) How is the \$5.6 million nominated for the ‘Manufacturing Leaders Group’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? Does this figure of \$5.6 million incorporate the \$4 million of funding for such a group already announced by the Government as part of the 2012-13 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements? If so, what accounts for the difference between the \$4 million and \$5.6 million? Please also indicate how much of the money is due to be spent by (i) 12 August 2013 and (ii) 14 September 2013.</p> <p>(h) How is the \$5.6 million nominated for the ‘Services Leaders Group’ item specifically allocated over each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? How much of this \$5.6 million is new spending, and how much of it has been drawn from spending commitments already made for existing programs? If any of this expenditure draws upon previously-made commitments to existing programs, which programs are these and how much money does it involve in each case? Please also indicate how much of the money is due to be spent by (i) 12 August 2013 and (ii) 14 September 2013.</p> <p>(g) and (h) were repeated twice here in your version, so I deleted them.</p>			
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AI-165	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	R&D Tax incentives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On what dates during 2012 and 2013 has the Department provided written advice to (a) Minister Combet and (b) any other Minister about any aspects of possible changes to the operation of business R&amp;D tax incentives?</li> <li>2. On 17 February 2013, the Government announced that it had chosen to exclude certain businesses from access to the R&amp;D Tax Incentive on the basis of the level of their turnover. Has the Department provided a written briefing(s) at any time to Minister Combet about alternatives to this policy option, including the possible placement of caps on the entitlements of the highest-claiming businesses to the R&amp;D Tax Incentive? If so, on what date(s)?</li> <li>3. Was the Department asked by the Government to contact any companies and/or other stakeholders in the lead-up to the release of the Industry and Innovation Statement? If so, (a) when; (b) how many companies and/or other stakeholders were contacted, and on what date(s); and (c) what was the purpose of this contact?</li> <li>4. On what date, and at what time on that day, were final versions of the so-called 'A Plan for Australian Jobs' document provided to (a) the Prime Minister's office and (b) the Industry Minister's office?</li> <li>5. On how many occasions (and on what dates) have print runs of the 'A Plan for Australian Jobs' document been ordered – and how many copies have been ordered (and what has been the full cost) on each of those occasions? Has the Department disposed of multiple copies of the document at any time – and, if so, when, how many and why?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-166	Bushby	ARC	Industrial Research Transformation Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On what date was the ARC first informed (and by whom) that the Industrial Research Transformation Program would be listed as a spending commitment by the Government as part of the 'Innovation and Industry Statement' that it announced on 17 February 2013?</li> <li>2. Does the ARC still have lead administrative responsibility for the rollout of this program? If not, to which agency (or agencies) has that responsibility passed and when?</li> <li>3. Since the original announcement of that program in 2011,</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				how much of the money initially allocated to the program has been (a) spent and (b) cut? Of the money spent, for what purpose(s) has it specifically been committed?			
AI-167	Bushby	AusIndustry	CRC	For each of the existing Cooperative Research Centres, please indicate how much money they have been allocated for each of the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-168	Bushby	Corporate	Standards Australia	What is the nature of the Department's interaction (if any) with Standards Australia? Does the Department have any power to direct Standards Australia to undertake actions of any kind in relation to standards – and, if so, how (and how regularly) has this been exercised since the 2010 Federal election?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-169	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	The Enabling Technology Futures	The Enabling Technology Futures report was delivered to the Department in the second half of 2012. Has the Department and/or Government formally responded to that report – and, if not, is there any intention from either to act on it, especially when PAES shows that funding for the National Enabling Technologies Strategy is scheduled to come to an end in June?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-170	Bushby	Corporate	Graduate Recruitment	How many graduates has the Department recruited through the Graduate program for 2013, and what will be the total financial cost of the program this year?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-171	Bushby	Corporate	Payments to journalists	Since December 2007, has any form of payment or benefit been provided to any journalist at any time by the Department? And, if so, to whom, when and for what reason?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	10/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-172	Bushby	Manufacturing	Di Marzio Research	On page 103 of the Department's Annual Report, it is listed that Di Marzio Research was paid \$16,500 for "quantative [sic] market research in Manufacturing Division". What was specifically received in return for that payment?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	14/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-173	Bushby	Corporate	Moves within Industry House	On how many occasions (and on what dates) during 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 have there been moves of multiple staff within, from and/or to Industry House? What has been the total cost of	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				each of these sets of relocations of staff?			
AI-174	Bushby	Corporate	SAP House	How many Departmental staff are currently based in SAP House? What is the current rental being paid by the Department for the use of this property, and what is the total of the rent that has been paid to date by the Department for the use of this property? Why is/was it necessary for staff to be moved to this property – and from what date were staff first based there?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-175	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Science and Maths Education and Industry Adviser	What remuneration and any additional benefits are being received by the Science and Maths Education and Industry Adviser? Are there any additional support costs operationally and administratively in relation to this position – and, if so, what are each of these?	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-176	McKenzie	AusIndustry	Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What funding did the Commonwealth Government contribute to flood, earthquake, cyclone and tsunami research in the year 2011-2012?</li> <li>2. Will research funding provided by the Government for flood, earthquake, cyclone, and tsunami events be provided by other sources other than the newly formed Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)? If so, please list the programs and funding.</li> <li>3. What funding did the Commonwealth Government contribute to bushfire research in the year 2011-2012?</li> <li>4. Was all of this funding directed towards the Bushfire CRC? If not, please give a breakdown of programs and funding.</li> <li>5. What involvement will the Commonwealth have in setting the priorities of research in the newly announced Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)?</li> <li>6. The Commonwealth Government has contributed about \$5 million per year to the Bushfire CRC over the last three years. The newly announced Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) will receive \$47 million over the next eight years or \$5.8 million per year. Does this level of funding signal a decrease in bushfire research?</li> <li>7. Will the newly announced Bushfire and Natural Hazards</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Cooperative Research Centre be located in Melbourne?</p> <p>8. What steps need to be taken for the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) to be in operation by 1 July 2013?</p> <p>9. Will the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) be a public good CRC?</p> <p>10. Will the proposed formation of the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) be a full implementation of recommendation 65 from the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission Final Report?</p>			
AI-177	McKenzie	CSIRO	Research projects and Bushfire CRC	<p>1. What funding has the CSIRO received from the Bushfire CRC over the last five years for bushfire research? Please list yearly totals.</p> <p>2. What funding has the CSIRO received from sources other than the Bushfire CRC over the last five years for bushfire research? Please list yearly totals and list programs or research projects.</p> <p>3. Are there any CSIRO research projects conducted through the Bushfire CRC that will be incomplete or still running after 1 July 2013?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	20/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-178	McKenzie	Office of the Chief Scientist	Government response to Health of Australian Science report	Please provide an update on the Government's response to Professor Chubb's Health of Australian Science report.	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-179	McKenzie	Higher Education	HECS increases: band 1 to band 2 for agriculture students	<p>Background:  <a href="http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/article/2013/01/23/557440_latest-news.html">http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/article/2013/01/23/557440_latest-news.html</a>            Why has the Federal Government made it more expensive for agriculture students to undertake their course when it is an acknowledged area of severe skill shortage?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-180	Ryan	AusIndustry	Small Business Support Line	<p>1. What is the breakdown of the call categories and call numbers for inquiry received by the Small Business Support Line for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 year-to-date?</p> <p>2. Of the calls received by the Support Line, can you provide a breakdown of the referral direction/advice provided by call category?</p> <p>3. What has been the take up and cost of the initial product and</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	02/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				subsequent changes to the USB since introduction? What enhancements in use and functionality have been introduced since the 'stick's' inception?			
AI-181	Ryan	AusIndustry	Small Business Advisory Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has the funding under this program now been fully allocated?</li> <li>2. What amount remains unallocated and when do you anticipate decisions will be made regarding the uncommitted funding and what is the anticipated timeframe for announcement of further allocations?</li> <li>3. How will further allocations be determined? Is a further tender round planned; will fresh publicly advertised expressions of interest be sought; are direct approaches to service providers proposed or will decisions be based on the submissions provided prior to the middle of last year? What will be the process?</li> <li>4. Will you provide a breakdown of the tender process outcome to date listing the organisations that applied for funding, those that received funding, the geographic area intended to be serviced by the successful and unsuccessful applicants and the electorates in which each applicant was based?</li> <li>5. Is it intended to follow through on assurances provided to indigenous chamber of commerce in future funding allocations and if so what is proposed?</li> <li>6. Will further SBAS funding allocations focus on particular segments of the small business community or under-serviced locations? If so, what and where?</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	02/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-182	Ryan	Small Business	Small Business late payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From 1 July 2011 to May 2012: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many invoices were paid late to small business?</li> <li>b. How many small businesses applied for interest on late payments?</li> <li>c. How many payments has the government made for interest for late payment of invoices?</li> <li>d. In financial terms (dollar amount) how much has been paid by the government for late payment of invoices?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	28/05/2013	27/06/2013



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				<p>2. Of the invoices from 1 July 2011 to May 2012, how many were paid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Within 30 days?</li> <li>b. Within 31-44 days (up to 2 weeks late)?</li> <li>c. Within 45-60 days (up to 30 days late)?</li> <li>d. Not paid after 60 days (over 30 days late)?</li> </ol> <p>3. List the government agencies that have paid invoices late to small business.</p> <p>4. For each of these agencies, list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The number of invoices paid to small business;</li> <li>b. The number of invoices paid late to small business;</li> <li>c. The monetary value of invoices paid late;</li> <li>d. Interest paid by agencies on late payments.</li> </ol>			
AI-183	Ryan	Small Business	Small Business Commissioner	<p>1. Please outline how the Small Business Commissioner is different from, and how the Commissioner will work with the Small Business Commissioner role within the ACCC, who was first appointed in 1999?</p> <p>2. Up to and including February 13, 2013, has the Small Business Commissioner met with or provided policy advice and if so on what issue/topic/policy area to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ASIC</li> <li>b. ACCC</li> <li>c. FairWork Australia and/or Ombudsman</li> <li>d. Office of Better Practice Regulation</li> <li>e. Productivity Commission</li> <li>f. APRA</li> <li>g. Reserve Bank of Australia</li> <li>h. Retail Council of Australia</li> <li>i. COAG Business Advisory Taskforce</li> <li>j. COAG National Harmonisation unit</li> </ol> <p>3. How do you gauge what matters are of concern to small business and formulate the advice you provide?</p> <p>4. Up to and including February 13, 2013, provide a list of organisations you have met with that are either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. industry associations with strong small business membership</li> <li>b. State-based chambers of commerce and industry</li> </ol>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	01/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>5. Up to and including February 13, 2013, has the Small Business Commissioner been consulted on or provide input to and if so with and to whom on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k. The composition of the G20 – ‘B20’ Business Advisory Group</li> <li>l. Franchise Code review</li> <li>m. Horticulture code review</li> <li>n. Inspector General of Taxation’s Report into ATO benchmarking technology</li> <li>o. Low Value Threshold for Customs Duty and GST on imported goods</li> <li>p. Recently announced ‘flexible workplace’ reforms</li> <li>q. Impact of possible superannuation changes on the retirement plans of small business people</li> <li>r. Action to contain, to force more people into employer-employer relationships and/or impose restrictions on independent contracting and self-employment</li> <li>s. Natural disaster relief arrangements</li> <li>t. The impact of the carbon tax</li> <li>u. Administrative arrangements for the Government’s paid parental leave scheme</li> <li>v. Planned extension of the national consumer credit protections to small business and small business transactions</li> <li>w. The cost and availability of small business finance</li> <li>x. Red-tape reduction</li> <li>y. Late Commonwealth payments to small business</li> <li>z. Commonwealth dispute resolution models</li> <li>aa. Unfair contract protections for small business</li> <li>bb. Increasing the weight given to small business considerations in policy development and regulation formation; and</li> <li>cc. Increasing the weight given to small business considerations in the role and functioning of economic and regulatory bodies</li> </ul> <p>6. How does the Small Business Commissioner see his ‘independent’ role in an election year? Now that an election</p>			
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				has been called will you replicate your advice and engagement with the Government to the Opposition?			
AI-184	Edwards	International Education and Science	Asia Bounds Grant Program	<p>I refer to the \$37m helping support Australian students study in Asia (grants being given of \$2000 - \$5000).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many students have been involved with the program so far?</li> <li>2. How many students were anticipated to be involved with the program and over what time frame?</li> <li>3. Has there been an increase in students choosing to study in Asia as opposed to other continents?</li> <li>4. What is the money intended to be used for? Is an amount given as a result of merit and/or in proportion to living expenses in that country and/or for any other reasons?</li> <li>5. Does the student have to pass his or her studies with a certain level of results? What happens if a student fails a subject and/or returns home early?</li> <li>6. How does the government intend to measure results? What are the follow up procedures after a student has completed his or her study?</li> <li>7. What other measurable achievements other than the amount of students using the grants is the Government using to determine the success of the funding?</li> </ol>	Written Question, Monday 25 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-185	Edwards	Higher Education	University Education Grant	<p>The following questions are asked in light of proposed developments to improve infrastructure and communications in regional areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has development commenced at Mt Gambier's Uni SA TAFE campus?</li> <li>2. When are the developments expected to be completed?</li> <li>3. How many more new degrees will the developments support being taught at the regional campus?</li> </ol>	Written Question, Monday 25 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-186	Cameron	Manufacturing Division	Access to information in the vehicle industry	<p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But let us just go to that question of openness in government. The Howard government had similar restrictions on the access to information on any schemes they had in the vehicle industry. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> Yes, as I mentioned earlier, when we drew up the ATS legislation we drew on parts of the act for the Automotive</p>	Pages 36 and 37, Wednesday 13 February 2013	14/05/2013	16/05/2013

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				<p>Competitiveness Investment Scheme, including the publication element of that. In fact, basically the same clause with some additions included.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So, basically, nothing has changed to guide your determination on freedom of information from the Howard approach to the approach under the Gillard government?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> A significant change is the decision of the parliament, through the legislation, to publish the aggregate numbers of assistance provided to the motor vehicle producers, the component producers, the service providers and the toolers. That is a change that was introduced to the ATS that was not part of the previous scheme.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So the aggregate assistance was not publicised, or was not available, under the Howard government?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I will just check with my—</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> I think it was that the breakdown of the aggregate assistance was not published. The aggregate assistance, of course, was published. What happened in the 2009 compared to the 2003 legislation—if I get my dates right—was that previously the total was published; it was in the budget papers. Now, in addition to that the annual report publishes a breakdown between the motor vehicle producers and three other categories.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So there is more information on the public record now than there was under the Howard government?</p> <p><b>Mr Lawson:</b> We like to make comparisons on dates, rather than perhaps make political judgements.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> You should not play those games. It is a simple question and you should answer the question.</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> I have just racked my mind and clarified with my colleague from AusIndustry: in the later years of the ACIS scheme the department did start to publicise those totals by category in its annual report.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> So that did come in towards the end of the Howard government?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator CAMERON:</b> But it was not for the bulk—how long?</p> <p><b>Mr Durrant:</b> We would have to check on this—</p> <p><b>Mr Sexton:</b> In the last few years of the ACIS scheme we did</p>			
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				start to publish in the department's annual report figures on assistance going to the various groupings within the automotive sector. That was a result of a recommendation from the Auditor-General, who thought that information should be made available.			
AI-187	Bushby	Corporate	Updated figures on staff's travel to OECD meetings	<b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay. In answer last year to question on notice BII213, the department provided figures on travel by department staff to OECD meetings and events overseas. If you would not mind, on notice, providing an update on each of those questions that we asked at that last estimates for the period since that answer was written.	Page 47, Wednesday 13 February 2013	13/05/2013	16/05/2013
AI-188	Bushby	Industry and Innovation	Mr Snabel's international travel	<b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay, thank you for clarifying that. You have mentioned Mr Richard Snabel. In the answer to questions on notice that you provided, you advised us that he had attended OECD meetings and events in Europe on occasions during the period that we asked about. How many times has he travelled to Europe on official business in the months since the answer to that question on notice was written? Are you aware? <b>Ms Kelly:</b> I would need to take that on notice, sorry. <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay. Are there other international meetings and events which he attends outside of Australia—other than OECD related ones? If so, what do they relate to? <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Again, I would need to take that on notice. <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> So you are not sure whether he attends other international meetings, off the top of your head? <b>Ms Kelly:</b> I am not, but one of my colleagues may be. I am advised that Mr Snabel has not, since that question was asked, attended any other than OECD meetings—two in Paris and one in Korea. <b>Senator BUSHBY:</b> Okay, since that question was asked. But does have any other international obligations that take him to other places? <b>Ms Kelly:</b> Not that I am aware of, Senator.	Page 48, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/04/2013	16/05/2013
AI-189	Nash	Higher Education	ABS breakdown of regional vs metropolitan	<b>Senator NASH:</b> I have masses of questions I will put on notice, conscious of time. Following up my interjection before about whether there was a breakdown of regional versus metropolitan	Page 84, Wednesday 13 February 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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				in the 40 per cent target, I am not looking necessarily for the answer, but I am very interested to know whether there is that breakdown by the ABS. Perhaps one of the very enterprising-looking officials and masses thereof in this room before seven o'clock might be able to dig out whether the ABS actually do that—not the figure but whether or not they do break it down.			
AI-190	Sinodinos	Skills Connect	Improved access to the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Under the improved access, how many more people have undertaken a Language, Literacy and Numeracy program?</li> <li>2. Is the Department tracking how many complete this training? If so, how many?</li> </ol>	Written question transferred from DEEWR on 5 March 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-191	Sinodinos	Skills Connect	National Workforce Development Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the total funding provided to date?</li> <li>2. Has the take up of funding been in line with projections?</li> <li>3. Has any of the funding been provided to a union?</li> <li>4. Which future areas of skills need have been identified to receive funding to date?</li> <li>5. Which current areas of skills need have received funding to date?</li> <li>6. Can the Department (take on notice) provide a list detailing the shortfall of skilled workers in each of these areas?</li> <li>7. Does this match up with the areas of greatest workforce skills shortage?</li> <li>8. Can the Department provide a breakdown of total funding to date, by industry?</li> <li>9. How many training places will this funding provide?</li> <li>10. How is the Department monitoring the completion rates of training that was funded through the NWDF?</li> <li>11. What is the expected cost of the NWDF for the 2013-14 financial year?</li> <li>12. How much is budgeted for the 2014-15 financial year?</li> <li>13. Of the \$80.0 million over four years provided for additional training places for single and teenage parents in receipt of government-provided income support, how many training places have been funded?</li> <li>14. How many have been completed?</li> <li>15. Is the Department monitoring the dropout rate?</li> </ol>	Written question transferred from DEEWR on 5 March 2013	22/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-192	Edwards	Skills Connect	National Resources Sector Workforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What outcomes is the Federal Government hoping the funding will achieve?</li> </ol>	Written question transferred from	22/05/2013	27/06/2013

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			Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Have there been noticeable improvements in addressing skill and labour issues in the resource sector? If so, what?</li> <li>3. Over what period of time is the money being spent?</li> <li>4. What procedures are in place after the program has ended? What opportunities are provided to participants to continue progressing in the workforce? Will there be options for them to stay working with the current body providing the training opportunities?</li> </ol>	DRET on 8 March 2013		
AI-193	Nash	Questacon	Science and Engineering Challenge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In light of the skill shortages in science and engineering please confirm the reasons why funding for the <b>Science and Engineering challenge</b> was not renewed in 2011?</li> <li>2. Was the program considered to be successful?</li> <li>3. Please advise number of schools and students involved when the funding agreement ended on 30 June 2011?</li> <li>4. Can you break this information down to indicate how many remote and regional schools and students were involved?</li> <li>5. What was the total cost of funding of this program in 2010-11?</li> <li>6. Are many schools still running the program currently despite the funding ceasing?</li> <li>7. If yes, can you advise which schools and how many students?</li> <li>8. Has there been any further funding or grants made available by the Government to assist schools to continue this particular program?</li> </ol>	Written question transferred from DEEWR on 6 March 2013	23/05/2013	27/06/2013
AI-194	McKenzie	International Education and Science	International Students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much do international students contribute to the financial underpinning of our university sector?</li> <li>2. What impact have the issues around student visa changes had on enrolments and financial contribution?</li> <li>3. What impact has the US, Malaysian free trade agreements had on international student visa requirements?</li> <li>4. If financial input from international students has decreased as a result government visa policy, what steps is the government doing to assist universities to fill the funding shortfall?</li> </ol>	Written question transferred from DIAC on 8 March 2013	07/05/2013	27/06/2013
(AI-195)	Birmingham	/	Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program	How many entities have applied for relief under the Charities Maritime and Aviation Support Program? How much has been reimbursed? How much was originally budgeted for this program? How many entities were originally thought eligible	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	Transferred to DCCEE on 4 February.	n/a

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				and/or written to in order to advise of this program?		Refer to the Environment and Communications Committee's index.	
(AI-196)	McKenzie	/	Research projects and Bushfire CRC	<p>Could you name the number of research projects that BOM has been involved in through the Bushfire CRC since 2003?</p> <p>Could you also specify the dollar value of these projects?</p> <p>What is the dollar value of BOM research that was carried outside the Bushfire CRC framework (i.e. non fire related) for the year 2011-2012?</p> <p>Given the increased frequency of serious fires over the last several years, is there need to expand BOM fire related research?</p> <p>Are there any BOM research projects conducted through the Bushfire CRC that will be incomplete or still running after 1 July 2013?</p>	Written Question Friday 22 February 2013	<p>Transferred to the Bureau of Meteorology on 4 February.</p> <p>Refer to the Environment and Communications Committee's index.</p>	n/a