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T1	Treasury	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>What action has the government taken in relation to recommendation 99 of the Financial System Inquiry in relation positive credit reporting?</p> <p>Can the treasury advise what reviews or inquiries have been conducted by the Financial Sector Advisory Council since march 1998? Are there any reviews or inquiries in progress? Could treasury provide details?</p>	Answer received 1/7/2004
T2	ASIC	Watson	Page 12 2/6/2004	<p>ACTING CHAIR—The other company I would like to have information about is Tasile—the liquidator’s handling of that, the sale of the property and whether they complied fully with corporate law in terms of their responsibilities to creditors.</p> <p>Prof. Collier—Yes. We are currently following that up and, if you do not mind, I would also like to take that one on notice. We just have to make some further inquiries.</p> <p>Prof. Collier—I am not sure. I would have to take that question on notice.</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004
T3	ASIC	Sherry	Page 12	Senator SHERRY—Just on that last issue that	Answer

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			2/6/2004	Senator Watson raised, GEERS and employee entitlements—that scheme does not include superannuation entitlements, does it? Prof. Collier—I am not sure. I would have to take that question on notice.	received 2/7/2004
T4	ASIC	Sherry	Page 12 2/6/2004	Senator SHERRY—In Hobart Court last week he was found guilty of swindling \$4.5 million. I would like to raise a couple of issues relating to this. Apparently the moneys that he swindled included superannuation moneys: are you able to give me more detail about the nature of the superannuation moneys? Ms Redfern—I cannot at this stage give you a breakdown of the extent to which there were superannuation moneys. I can take that one on notice. Senator SHERRY—Are you able to give me an idea? Were these moneys pre retirement moneys that the planner had taken from employees and then not put into retail superannuation products or do-it-yourself superannuation or were they post retirement rollover moneys? Ms Redfern—I do not have that detail; I will have to take that on notice.	Answer received 2/7/2004
T5	ASIC	Sherry	Page 12 2/6/2004	Senator SHERRY—Is there any claim possible under the SI(S) Act in respect to superannuation	Answer received

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				<p>moneys because this is obviously theft and fraud? Godfrey Pembroke have paid back the money, would they then be able to claim under the SI(S) Act superannuation moneys that were stolen under the compensation mechanism?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—I do not know whether it can and the extent to which it involves superannuation money. I will have to take the question on notice. My first reaction would be to say I would think it would be unlikely but I would have to take the question on notice.</p>	2/7/2004
T6	ASIC	Sherry	Page 14 2/6/2004	<p>Senator SHERRY—Have any other financial planners been charged in Tasmania at the moment? I say charged, not convicted.</p> <p>Ms Redfern—I would have to take that on notice.....And if you could let me know the numbers of financial planners who have been charged around the country.</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004
T7	ASIC	Sherry	Page 16 2/6/2004	<p>Senator SHERRY—Who were the auditors, can you recall?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—I cannot recall. I will take the question on notice.</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004
T8	ASIC	Sherry	Page 15 2/6/2004	<p>Senator SHERRY—Is it all the directors or just the two that have so far been convicted?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004
T9	ASIC	Sherry	Page 15	Senator SHERRY—The current actions against the	Answer

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			2/6/2004	<p>directors are for compensation. Do you have an indicative timetable when this matter would be concluded?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—The matter is due to go before the court in July for some directions about a hearing date, so I just do not know. I would have to take the question on notice about the timetable in the Queensland Supreme Court.</p>	received 2/7/2004
T10	ASIC	Conroy	Pages 21-43 2/6/2004	Senator Conroy asked a series of questions regarding “get rich quick” schemes, wealth creation experts and property investment seminars	Answer received 2/7/2004
T11	ASIC	Conroy	Page 43 2/6/2004	<p>Senator CONROY—When did you first receive complaints about Henry Kaye?</p> <p>Mr Lucy—I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—How many complaints did you receive about Henry Kaye?</p> <p>Mr Lucy—Similarly on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Did you receive any complaints about Mr Kaye giving tax advice and if so when?</p> <p>Mr Lucy—On notice.</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004
T12	ASIC	Conroy	Page 45 2/6/2004	<p>.....Michael Fares was employed at the NAB in the company secretarial division at the time of the share purchases. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—I do not believe that he was in the secretarial division. I am happy to take that question</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004

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T13	ASIC	Conroy	Page 45 2/6/2004	<p>Senator CONROY—I appreciate you were not sure, but what were Michael Fares’ exact duties at the NAB?’</p> <p>Ms Redfern—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Did he have any contacts in the Corporate and Institutional Banking Division, which would have had information about the book build at AMP?.....Ms Redfern—Again, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004
T14	ASIC	Conroy	Pages 45-46 2/6/2004	<p>Senator CONROY—Did you ask NAB which divisions within NAB had access to the AMP information?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—Again, that was part of the investigation.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Are you able to tell us, if you take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—I do not know. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Did ASIC discuss with NAB whether the Corporate and Institutional Banking Division had appropriate Chinese walls in place for this particular transaction?</p> <p>Ms Redfern—Again, I would have to take that on.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Did ASIC discuss with NAB whether the CIB Division needed taxation advice as</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004

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				<p>to the effect of the AMP transaction? Ms Redfern—I would have to take that on notice. Senator CONROY—Did ASIC ask NAB about people being rotated through the CIB Division, tax and the company secretarial division? Ms Redfern—Again, I would have to take that on notice. Senator CONROY—And if there are any other issues that ASIC raised with NAB, if you could let us know what they were. Ms Redfern—I will take that on notice. Senator CONROY—It has been reported that the brothers made a transfer of \$2.2 million from a joint NAB account to the CMC Group—that was their broker, as I said. What systems or controls did the NAB have on their staff and their trading activities? Ms Redfern—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
T15	Treasury	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>Is Treasury familiar with the cases of Kaouna v. Orthosports Pty Ltd and Robbs v. Pathology Services Pty Ltd trading as Mayne Health Laverty Pathology? If Treasury has copies of these judgements and/or pleadings in relation to these cases could they be provided to the Committee? Can Treasury advise when these cases were decided and in what court? Is the Treasury aware of any other cases where</p>	Answer received 2/7/2004

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				personal injuries have been claimed and/or awarded under the TPA since June 2002? Could you provide details of these cases? What provisions of the TPA were relied upon?	
T16	Treasury	Kirk	Page 103 2/6/2004	Senator KIRK—If you could provide the committee with that list it would be helpful. [mandatory standards/safety framework].	Answer received 5/7/2004
T17	Treasury	Kirk	Page 105 2/6/2004	Senator KIRK—Could you provide the committee with a copy of whatever becomes available in June, when it is available? [mandatory standards/safety framework].	Answer received 5/7/2004
T18	Treasury	Stephens	Page 107 2/6/2004	Senator STEPHENS—Was there any consideration in the consumer testing and the focus groups about multilingual messages?	Answer received 5/7/2004
T19	Treasury	Wong	Page 105 3/6/04	Senator WONG—These are the questions that I need answered. Does measure A5 apply to projects approved by the minister for trade? What types of projects are we talking about? For example, are they aid projects? Can we please get a list of projects supported under this measure? Mr Tilley—I think I can answer one of your questions.Senator WONG—Correct, yes. Mr Tilley—Does that answer your question? Senator WONG—No. I want to know what sorts of	Answer received 5/8/2004

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				<p>projects they are and whether we can get a list of projects that are currently supported under this measure.</p> <p>Mr Tilley—It looks like I cannot answer your question.</p> <p>Senator WONG—Someone behind you is shaking their head. Is it not possible for the government to tell me what the minister or his delegate has identified as a project to which this tax measure relates?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I will take the question on notice.</p>	
T20	ACCC	Brandis	Page 7 3/6/04	<p>CHAIR—This question is perhaps to Mr Cassidy. Can you bring us up to date on current litigation, please, under both part IV and part V? Since the last estimates hearings, how many cases have been instituted, how many have been discontinued, how many have been resolved and, in the case of those that have been resolved, what was the outcome? In relation to pending appeals to the full Federal Court and the High Court, can you bring us up to date on where cases in that category stand as well?</p> <p>Mr Cassidy—Given that that involves a reasonable amount of detail, that is probably a question we will need to take on notice. In a broad brush sense, we currently have 41 cases in court and we have just over 200 serious investigations on foot, but the</p>	Answer received 9/8/04

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				breakdown of that, if I can, I will take on notice.	
T21	ACCC	Brandis	Page 8 3/6/04	<p>CHAIR—Are you able to tell us about section 45 and section 46 cases?</p> <p>Mr Cassidy—I certainly can tell you about section 46 cases</p> <p>CHAIR—Since the last Senate estimates, have any new section 46 cases been commenced?</p> <p>Mr Cassidy—No.</p> <p>CHAIR—And you will take on notice those same issues in relation to the section 45 cases, other part IV cases and part V cases?</p> <p>Mr Cassidy—Yes.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T22	ACCC	Lundy	Page 24 3/6/04	<p>Senator LUNDY—So with the imputation testing, Telstra has to put something together that shows—</p> <p>Mr Cosgrave—They have to put together imputation test modelling, which they provide to the commission.</p> <p>Mr Cosgrave—I believe the modelling was provided to us in the week following that. If you need a precise date I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T23	ACCC	Webber	Page 35 3/6/04	<p>Senator WEBBER—As I understand it, there was a public briefing in February. How many organisations attended that?</p> <p>Mr Ridgway—I might have to take the question on notice with respect to the exact number. As I recall,</p>	Answer received 9/8/04

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				<p>there were 20 or more representatives, both of industry and on the consumer movement side, represented around the country. Mr Antich—We can certainly get that number, Senator Webber.</p>	
T24	ACCC	Webber	Page 35 3/6/04	<p>Senator WEBBER—At the recent economics references committee inquiry into the Trade Practices Act there was, as I recall it, some discussion about the legal capacity of the ACCC to disendorse codes where a firm or industry breached them. The commission said that they had received oral advice to that effect. I was wondering if we could obtain that advice, if it was available, in writing. Mr Cassidy—We will take that on notice</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T25	Inspector-General of Taxation	Conroy	Page 84 4/6/04	<p>But you are unaware of what it is at this stage [the International Monetary Fund world economic outlook of April 2004 suggestion that Australia's cyclically adjusted balance, prior to the budget was in deficit]?</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T26	Treasury	Conroy	Page 95 2/6/04	<p>.....Senator CONROY—Then you have gone back to them in 2003? Mr Rawstron—I could not give you the exact date; from memory— Senator CONROY—I am prepared to take a month. Mr Rawstron—I think from memory it was the first</p>	Answer received 9/8/04

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				half of 2003, but I can take that question on notice and give you a more accurate answer.	
T27	Treasury	Conroy	Page 98 2/6/04	<p>Senator CONROY—When was GEERS introduced—when was it up and running by? Was it before or after the policy announcement to do with maximum priority?</p> <p>Mr Murphy—The government made a commitment to do something in February 2002. They also made a statement in the 2001 election. I am just trying to check, I am not sure.</p> <p>.....Mr Murphy—We can get you a date. GEERS was established by another department, that is why it does not really come quickly to us.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T28	Treasury	Kirk	Page 99 2/6/04	<p>Senator KIRK—I have some questions in relation to the consumer safety unit. Could you could provide the committee with information on staff numbers and levels for the period of 1996 through to 2004.</p> <p>Ms Vroombout—We do not have those numbers to hand, but we can take the question on notice and provide them to you</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T29	Treasury	Kirk	Page 100 2/6/04	<p>Senator KIRK—Are you able to provide the committee with a list of those policy papers that you have prepared?</p> <p>.....Ms Vroombout—.....What we could provide you with is a list of the various activities that the unit has been involved with.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04

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				<p>Senator KIRK—That would be good. Ms Vroombout—What time period were you interested in? Senator KIRK—Just recently—the last 12-month period would be okay.</p>	
T30	Treasury	O'Brien	Page 108 2/6/04	<p>Senator O'BRIEN—I presume some modelling or analysis has been performed by Treasury to determine the cost to the Commonwealth of the proposed changes. Senator O'BRIEN—Is that documented and can it be provided to the committee? Senator Coonan—I will just see what might be able to be provided. Senator O'BRIEN—Could you advise the committee of the appropriation made for this measure for the coming financial year and the following three out years? Senator Coonan—I am afraid I cannot off the top of my head, but if it can be re-agitated with the relevant officials we will get that information for you.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T31	Treasury	Conroy	Pages 120-121 2/6/04	<p>[Demographic discussion paper]. Senator CONROY—Have you approached any of them yet? Mr Tune—I would have to check. Senator CONROY—Is it possible to get a list of them? Is it a confidential list?</p>	Answer received 9/8/04

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				<p>Mr Tune—I would not have thought so, no. I can take that on notice.</p> <p>..... Mr Tune—We do have a specific demographics web site. They may be on there. Can I check that for you?</p>	
T32	Treasury	Conroy	Page 121 2/6/04	Senator CONROY—...Given the focus on encouraging public debate—and that is a lot of what Treasury and the Treasurer have been trying to do—are these submissions publicly available?	Answer received 9/8/04
T33	Treasury	Conroy	Page 121 2/6/04	<p>Senator CONROY—Could I get a list of who was on the task force and their designations and responsibilities.</p> <p>Mr Tune—I can give it to you by department. Is that what you just want—the departments involved?</p> <p>Senator CONROY—If it is not too much trouble, the people.</p> <p>Mr Tune—The people are switching all over the place.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Could I get a list of everybody who came?</p> <p>Mr Tune—I really do not know if we would have that.</p> <p>Mr Murray—We could give you a list of the main people from each department.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T34	Treasury	Conroy	Page 127 2/6/04	Senator CONROY—.....Can you confirm for me that the cuts to mature age labour market assistance	Answer received

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				<p>in 1996 were the largest ever cuts in Australia's history and that these cuts have never been made up?</p> <p>.....Mr Tune—No. I cannot confirm that.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Are you able to find out for us?</p> <p>Mr Tune—I could have a look. I do not know. I will take it on notice, yes.</p>	9/8/04
T35	Treasury	Conroy	Page 127 2/6/04	<p>Senator CONROY—Was there a dramatic fall in numbers of mature age people moving out of long-term unemployment straight after this cut in assistance?</p> <p>Mr Tune—Once again, I would have to take that on notice and check the numbers.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T36	Treasury	Conroy	Page 132 2/6/04	<p>[Heads of Treasury] Senator CONROY—How long is it since they first considered it? You might not actually know just off the top of your head.</p> <p>Mr Murray—I do not know.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Murray—I can.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T37	ATO	Wong	Page 89 3/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—So can you provide those future deferral costs for me?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I can take that question on notice.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T38	ATO	Wong	Page 104 3/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—Which tax expenditure is the dependent spouse offset, no children, included in? Is it A26 or A29?</p>	Answer received 9/8/04

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				<p>Mr Tilley—I think we are just going to try to read this hurriedly and respond.</p> <p>Senator WONG—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I am happy to take it on notice, of course.</p>	
T39	ATO	Wong	Page 105 3/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—No. It is not the number. There is no cost to revenue identified in Budget Paper No. 2. We will stick to the tax expenditure statement. Are you able to give me a cost breakdown between the two measures A5 and A6?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I can take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T40	ATO	Sherry	Page 7 4/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—I am asking whether or not there has been a revision of the costing of the measure. Do you or do you not know? Has it been revised or has it not been revised?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I will check that for you.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—Regarding deductability for self-employed persons, the amounts in the forward estimates from 2003-04, has there been any revision to the costings in the forward estimates of that measure?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—The answer to that question is the same as the previous answer.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—You do not know?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I can given the general answer, which I have done obviously.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04

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				Senator SHERRY—You keep repeating ‘generally’. I am asking quite specific questions. I do not think they are unreasonable. Mr Tilley—I will take the question on notice.	
T41	Treasury	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	Can the treasury advise what reviews or inquiries have been conducted by the Financial Sector Advisory Council since march 1998? Are there any reviews or inquiries in progress? Could treasury provide details?	Answer received 9/8/04
T42	Treasury	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	What was the cost of the recent completed Study of Financial System Guarantees?	Answer received 9/8/04
T43	ACCC	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	Section 52 litigation Is the Commission aware of any cases in 2003/2004 where plaintiffs have sought or recovered personal injury damages under section 52 of the Trade Practices Act? If so could you please provide details?	Answer received 9/8/04
T44	ACCC	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	Caltex Memo What is the status of ACCC's investigation into the so-called Caltex FUD memo? In April 2004 claims were made that Caltex was exploiting the Commonwealth fuel sales grant scheme. Franchisees have claimed that Caltex is cancelling out the grant by reducing price support. Is the Commission investigating this matter?	Answer received 9/8/04

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				Does the Commission have any capacity to take any action even if the allegation is correct? Can the Commission confirm that the price exploitation provisions in Part VB of the TPA expired?	
T45	ACCC	Lundy	Page 29 3/6/04	Are the data sets defined for the purpose of any involvement the ACCC have, or is based on what complaint you receive and then conducting an arbitration?	Answer received 9/8/04
T46	ACCC	Lundy	Page 29 3/6/04	Senator LUNDY—.....Can you take that on notice—whether or not there is any scope under the Trade Practices Act to direct Telstra to either make it an accurate service or desist from using it? Mr Cosgrave—Yes, we can take that on notice.	Answer received 9/8/04
T47	ATO	Sherry	Page 7 4/6/04	Senator SHERRY—We have one figure for the base, the bank. Do you have the figure for the inflow each year? We got the 180,000, as I recall, but do you have the money inflow figure? Dr Rothman—I did not bring it with me. I have seen spreadsheets with those figures in them. I would have to take that on notice.	Answer received 9/8/04
T48	ATO	Sherry	Page 10 4/6/04	Senator SHERRY—What is the estimated increase in numbers as a consequence of these changes? Dr Rothman—That constitutes advice to the government that has not been published, and I will have to take that on notice.	Answer received 9/8/04

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				<p>Senator SHERRY—I know, but it is the base figure. Dr Rothman—Sorry, we did the base figure, which was announced in the Senate. This is an additional number of people becoming eligible because of that. That additional number of people has not— Senator SHERRY—Do you know the figure, Dr Rothman? Dr Rothman—I do know the figure. Senator SHERRY—Why can't you tell me? Mr Tilley—Because of the reasons we have been through already. We will take it on notice. The government may choose to provide that number. We will take it on notice and respond.</p>	
T49	ATO	Sherry	4/6/04	Can you double-check those figures [Low Income Earners Co-Contribution]?	Answer received 9/8/04
T50	ATO	Sherry	Page 18 4/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—I have asked for this before and I will ask for it again: would you provide the breakdown by category or subcategory of contributions and earnings, contributions tax projections, earnings tax projections and obviously now the transfers from temporary visitors visas, which is included in that figure? Mr Tilley—We will take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 9/8/04
T51	ATO	Collins	Page 83 3/6/04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I am sure that if you are that far out, a review of your original	Answer received

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				<p>assumptions and an attempt to ascertain what went wrong would be undertaken. Are you telling me that these costings have not been evaluated to determine where the error was?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I am sure that we would be aware of why there was a difference in the original costing from the re-costing.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Why was that?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I assume that the assumptions in the original costing would have turned out to be different from the actuality.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—So what were the assumptions in the original costing?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—That I am not familiar with.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Are you not familiar with it or is that confidential?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I am not familiar with it. That is the bit I definitely know.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Is there someone here who is familiar with it?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—No, the costing was done some time ago. I am happy to take these questions on notice, but I cannot provide any more detail than that. I am simply not aware.</p>	<p>9/8/04</p>
T52	ACCC	Webber	Page 30 3/6/04	Senator WEBBER—I might start with a few questions on the issue of collective	Answer received

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				<p>bargaining.....How many collective bargaining arrangements has the ACCC authorised in the last 12 months; and have you changed your approach in assessing these authorisation proposals?</p> <p>Mr Grimwade—I might be able to answer that. I do not have an exact figure for how many we have authorised in the last 12 months. I can certainly take that on notice, but—</p> <p>Senator WEBBER—If you could take that on notice.</p>	9/8/04
T53		Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>Following the recent Federal Court decision in the AGL case, could it be argued that under s 50 a merger will not substantially lessen competition unless the ACCC is able to demonstrate that following the merger, the merged entity will be able exercise market power (ie if the merged entity cannot exercise market power, then there is not a substantial lessening of competition as required by s 50)?</p> <p>Would the commission be concerned if this approach became accepted as the appropriate test under section 50?</p> <p>[See comments by French J in Australian Gas Light Company (ACN 052 167 405) v Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (No. 3) [2003] FCA 1525 (19</p>	Answer received 13/8/04

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				December 2003) paras 393, 394,397, 402]	
T54	APRA	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>Has APRA authorised any SCCI's to date?</p> <p>How many institutions have made inquiries about becoming an SCCI since it was established as a category of ADI?</p> <p>If there have been no SCCIs authorised, does APRA have a view on why this is the case?</p> <p>Would APRA consider revising its guidelines for SCCIs if no new entrants are authorised within the next few years?</p> <p>Is APRA familiar with a suggestion that there should be different prudential requirements applying to credit card institution that are card issuers and distinct from those that are card acquirers?</p> <p>What is APRA's view on such a proposal?</p>	Answer received 17/8/04
T55	APRA	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>Has APRA considered the merits of introducing a system of positive credit reporting in Australia?</p> <p>Does APRA support positive credit reporting?</p> <p>Does APRA believe that it would have any significant impact on bank lending practices?</p>	Answer received 17/8/04
T56	ACCC	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>What is the status of the legal proceedings instituted by the ACCC in June 2003 against Woolworths and Liquorland alleging anti-competitive liquor deals?</p>	Answer received 19/8/04
T57	ACCC	Conroy	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>Is the ACCC aware of allegations that some larger insurers may be using the Financial Services</p>	Answer received

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				<p>Reform Act as an excuse not to cross-endorse some smaller players. A Treasury regulation was made to overcome the problem of cross-endorsement. Prior to this regulation, some insurers were concerned that they may be liable to the obligations of the Act, even if they were not providing the insurance coverage, but because they were cross-endorsing another firm.</p> <p>ASIC have advised that this issue is now a market-practices issue/anti-competitive issue and should be considered by the ACCC.</p> <p>Has the ACCC considered this issue? Has the ACCC taken any action?</p>	19/8/04
T58	ATO	Lundy	Page 40 3/6/04	<p>Senator LUNDY—Just going back to prior the Change Program being initiated with technology changes over the years, particularly those surrounding the implementation of the GST, is the tax office able to provide an overall figure of the costs associated with the implementation of the GST from an IT expenditure point of view? I know we traversed this some years ago, but I cannot recall ever getting an aggregate figure for the net cost to the ATO of that change.</p> <p>Mr Farr—I clearly do not have it with me, but I</p>	Answer received 12/1/05

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				would think that we would be able to go back and reconstruct our records to provide that.	
T59	ATO	Lundy	Page 40 3/6/04	<p>Senator LUNDY—Just going a step further, with the transfer of services online, in particular the ability to complete online BAS forms and so forth, what is the specific dollar value that the tax office attributes to the provision of that service?</p> <p>Mr Farr—The provision of online BAS?</p> <p>Could you take on notice what the cost to the tax office is of providing that service of lodging BASs through the portal?</p> <p>Mr Farr—Sure. You are looking for the development costs of the ability to do it or the ongoing costs of operating that system?</p>	Answer received 12/1/05
T60	ATO	Lundy	Page 44-45 3/6/04	<p>Senator LUNDY—Just going back for a minute to standard setting, has the tax office identified or adopted standards for digital rights management?</p> <p>Mr Farr—No.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—What standard do you currently use?</p> <p>Mr Farr—I will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUNOY—Is it the tax office's intention, in light of your commitment to open standards, to adopt an open standard in digital rights management?</p> <p>Mr Farr—I would have to say up front I know what</p>	Answer received 12/1/05

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				<p>digital rights management is but I do not pretend to be the world's expert in it, Senator LUNBY—Shall I help you? Mr Farr—Any help that you could give would be most welcome. Senator LUNOY—The open standard is in fact called ODRL, and there is a proprietary standard called XMRL. I am interested to see whether you have adopted either. Specifically, is it your intention to adopt ODRL, given it is the established open standard? Mr Farr—We do not have that information with us. We will take it on notice and get back to you, Senator LUNDY—If you have not made a determination, could you provide me with the detail of what standards are being used within the suite of tax office contracts at the moment? Mr Farr—Yes, we can do that.</p>	
T61	ATO	Lundy	Page 46 3/6/04	<p>Senator LUNDY—I want to put a few questions on notice. The first question is about Accenture and how much money is involved. Can you provide the answer going back four years, not just for the current financial year? Mr Farr—So total Accenture Senator LUNDY—Total Accenture expenditure.</p>	Answer received 12/1/05
T62	ATO	Mason	Page 54	Senator MASON—Out of the 40,000 to 50,000, are	Answer

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			3/6/04	<p>you aware of any that have said they no longer fall within the endorsement? Senator MASON—just the self-assessment regulatory aspect of this. Senator MASON—Can you take that on notice and find out? Senator MASON—You mention in question 2 that the Taxation Office has conducted audits....How many entities have lost their endorsement as a result of Australian Taxation Office audits? Senator MASON—Thank you. Thirdly,... .have any entities lost their status as a charity because they are engaging in political purposes deemed to be their dominant purpose?</p>	received 12/1/05
T63	ATO	Wong	Page 54 3/6/04	Senator WONG—How many businesses with a turnover of less than \$50 000 paid GST last year?	Answer received 12/1/05
T64	ATO	Wong	Page 114 3/6/04	<p>Senator WONG— Have you been advised that, due to a number of trusts whose ABN is issued in the incorrect legal name, there are difficulties in prosecuting quite a number of trusts for GST non-payment? Mr Carmody—I am not aware of that as an issue, Senator WONG—There is no such advice? Mr Carmody—I said I am not aware of it. None of my officers look like they are aware of it, but we</p>	Answer received 12/1/05

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				<p>can follow up on the issue for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG—So you are saying there is no problem with referring trusts for prosecution?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I said that I am not aware that there has been any issue and none of my officers here are aware that there has been any issue, but we will follow up and see whether there has been an issue.</p>	
T65	ATO	Wong	Page 114 3/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—Of the questions on notice that I referred to, again, the committee are not able to help me in providing them.</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I am sure we can make them available tomorrow for you. I am sure they were lodged. I can remember.</p> <p>Senator WONG—I did actually check on them a number of times. It is possible they got lost in the system. I asked for them prior to the last estimates rounds.</p> <p>Mr Carmody—They were certainly prepared and cleared and my understanding is they have been lodged. But we will have them available tomorrow.</p> <p>Senator WONG—Perhaps you can give me the answers you did lodge. Are you also able to give me your most up-to-date figures in the same categories?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—We know the categories. We have the questions. We -will have available for the committee tomorrow the questions we prepared and</p>	Answer received 12/1/05

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				we believe we lodged and then we will take on notice updating those figures.	
T66	ATO	Sherry	Page 114 3/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—How many audits does the ATO plan to have completed of big business by the end of this financial year?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I cannot give you exactly the number completed. Our large corporate is over \$100 million turnover. At the current time, we have something like 160 audits going on for large corporate groups.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—Could you get me historical data going back to 1995-96?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I will attempt to provide it. I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—It is the number of audits.</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I would have to take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—Yes. And the same with medium-sized businesses?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—The same?</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—The same data.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—My next question goes to the audits on micro-sized businesses for the same periods. I assume you will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I will.</p>	Answer received 12/1/05
T67	ATO	Conroy	N/A – Written Question on Notice	Could the ATO provide a breakdown of higher education contribution scheme debt by Federal	Answer received

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				electorate?	12/1/05
T68	ATO	Webber	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>1 (a) At the ATO Pt IVA Panel meeting held over two days at the end of May 1999, how many taxpayers' tax returns were considered during the proceedings, and in how many mass marketed projects?</p> <p>1 (b) Were any minutes taken of the Panel Meeting and can they be made available?</p> <p>1 (c) What ATO action has occurred in relation to the taxpayers in the remainder of the 276 mass marketed projects which the Senate Economics References Committee noted in June 2001, as these were not eligible, as 174 were, for the June 2002 ATO settlement offer?</p>	Answer received 12/1/05
T69	IGOT	Conroy	Page 79 1/6/04	<p>Senator CONROY—I know you are chasing up information on those questions you have already answered. Could I add a request for an update of all those figures for the period since I last saw you. Effectively, if I can get all that information to do with travel and expenses and—</p> <p>Mr Vos—I will not be able to get that to you by tomorrow.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—No, I am adding to my request. I am about to finish, so you will not be here tomorrow to give me that information. You are welcome to pop along and drop it off but, at this</p>	Answer received 1/2/05

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				<p>stage, if you could take on notice— Mr Vos—I have just received some information for you. Would you like me to table it? ACTING CHAIR (Senator Fifield)—As there is no objection, we accept the information to be tabled. Mr Vos—Unfortunately, Senator, I cannot get you the information regarding the travel from February to now so quickly. Senator CONROY—I am happy for you to take that on notice, and hopefully we will see it prior to the next round of estimates</p>	
T70	Treasury	Wong	Page 110 2/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—The Treasurer stated that 90 per cent of wineries will be effectively exempt from WET. Is that right? Mr Tilley—That is correct Senator Wong —What are the numbers on that? What is the number of persons actually beneficially affected by the measure? Mr Tilley—It is 90 per cent of— Senator WONG—The numbers, not percentages. Mr Tilley—I do not have that. I am not sure whether Mr Free does. Mr Free—No. It just refers to 90 per cent of wine producers. It is generally accepted that there are about 1,800 wine producers in Australia. But as to the exact figure that was used we would have to</p>	Answer received 1/2/05

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				<p>take that on notice. Mr Tilley—We can take it on notice. We may be able to give you an answer like that tomorrow if we can just find the relevant bit of information.</p>	
T71	Treasury	Wong	Page 110 2/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—Do we know how many litres of wine the largest of these wineries produce? Mr Reardon— It is not something we collect on the BAS. We do have people who would be happy to do some field research in that area. Senator WONG—Yes. But perhaps after tonight we might not want to know. Is it not the case that the value of the \$1 million rebate will be eroded over time by inflation? Mr Tilley—We will take that on notice. I am just not sufficiently familiar with the detail of what the legislation has got. Senator WONG—Who is? I am talking about a budget measure. I am not asking about the legislation now. Mr Tilley—I do not want to give an answer when I am not sure. Senator WONG—Will this rebate be eroded over time by inflation? Mr Tilley—I will take that on notice and give you a response. Senator WONG—Is the rebate indexed?</p>	Answer received 1/2/05

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				<p>Mr Tilley—Is the threshold indexed? I think that is the same question. Senator WONG—Yes. Mr Tilley—It is the same question. I will seek to provide an answer on that. Senator WONG—I am quite astonished. The question is whether the measure referred to at page 39 of the budget measures document, Budget Paper No. 2, is indexed. You have costed it. Mr Tilley—We will seek to get an answer for you. Senator WONG—When do you think you will be able to do that? Mr Tilley—I will take it on notice and get it as soon as possible.</p>	
T72	Treasury	Wong	Page 112 2/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—Is there a reason why Treasury chose not to consult DFAT given it does have some trade implications? Mr Tilley—I am not sure they would agree it has those implications. Senator WONG—Who is 'they'—DFAT? Mr Tilley—In a tax measure, it is not immediately obvious that you would consult DFAT. Senator WONG—So is it your view or Treasury's view that there are no implications for the CER of this measure? Mr Tilley—That is really for the trade people to make an assessment of. I do not know what the answer to that is. But, if you have asked them those questions, I am sure they have given answers. Senator WONG—Presumably someone must have made a</p>	Answer received 1/2/05

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				<p>decision to not consult them; therefore, presumably, it is on the basis that they did not think it was relevant. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I am happy to take the question on notice and check what DFAT have said.</p> <p>Senator WONG—I presume Treasury is aware of the CER?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—Indeed.</p> <p>Senator WONG—And that we do import New Zealand wines, for example,</p> <p>Mr Tilley-----And wines from many other countries as well.</p> <p>Senator WONG—No-one in Treasury turned their mind to whether or not this tax would have some implications on the CER?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I am not sure. I am happy to take the question on notice and check with the Trade people what their view is on that.</p>	
T73	Treasury	Wong	Page 113 2/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—How does this usually work? If there are matters that might particularly affect the CER, would that be something Treasury would normally seek advice from DFAT about or do you assess the implications yourself?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I am not aware of how CER issues are dealt with, but I can take that on notice, if you like, and seek some further clarification.</p> <p>Senator WONG—One of the articles in the CER talks about fair competition. I suppose the New Zealand argument would be that this rebate gives Australian wine producers a cost advantage visa-vis their New Zealand competitors.</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I understand that that is the issue that has been raised by the New Zealand Treasurer.</p> <p>Senator WONG—Didn't anyone consider that before the budget measure was announced?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I think I have answered that question.</p>	Answer received 1/2/05

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				<p>Senator WONG—Which was?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I am not aware of this being a consideration in the development of the measure.</p> <p>Senator WONG—Perhaps on notice you can find out whether there was any advice from DFAT about the implications for CER of the budget measure that has been announced. If so, on what date?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—Okay.</p>	
T74	Treasury	Sherry	Page 5 4/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—I am asking whether or not there has been a revision of the costing of the measure. Do you or do you not know? Has it been revised or has it not been revised?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I will check that for you.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—Regarding deductability for self-employed persons, the amounts in the forward estimates from 2003-04, has there been any revision to the costings in the forward estimates of that measure?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—The answer to that question is the same as the previous answer.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—You do not know?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I can given the general answer, which I have done obviously.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—You keep repeating ‘generally’. I am asking quite specific questions. I do not think they are unreasonable.</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I will take the question on notice.</p>	Answer received 1/2/05
T75	Treasury	Conroy	N/A – Written	What was the total cost of the Potts Review?	Answer

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			Question on Notice	<p>Could Treasury confirm that discretionary mutual funds are not liable to pay State Stamp Duty and Fire Service Levies? Will this continue to be the case if the Potts recommendations on DMFs are implemented?</p> <p>Can Treasury advise whether the government or Mr Potts has consulted with the States on the issue of DMFs, in particular, about their impact on State revenue?</p> <p>Has Treasury seen a copy of the final report or a draft of ASIC's investigation into unauthorised foreign insurers? If so when?</p> <p>Did Mr Potts see a copy or the report or a draft?</p>	received 1/2/05
T76	Treasury	Sherry	Page 9 4/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—As to the budget estimate for that figure of 2004-05 for the payment, what number of people or individuals was that based on?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—We can check. We can take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 1/2/05
T77	APRA	Sherry	Page 44 1/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—...I am just trying to ascertain to what extent you are aware and what action APRA has taken with respect to the complaint or the details of the breach of the in house investment rule in this particular case.</p> <p>Dr Roberts—I am not aware of it.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—You are not aware of the detail. Will you take it on notice?</p>	Answer received 1/2/05

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				<p>Dr Roberts—Yes.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—Will you take on notice and provide the name of the superannuation entity operated by Manildra, the type of superannuation fund, DB or defined contribution? The employee, frankly, does not understand the details, other than being told that Manildra is in serious breach. The employee does not know what is happening regarding enforcement and the remedies that are proposed with respect to the breach. The employee concerned understands that Manildra’s breach is close to 50 per cent—not five per cent; 50 per cent. It seems to me to be an extraordinary, excessive in house investment, if it is correct. Can you provide the names of the trustees of the Manildra superannuation entity? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Roberts—We will take that on notice and provide what we are legally committed to.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—If they are in breach, can you provide the details of the remedial action that APRA has required of the Manildra superannuation entity?</p> <p>Dr Roberts—Yes.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—...You referred to these matters being reported to the board. If the Manildra superannuation entity is in breach, can you inform me whether or not the matter has been referred to the board and when in fact it was referred to the</p>	

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				<p>board?</p> <p>Dr Roberts—Yes. It would be our normal practice, by the way, that in all our supervision it is our preference not to provide any surprises to a trustee board. So any concerns we have are notified to them early on. That would be our normal course.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—Could you also take on notice the size of the superannuation fund in terms of employees and the asset value.</p> <p>Dr Roberts—Yes.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—And also some detail. Manildra is not a publicly listed company, so I am just interested to know how in the declaration of dividend the superannuation fund can receive a credit rating. How would that operate in the case of a company that is not publicly listed? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Roberts—I do not understand that question.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—If there is a breach of the in house investment rule and assets of the super fund are invested in Manildra or its associated company entities but it is not a publicly listed company—</p> <p>Dr Roberts—All right; how the calculation is done.</p> <p>Senator SHERRY—For example, if someone leaves, how do they calculate the asset value of an individual account within the Manildra superannuation fund?</p>	

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				Dr Roberts—Yes, okay.	
T78	APRA	Sherry	Page 47 1/6/04	Senator SHERRY—Please send me items now being collected on the expenses (fees and charges) of superannuation funds.	Answer received 1/2/05
T79	APRA	Watson	Page 48 1/6/04	Senator WATSON—....A constituent wished to access the hardship provisions by virtue of medical expenses in relation to some problems with her mouth and her teeth. APRA kindly provided the necessary criteria: numbers of doctors, dentists—the sort of information that was required. When this was taken to the fund, they deferred the approval and instead referred it to the state Attorney General, who said the tests were not sufficiently robust and required, for example, specialists and a whole range of other issues. Would you like to comment on the authority of a state jurisdiction overruling something that is basically in the federal province? Dr Laker—Unless my colleagues are aware of that particular development, I will take that one on notice. I am not aware of that particular issue.	Answer received 1/2/05
T80	APRA	Conroy	Page 53 1/6/04	Senator CONROY—Are APRA aware of any other banks that are using the Horizon system? Mr Littrell—We will have to take that on notice.	Answer received 1/2/05
T80	APRA	Conroy	Page 53 1/6/04	Senator CONROY—Last time we talked about APRA’s compliance with the Basel committee’s core principles for effective banking	Answer received 1/2/05

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				<p>supervision....., and that independent revaluations are occurring using appropriate data. That is what APRA stated about itself. How was APRA able to assess the NAB internal audit process if the testing data on Horizon was not available? Mr Karp—I will have to take on notice that specific one about the internal audit assessment because it does go to the question you asked asked earlier about the degree of questioning of the internal audit people in the August 2002 market risk visit.</p>	
T81	APRA	Conroy	Page 54 1/6/04	<p>Senator CONROY—Perhaps clarify what NAB's internal audit told you about its testing of the Horizon system - but possibly no testing has been done. How does APRA deal with that? What mechanism does APRA have to deal with these circumstances?</p>	<p>Answer received 1/2/05</p>
T82	APRA	Conroy	Page 63 1/6/04	<p>ACTING CHAIR—While you accept the framework which the other countries have in place that you recognise as equal to yours or better than yours, at the same time you would not abrogate any responsibilities in terms of filing returns and certain compliance to make sure that the people, whether insured or credited in Australia, are protected, though? You would have some oversight there. What is the nature of your oversight? I was just a little bit concerned in relation to the response to</p>	<p>Answer received 1/2/05</p>

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				<p>Senator Conroy. I would not like to see any abrogation of your responsibilities, because they might have a good overseas framework which theoretically you should extend to Australia.</p> <p>Mr Somogyi—They are some of the details that we have to work through. It is too early for us to give you a detailed response to that question. If we could take that on notice and respond when this has been worked through.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR—We would like you to take that on notice.</p>	
T83	APRA	Conroy	Page 82 1/6/04	<p>Senator CONROY—....You may not have this available, but I was wondering if I could get a breakdown of the annual resourcing provided to the board, including a breakdown of employee expenses and board members' expenses, including travel et cetera. I would not anticipate that you would have that right now.</p> <p>Mr Paine—Senator, in the board's annual report, the last one of which was for 2002-03, there is a public document, again on our web site, and the orders of magnitude and the breakdown have not changed. This year is not much different from last year, but we are quite happy to—</p> <p>Senator CONROY—Does it list the travel for the individual members, the chairman and that sort of</p>	Answer received 3/2/05

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				<p>thing? Mr Paine—No, not in that— Senator CONROY—The sort of detail I am after is the next level down, I guess—what makes up those numbers, if I could. Mr Paine—The 2002-03 year? Senator CONROY—I would actually like it to be as up to date as it is possible to be. Mr Paine—Yes, that is fine.</p>	
T84	ATO	Murray	Page 47 3/6/04	<p>Senator MURRAY—....I want to ask a follow up question to a question I asked last year about showing average tax rates on the returns to taxpayers. I want to ask about tax file numbers. I want to ask about the Australian Valuation Office. I want to ask a very brief, easy question on tax stats. I want to ask about ATO activity on rental properties. I want to ask about capital profits being routed through—what should we describe them as?—tax havens, I suppose. I think that covers it. I might ask about self managed super funds. Mr Carmody, you understood the question about death benefits, so I will just move straight to the answer. Mr Carmody—You asked whether we had a particular split of the tax from no effect. It is not readily available, so I am not able to supply you with a figure here. My experts have said, if you are</p>	Answer received 8/2/05

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				<p>happy for me to take it on notice, they will investigate whether there is a reliable way of estimating it from related data. So I am afraid we do not have a readily available answer, but if you are happy for me to take it on notice I will commit that we will do everything we can to try to get a reliable estimate.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—I would be happy, Mr Carmody. I would be content with a snapshot, frankly. Take a random sample of whatever you think is meaningful—a hundred cases—and see what the incidence is. My concern is that there is an inequity. Some people are being taxed in the same circumstances as others simply because of the legal structure of the dependency. So, if we could get some feeling as to what that means in the community, that would be helpful.</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I will commit that we will do what level we can reasonably—</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—I certainly do not want you to trawl through your several million taxpayers, but a snapshot would do me fine.</p> <p>Mr Carmody—Yes.</p>	
T85	ATO	Sherry	Page 24 4/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—Do you have the figures for the other years?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—Yes.</p>	Answer received 8/2/05

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				<p>Senator SHERRY—I do not want them verbally, but can you give a copy to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I have them in other papers, but we can get a copy quickly.</p>	
T86	ATO	Sherry	Page 29 4/6/04	<p>Senator SHERRY—Let us come back to the tax office then. How many people in its data series does the tax office have on a private income per annum of zero making contributions? I am just interested to know what the approximate number is.</p> <p>Mr Jackson—I have not got a number like that to hand. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 8/2/05
T87	ACCC	Lundy	Page 23 3/6/04	<p>Senator LUNDY— Following receipt of that notice did Telstra then contact the ACCC? I want the detail about the nature of that approach and the subsequent organising of meetings.</p> <p>Mr Samuel—I cannot remember the exact date.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY—You can take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 9/2/05
T88	ACCC	Conroy	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>How many Part IV, Part IVA and Part V cases has the ACCC commenced in financial year 2003/2004?</p> <p>How many Part IV, Part IVA and Part V cases or investigations have been terminated by the ACCC in financial year 2003/2004?</p> <p>How many Part IV, Part IVA and Part V cases did the ACCC commence in the 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 financial years?</p> <p>How many Part IV, Part IVA and Part V cases or</p>	Answer received 9/2/05

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				investigations have been terminated by the ACCC in 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 financial years?	
T89	Treasury	Wong	Page 109 3/6/04	<p>Senator WONG—Are you able to give an indication of what would be an equivalent value to the rebate of an exemption expressed in litres if you assumed a small winery selling at an average price of \$20 per bottle retail?</p> <p>Mr McCullough—I will take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 10/2/05
T90	Australian Taxation Office	Collins	Page 63 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—.....have you made any progress on that salary sacrifice issue?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—As I suspected, Senator, the information provided to us does not break up the expense payment fringe benefit or potentially even property fringe benefit into amounts that people have salary sacrificed for child care. We just do not have those figures, I am afraid.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What is the total?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—For what?</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—For all areas where people might apply salary sacrifice. What is the total revenue forgone through that measure?</p> <p>Mr Carmody—I certainly do not have that with me. We might have to try again.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—You did not expect me to give up this easily, did you?</p> <p>.....Mr Carmody—We will attempt to get the</p>	Answer received 17/2/05

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				<p>answer. What you are looking for is the— Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Total amount of revenue forgone by the fringe benefits tax measures that allow for salary sacrifice of child care. So there will be other elements in that group. Mr Carmody—I do not have the child-care figures. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I understand that. But the closest you can get through which it can occur with child care— Mr Carmody—An expense payment fringe benefit is potentially there, so we could get that. Expense payment fringe benefit is probably the element. We will attempt to get the expense payment. You would appreciate that could be a whole range of expenses. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—If you could give me the information of all the other ranges that are likely to occur within that, that would be helpful too. Mr Carmody—This comes into your compliance and audit programs. The actual information that is returned is only at the expense payment level. So I just do not think it will get you close to what you are looking for. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—We can then look at alternative means of trying to ascertain what tends to be the proportion of expense payments. Mr Carmody—I am sure we can get the expense</p>	

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				<p>payments. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—If you can give me the expense payments, that gets us one stage closer. In ATO dealings with Centrelink, do you have any understanding of the level of compliance problems associated with people claiming child-care benefit as well as salary sacrifice? Mr Carmody—I am sorry, I do not think we have any information here. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—You may need to take that on notice. Mr Carmody—We will take that on notice.</p>	
T91	Treasury	Collins	Page 68 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Excluding the \$600 family tax benefit supplement, how many families will have an increased rate of fortnightly payment as a result of the taper change? Mr Tune—I do not think I have that information for you. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Would you take that on notice? Mr Tune—Certainly. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What is the average fortnightly increase in family tax A that will occur as a result of the taper changes for family tax benefit A. Mr Tune—I will have to take that on notice also.</p>	Answer received 23/2/05

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T92	Treasury	Collins	Page 68 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—When was Centrelink advised that they would have to deliver this payment?</p> <p>Mr Tune—When was it announced in the budget?</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—When was the implementation of this payment first raised with Centrelink?</p> <p>Mr Tune—In that period I was talking about. I think I have already answered that one, Senator.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—No, you have answered that it was written within a period of about four weeks. As it turns out, a period of about 12 weeks could end up being quite critical in the election process. Can you take on notice to provide the date on which implementation of the payment was first raised with Centrelink?</p> <p>Mr Tune—Yes.</p>	Answer received 23/2/05
T93	Treasury	Collins	Page 71 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Let me give you a cameo. I presume you will have to take it on notice. I have given FaCS the same cameo. Let us see if you reach the same concern. Is it not the case that a dual-income family with two children, one under five, on \$23,000 per annum will experience an effective marginal tax rate of 93 per cent if a secondary income earner increases their earnings from \$8,000 per annum—so that is the ratio of</p>	Answer received 23/2/05

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				<p>earnings—an increase of six per cent over the pre-budget effective marginal tax rate, which would have been 87 per cent for the same family?</p> <p>Mr Tune—I have no idea. I will have to take that one on notice, certainly</p>	
T94	Treasury	Collins	Page 67 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—These were not options being considered, at least to Treasury’s knowledge, before then?</p> <p>Mr Tune—You asked about the work and family task force before. Some of those options had been considered along with many other options in the context of the work and family task force. That task force has not met during the course of 2004 so there was a discrete break in the process.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—But earlier than that, this was one of the options that they were contemplating?</p> <p>Mr Tune—I think it was. I cannot recall specifically.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Could you check for me?</p> <p>Mr Tune—I cannot confirm or deny what was in a document that went to cabinet.</p> <p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—No, but you can check your recollection of evidence that you have put before this committee. You said that you did not</p>	Answer received 23/2/05

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				<p>recall and I am asking whether you can clarify your recollection for us.</p> <p>Mr Tune—Yes, I can do that. Whether I can then pass that information on, I think is a matter that I need to consider. If it is going to material that was then put before the government as a confidential matter I would not be able to divulge that.</p> <p>CHAIR—Take that question on notice and if, having refreshed your memory, you consider that you should take that objection, then you can take that objection in your written response.</p> <p>Mr Tune—Certainly.</p>	
T95	Treasury	Collins	Page 73-74 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Chair, the question was: when was the decision made that Treasury should not answer any question other than where the information is printed in the budget papers? Whichever of those two propositions obtains, you can take the question on notice.</p> <p>.....Mr Tune—I do not know the answer, regardless of which premise I accept, so I would have to take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 23/2/05
T96	Treasury	Conroy	Page 144-145 2/6/04	<p>Senator CONROY—That just means that there was a very low surplus going in the last few years. That is a coincidence, is it not Senator Murray? In terms of the income withholding tax, what proportions of the upward revisions are due to earnings and</p>	Answer received 23/2/05

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				<p>employment? ... Is it possible to provide it?</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I can take that on notice, if you like, and check. But what I can explain is the estimates we have that have been published.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—One of the jobs I do is ask what makes up the figures. So is it possible for us to get components of that figure, as I have described, on earnings and employment? Going back to this issue of forecasting, if 10 per cent of the additional revenue predicted does not eventuate for 2004-05, the predicted fiscal surplus of \$698 million would almost be completely wiped out. That is just maths more than anything else. I just want an indicator. We have had a massive revaluation and it would only take 10 per cent and we would be in deficit. That would be for 10 per cent not to eventuate of the substantial whack of money. ...</p> <p>Mr Tilley—I can explain the estimates that are published. I do not have a quantification of those different ones. I am happy to take it on notice. That is all I can do.</p> <p>Senator CONROY—But someone in Treasury must have it.</p> <p>Mr Tilley—Whether we do it precisely in that way I am not sure. Senator CONROY—You might be able to advise us tomorrow.</p> <p>Mr Tilley—All I can do is take the question on</p>	

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				notice I am afraid.	
T97	All Treasury portfolio agencies	Murray	N/A - Written Question on Notice	<p>Advertising and public information contracts Please provide a list of all advertising or public information projects currently being undertaken or expected to be undertaken by the department or agency in the course of 2004 where the cost of the project is estimates or contracted to be \$100,000 or more, indicating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the purpose and nature of the project; (b) the intended recipients of the information to be communicated by the project (c) who authorised or is to authorise the project; (d) the manner in which the project is to be carried out; (e) who is to carry out the project; (f) whether the project is to be carried out under a contract; (g) whether such contract was let by tender; (h) the estimated or contracted cost of the project. 	Answer received 4/5/05
T98	ATO	Collins	Page 81 3/6/04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Going back in time to the baby bonus, on 19 February 2004 Senator Mackay asked whether the estimates for the baby bonus had been revised for the 2004-05 and the 2005-06 financial years, to which the now absent Mr Smith replied:.....	Answer received 4/5/05

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				Mr Tilley—I will have to check. I do not know the answer to that. The measure was recosted at some point. Obviously, the Treasurer made that information available. I am not sure exactly how that happened, but we can check.	
T99	ATO	Collins	Page 81 3/6/04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—When were you requested to provide the update on that occasion? Mr Tilley—I cannot recall when we were requested. Obviously, we provided that advice to the Treasurer at that time. I am not sure about when the costing was done. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Can you take on notice when that request was made? Mr Tilley—Yes.	Answer received 4/5/05
T100	ATO	Collins	Page 82 3/6/04	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Do you know if it occurred before the Treasurer’s press conference at 4.30 p.m. on that day, where he alleged that there was a hole in Labor’s baby care payments costings? Mr Tilley—I do not know what time of the day the minute was provided. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—You will take that on notice and consult Mr Gallagher for me, then? Mr Tilley—I will take that on notice.Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Was what was provided to the Treasurer an update in response to a request from the Treasurer, or was it Treasury	Answer received 4/5/05

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				<p>simply showing its initiative? Mr Tilley—I do not recall the exact circumstances in which we provided that advice. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—So you will consult Mr Gallagher again? Mr Tilley—I will take that on notice.</p>	
T101	ATO	Collins	Page 69 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What is the average rate of this increase? Mr Tune—I do not know that, but I suppose one way of finding that would be to divide 550,000 by the cost. I will have to take the detail of it on notice. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—How many families will become newly eligible for family tax B? Mr Tune—I will have to take that one on notice as well. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What is the average of the new benefit they will receive? Mr Tune—I will take that on notice. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—How many families face reduced effective marginal tax rates as a result of the changes to family tax B? Mr Tune—Looking at these sorts of impacts is the work that is ongoing. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Perhaps you can take that on notice, and by the time we get your answers it might have concluded.</p>	Answer received 30/5/05

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				<p>Mr Tune—I am sorry? Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Perhaps you could take it on notice and, in the time frame of responding to this round of estimates, your other work may have concluded. Mr Tune—That may be so.</p>	
T102	ATO	Collins	Page 69 3/6/04	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Are you able to tell me how many families will face a higher effective marginal tax rate? Mr Tune—No, I cannot. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Is that some of the work that is being conducted? Mr Tune—This all has to be done, yes. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Can I ask you to consider that in the responses to questions on notice? Mr Tune—Yes.</p>	Answer received 30/5/05