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BI-1	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>R&D tax concession</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can we move on to the labour market and the South Australian structural adjustment assistance package. Before you go, Mr Peel, could I ask you about those figures you provided for the tax concession. Do you have a split of the figures across the 125 and the 175 for the tax offset?</p> <p>Mr Peel—Perhaps I do not, for all of those years. So perhaps I could take that on notice.</p>	E4	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-2	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Strategic Investment Coordination program</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes. What I want to know is what moneys have been committed to date on this program, what moneys allocated the forward years are committed and what moneys are not committed at this stage?</p> <p>Mr Jones—I do not have an overall summary of that with me. We would have to look at the individual projects and get back to you with that information.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—It is a process rather than a program. So there isn't money committed in the forward estimates for potential new programs, and the ones that have been considered to date are considered on a case-by-case basis and specific provision is then made for those projects.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—For those, yes, but there are also departmental costs associated with running this program.</p> <p>Mr Jones—There is no specific provision of departmental moneys for administration of the process because it is essentially an unpredictable process and very lumpy</p>	E6	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-3	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Tradex scheme</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—What about 2005-06? How much</p>	E10	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>of that has actually been forgone? Do you have those figures?</p> <p>Mr Peel—Our estimate as at 31 March is \$10.8 million—no. Perhaps I could take that on notice. I think there is something wrong with the figures here that I have got in front of me. Yes, I will have to take that on notice. Sorry.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—There would have to be a huge under spend or a huge saving.</p> <p>Mr Peel—Yes. There is something wrong with those figures.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—Shall do.</p>				
BI-4	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Tradex scheme</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—What range of goods are encompassed in this process? For example, if I were building a ship and imported the engines, would they qualify?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I would have to check the actual details of that. It is something that the Customs Service specifies under its rules and regulations. There will be some goods that it does not apply to, but I do not have that information here.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Peel—Yes.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you also, when you are getting these figures, ask them for the percentage in various groupings?</p> <p>Mr Peel—Percentages that the goods represent?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes, whether it is manufacturing imports, service imports or whatever.</p>	E10	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-5	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Funding for the Commercial Ready Program</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I will come to some specific questions about Commercial Ready later on, but are you able to identify the amount of money that has been committed to each segment of the Commercial Ready Program?</p> <p>Mr Peel—No, we do not have it, but we can take it on notice and let</p>	E11	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				you know.				
BI-6	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Departmental funding for programs</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—All those figures that you have give me for all those programs, do they include the departmental funding?</p> <p>Mr Peel—No, that was just the funding available to give out in grants and so on.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you take on notice, Mr Paterson, and provide us with the departmental funding that sits alongside those figures that have been provided by Mr Peel on each of those programs we have gone through?</p>	E14	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-7	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Pre-Seed Fund</i></p> <p>Mr Peel—Yes. As with the explanation for IIF, it is capital that is available for the fund managers to invest so in that sense it is all committed.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes, but I would just ask you on the allocations for the previous years. Was that the same type of result?</p> <p>Mr Peel—You are looking at the expenditure for those years?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Peel—Well the figures that I have got here say the expenditure is the same as the budget, but I suspect that is not the actual outcome. So if I could take that on notice I will get you those figures.</p>	E14-15	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-8	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Part-time employees on short-term contracts</i></p> <p>Ms Murphy—They have already been given to you. Of our total employees, 134 are part time, 105 of those are female and 29 of those are males.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—How many of those 134 are short-term contract?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—We will have to come back to you on that one.</p>	E17	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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BI-9	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Staff turnover</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Are you able to give me the turnover for the year to date that we are talking about?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I am able to give you the separations.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—The separation rate to date, as at 30 April, is 9.7 per cent.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—How many of those positions have been filled?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I would have to come back separately on that. We try and engage people back into positions as they are vacated, but there is always a lag, of course.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes, sure. I understand that. Can you also tell me how many positions remain vacant—that is, are not filled—in the department?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I will come back on that as well.</p>	E17-18	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-10	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Staff on AWAs</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—In APS levels 4 to 6, there are 17 in total. How many of those are parttime?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Senator, I suspect they are all full-time, but I would have to get back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—You suspect they are all full-time?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Yes, I suspect they are. I am told there is at least one part-timer, but we will come back with the figures.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Are the part-timers mainly in the lower levels or are they spread across the levels?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I will have to come back to you on that, but they are spread throughout different levels in the organisation.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Perhaps you can tell us where the part-timers are located in those various groups and which ones are on AWAs.</p>	E21	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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BI-11	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Staff on AWAs</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you tell me what the difference in the pay band is for persons on AWAs as opposed to those on certified agreements?</p> <p>Mr Byron—Could I put a caveat on us responding to that request, and that is so as to not identify any individual? It may well be that the numbers are so thin in some of those pay bands that the request that you are making may well identify individual arrangements.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes, I accept your caveat. I am not seeking to put any individual on the spot. I just want to know whether or not there is a difference in what is being paid.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—We will have to come back to you with those details.</p>	E21	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-12	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Staff on AWAs</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—For example, are there any person under APS classifications 4, 5 and 6, receiving remuneration higher than those on the SES levels?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Than those on the SES level—highly unlikely.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Could you take that on notice and check for me?</p>	E22	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-13	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Performance pay</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you provide us with a breakdown of the aggregate performance based pay outcomes by classification and by gender?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—With the same caveat that I raised earlier in relation to identifying individuals.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I am asking for aggregates, I am not asking for individuals.</p>	E22	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-14	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Staff numbers</i></p>	E22	10/10/06	10/10/06	

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				<p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—..... Finally, Ms Murphy, can you provide us with a table showing total staff for the department by group and if possible by branch broken down by level and location?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—I can take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you do it for the start of the financial year and for now when you finally put the figures together.</p>				
BI-15	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Consultancies for 2005-06 over \$10,000</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I think, Ms Murphy, the department provided me with a breakdown of the consultancies—I am just trying to think when it was; it was back to this period last year—for all consultancies over \$10,000. I think that was the benchmark. Is it possible to update that information or that running sheet? Call it what you like.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—We can, yes. That is the information that is published in the annual report each year.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—We will not see the annual report until late in the year.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—You will not, no. But we can certainly give you a list of consultancies worth more than \$10,000.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you do that?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Yes.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—And in what areas of the department they were engaged and the purposes they were engaged for—I presume most of that is on the documentation you keep—and whether or not the staff levels in the relevant departments where the engagements were undertaken remained the same.</p> <p>Ms Murphy—Sorry, I missed the last bit.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Whether or not the staffing levels in the departments or subagencies that engaged the consultants remained the same during the period of the consultancy—and the financials associated with those consultancies.</p>	E24-25	10/10/06	10/10/06	

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				<p>...</p> <p>Ms Murphy—We can certainly give you a list of consultants and the reasons why we have engaged those consultants. I think it would be very difficult to then try and equate that to staff numbers.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Will that include the divisions within the department?</p> <p>Ms Murphy—We can certainly give it by division, yes.</p>				
BI-16	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Current major research projects</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you tell me, Mr Paterson, what are the current major research projects that are being undertaken by the department, or by consultants on behalf of the department?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—That is a very detailed question. We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—If you are going to take that on notice can you also take on notice what stage those projects are up to, when they are expected to be completed and any preliminary findings that the research may have made. You may be able to do the following now. Can you elaborate on the progress of the following evaluations: the R&D tax offset, which I understand was to be completed in this financial year; the pre-seed fund program; and the innovation investment fund, which has been completed. Can you also say whether it is the intention for any of these to be publicly released.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—When you referred to research projects, you blended the question into the evaluations in relation to those three projects. What do you envisage by ‘research projects’?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I do not know what research projects you are undertaking. For example, are you undertaking research, or do you intend to undertake research, into the issue raised by the secretary of the Treasury, the impact of the resources boom on future employment in manufacturing? I would have thought that was a pretty significant issue that he raised and something that this department, given your responsibility for both areas, would have wanted to test or evaluate. I am not necessarily searching here for any</p>	E25-26	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>material that may be being prepared for cabinet. I am just looking in general to see what type of research has been undertaken by the department. There is a range of other issues. There are some problems, which we will get to later on, with the auto industry—what is being done in that area, for example, if anything has been done in that area.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—We will come back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—There is also the FTA with China. But I am not limiting it to that.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—We can provide you with part of the answer on the research projects in terms of our broad strategic research plan now, if that would be helpful, and then we can add to that the research that is being undertaken independent of that major project.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—That would be helpful.</p> <p>Ms Kelly—I do not have details of the strategic research plan with me. But we do have a strategic research committee and a strategic research plan that looks our larger research projects, often those that have crossdivisional impacts or broader impacts. If that is the kind of research you are interested in—rather than smaller operational research jobs, which we do a lot of—we could provide you with details of the projects that are included under our strategic research plan, what their status is, expenditure et cetera.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I am looking much more at the macro level than any specific thing you are doing about R&D, Start grant funding or those sorts of areas. I am more interested in the macro type research that has been undertaken.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—We will come back to you with the detail.</p>				
BI-17	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Interdepartmental committees</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can you also provide us with a list of the interdepartmental committees that the department is involved in?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—At a particular point in time? It would vary from week to week.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I presume that you can only tell me what they are at the moment.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—Can I take that on notice, both in terms of detail and the</p>	E26	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>nature of the response?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—There will be lots.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I am not questioning the detail of what those committees might be doing. I am just asking where you are involved with other departments in particular research projects or other areas.</p> <p>Senator PARRY—Do you want to nominate a particular date, Senator Campbell?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—They can only give me what is current. I am not asking them to predict what might happen in 12 months.</p> <p>Mr Paterson—As of today?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—As of today, yes.</p>				
BI-18	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Employment impacts of small-scale mammalian cell production facility</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—What are the likely employment impacts of the establishment of this facility?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold—I will take that on notice. I can try and answer it. Our recollection is that, in some scoping work we had done, the size of the facility that we were initially looking at—which was a facility of about 1,000 litres plus or minus 500 litres—might be in the order of 40 people, but I would need to check that. The other caveat is that the idea was to establish this as a commercial operation and then for the commercial operators to be able to grow it over time.</p>	E31	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-19	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Assessments of ACIS participants for compliance with Work Choices legislation</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Has the department had any involvement with the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in making assessments as to whether or not companies receiving assistance under the scheme are operating consistently with the Work Choices act?</p>	E41	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>Mr P Clarke—I think the answer to that is no.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—You think the answer is no?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer—We certainly have not had discussions—in recent times, anyway—about how well various companies might be performing in relation to the Work Choices program. I will just check that with my colleague and confirm that.</p>				
BI-20	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Number of employees in automotive components sector</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—No, I asked: how many companies are you aware of that are operating in the components sector—if you can qualify them by tier, that would be more effective; if you can't, then you can't—and the number of employees employed by that sector?</p> <p>Mr P Clarke—The only answer I think we can give is the number of companies registered as component producers under ACIS, because I do not think we have a way of knowing necessarily who else does things. If you want employment numbers, we have given an estimate of employment figures in relation to the House of Representatives standing committee inquiry into the automotive components sector. There are some figures there.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Unfortunately, we are not allowed to sit on House of Representatives committees.</p> <p>Mr P Clarke—No, but the answers are in the submission.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer—We will give you what we have got there.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Thank you.</p>	E48	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-21	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Structural change modelling</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Can the terms of reference for the modelling that you talked about be made available to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Lowndes—As I say, we are still in the process of commissioning it, so I am not sure what the standard practice with that is.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Just to simply give us an idea of the range of issues that are being taken into consideration?</p> <p>Mr Lowndes—I guess we can do that.</p>	E49-50	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				Mr Paterson —We undertook earlier this morning to provide you with a list of the broad range of research that is being undertaken. I would see this as being one component piece of that.				
BI-22	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<i>Venture Capital Review</i> Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL —Can I ask you to take it on notice to see if the minister is prepared to release the review? Senator Minchin —Yes.	E53	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-23	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<i>Submission to Productivity Commission review of science and innovation</i> Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL —Will the department's submission be made public? Mr Pennifold —No decision has been made on that. We are still preparing that submission. Once we have done that, we will make a decision as to whether or not it will be. Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL —Could I ask that it be made available to this committee? Presumably you will make a decision that you will make it generally available or available to the committee or not available at all? Mr Paterson —Mr Pennifold has already indicated that no decision has been taken, but we will note the request and take that into account.	E58	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-24	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<i>Payment of bills by Government departments</i> Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL —I see that you have a 30-day framework. Do you measure the average length of time that government departments take to respond to claims for payment or invoices from small business? Ms Weston —I do not have the exact details but, as I recall it, we look at the ones that are paid within 30 days and then we also ask the departments and agencies to provide details of—I could be wrong—those up to 60 days and after. That might be how it goes. I would	E59	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>probably need to get that information to you.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Could you take it on notice? I am really addressing whether or not the time frame is shorter rather than longer than the 30 days.</p> <p>Ms Weston—Do you mean whether sometimes people pay in less than 30 days?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes.</p>				
BI-25	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Payment of bills by Government departments</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Do you have any figures that show how many businesses were not been paid within the time limit in 2004-05 and 2005-06?</p> <p>Ms Weston— I am just trying to recall whether it is by value or by number. We probably have some collective information about that— FMA agencies and departments as a whole, yes.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Could you take that on notice and provide that?</p> <p>Ms Weston—Yes.</p>	E59	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-26	Campbell	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Payment of bills by Government departments</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Do you take action in respect of those departments that are not meeting the time frames?</p> <p>Ms Weston—Within government, yes, that is drawn to their attention.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Does that also apply to agencies as well?</p> <p>Ms Weston— I cannot remember the exact words, but it is FMA agencies. We can probably find those words for you when we send you that other information. It is for Australian government agencies subject to the Financial Management and Accountability Act.</p>	E59-60	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-27	Campbell	IP Australia	29/5/06	<p><i>Comparison of IP Office fees</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I am only looking for a general comparison with other IP offices.</p>	E63	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				Dr Heath —I am happy to provide a general comparison. I will take that on notice, if I may.				
BI-28	Campbell	IP Australia	29/5/06	<p><i>IP Australia's funding</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Over the period covered by question on notice No. 1685, can you take on notice to give us the percentages of where your funding came from?</p> <p>Dr Heath—By appropriation and fees, and then fees by Australian and non-Australian?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—Yes.</p> <p>Dr Heath—I can do that.</p>	E66	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-29	Campbell	IP Australia	29/5/06	<p><i>Status of patent application no. 672495</i></p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—So IP are not holding that; it is being held somewhere else. I turn to LPG liquid injection system. What is the status of patent No. 672495?</p> <p>Dr Heath—Can I take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—It is as referenced in Docklands OIS lodged with ASIC on 28 March 2006.</p> <p>Dr Heath—It is not a patent I am familiar with.</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I did not expect you to be. Can you take that on notice and advise us what IP Australia is doing to expedite the termination of this application in order to provide investment certainty for Australian developers and manufacturers of the next generation LPG vehicles?</p> <p>Dr Heath—Have we been asked to expedite it by the applicant?</p> <p>Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL—I do not know, but it is holding up the manufacture and development of the next generation of Ford LPG equipment and apparently it has already been used by Hyundai and BMW and the technology has not been able to be accessed because the patent is still pending. So if I can ask you to take that on notice and provide us with an answer as to whether it is being expedited. If it is not, why not?</p>	E67	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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BI-30	McLucas	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>ABCB - access to premises standard</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—What was the amount of money spent in 2005-06 on the issue of access to premises?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—Once again, that information has been provided to the committee. Just bear with me while I check the detail.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer—While Mr Donaldson is doing that, we have identified the costs of the various consultancies that were required in previous answers. On top of that, you probably need to add in the costs of staff time within the Building Codes Board. It might be something that is best taken on notice.</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—Yes, I agree that it does need to be taken on notice. I have the costs for the consultancies, but that does not capture the full costs associated with our work.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—It would be great if you could get me the cost of consultancies plus in-house costs so that we get a total expenditure for 2005-06.</p>	E68	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-31	McLucas	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>ABCB – provision of hearing augmentation in buildings</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Has there been any other work done on, for example, requirements in aged care facilities?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—Aged care facilities in relation to disability or more broadly?</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—No, hearing.</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—There was a major piece of work done by the Australian Building Codes Board two or three years ago in relation to the design and construction of aged care facilities. As a consequence of that, a whole new classification of aged care facilities was developed and is now in place. There are definitely issues in that environment, given the nature of the population, relating to fire protection and to other matters, particularly disability, that are in place. I am afraid I do not have the details in front of me about whether we address any further provisions in respect of hearing, but I am happy to check and confirm</p>	E71	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				that and then come back to you. Clearly, that is an area where you have a particular need, and one needs to be more alert to those needs than perhaps is more generally the case in the community.				
BI-32	McLucas	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>ABCB – provision of hearing augmentation in buildings</i></p> <p>Senator McLUCAS—Just by way of a background briefing, could you provide the committee with a list of in what areas the question of provision of hearing augmentation has occurred?</p> <p>Mr Donaldson—We can certainly look at that and provide you with some information, on notice.</p>	E71	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-33	O'Brien	Tourism Australia	29/5/06	<p><i>Judy Watkins' departure from Tourism Australia</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—That does not answer the question. The question is: what public interest grounds underpin that confidentiality?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	E77	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-34	O'Brien	Tourism Australia	29/5/06	<p><i>Tourism Australia - advertising spending levels</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it possible for the committee to see copies of the findings?</p> <p>Mr Morrison—I think most of them are actually on our website.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—That is even better.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—They are in various presentations. But, to summarise quickly, we are No. 1 in the UK of long haul; No. 2 of both long haul and short haul in the UK; No. 5 in the United States; and No. 16 in Germany.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I would not mind, if it is not too much trouble, if you can get us the references from your website.</p> <p>Mr Morrison—Yes.</p>	E80	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-35	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<i>Review of the passenger movement charge</i>	E83	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>Senator O'BRIEN—When did the review start?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I do not have an exact date for that. It was some time ago.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Could you get that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Yes.</p>				
BI-36	O'Brien	Tourism Australia	29/5/06	<p><i>Funding for Tourism Training Australia</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How much funding has Tourism Training Australia received from this department?</p> <p>Ms Clough—I do have that in my folder. I will just have to locate it.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I did not want to progress to another area if you thought you might find that number.</p> <p>Ms Clough—Sorry, I have not found it yet. I might have to take that one on notice.</p>	E85	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-37	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Minister Bailey's trip to India</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The minister visited India apparently on an official visit between 17 September and 24 September. Did the minister stop over in Singapore on the way to or from India?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—If you would. Can you find out what the purpose of the Singapore stopover was, and if it was at taxpayer expense, and what the total cost was to the taxpayer of the Singapore stopover, if it was at taxpayer expense?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I should say that these are probably questions that you would need to direct to the department of finance on the cost issues.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Surely not.</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Well, overseas entitlements for ministers are paid for by the department of finance. They are not a transaction that comes through our accounts, so we would not be able to answer those questions.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—This is the minister's department. The minister</p>	E89	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>makes those payments. If I ask a question of Minister Truss's travel, I ask it in Transport; if I ask it of Minister McGauran's travel, I ask it in the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries—and those questions are answered.</p> <p>Mr Noonan—We would certainly endeavour to find out the figures for you, but we would have to draw them from the department of finance.</p> <p>Ms Kelly—We can only give you figures from our own knowledge from things that come out of our budget, and that does not come out of our budget.</p>				
BI-38	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Minister Bailey's trip to India</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Did the minister alter her accommodation from the Hilton Hotel to the more expensive Taj Mahal Palace?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—We will have to take that on notice.</p>	E89	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-39	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Minister Bailey's trip to India</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The total cost of the visit?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—We will have to take that on notice also.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can we get that itemised?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Yes. For which members of the party?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The minister's costs. The minister did not travel with relatives, did she?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—No, it was a departmental officer.</p>	E89	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-40	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Minister Bailey's trip to South Korea, Japan and China</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The minister visited South Korea, Japan and China from 10 to 23 July 2005. Again, do you know if the minister stopped over in Singapore either to or from Australia?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—If so, what was the purpose of the Singapore stopover, was the minister in Singapore at taxpayer expense, and if so, how much did it cost the taxpayer?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Yes, I will take that on notice, subject to the same</p>	E89	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				caveats as expressed earlier.				
BI-41	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>North West Shelf condensate excise exemption</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—During the last estimates hearing, the department advised that the December 2005 tax expenditure statement included an estimate of excise forgone on condensate for the North West Shelf. Which companies are the beneficiaries of this forgone revenue for 2005-06 and in what proportions?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—They essentially are the companies that make up the North West Shelf joint venture. Those companies have been provided to this committee in previous times. I will not go through them, but they are essentially the North West Shelf joint venture partners, the six companies that make up that particular joint venture.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—In equal proportions?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—In equal proportions in the sense that each of them has 16.6 per cent of that North West Shelf joint venture.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—If it is not in equal proportions, can you advise us on those? I assume that it is from your answer so far but you have left a little bit of a doubt in my mind.</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—They would benefit to the extent that the condensate is excise exempt. That would be my answer in the context.</p>	E91	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-42	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>North West Shelf condensate excise exemption</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it correct that the original decision to make condensate produced separately from a crude oil stream excise exempt was made as an industry assistance measure to assist with the development of the North West Shelf?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—The history of the excise exemption is a complex one related, to a certain extent, around the ability of that joint venture to go forward with the proposed gas development. But there are a number of other reasons that were advanced at the time. If you wish, we can provide you with more detail. I do not have the full history of the deliberations that took place at that point of time; we are going back to</p>	E91-92	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				the mid-1980s. Senator O'BRIEN —I am happy for you to provide that on notice.				
BI-43	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<i>North West Shelf condensate excise exemption</i> Senator O'BRIEN —I am happy for you to provide that on notice. I note that in the United States recently legislation was passed to renegotiate Gulf of Mexico leases in order to re-evaluate the appropriateness of industry incentives in the current high oil price environment. Has the government a view on the continuing appropriateness of the condensate excise exemption in today's high oil price environment? Senator Minchin —I have to take that on notice; I do not want to make a comment on the run on that question.	E92	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-44	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<i>Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT)</i> Senator O'BRIEN —What is a reasonable rate of return? It is in the eye of the beholder, isn't it? Mr Hartwell —It is a tax thing that takes into account a reasonable cost of capital and a rate of return after all expenses have been met, and it is levied on profits above that amount. I would have to check on the exact specifics. The petroleum resource rent tax is a project based tax.	E92	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-45	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<i>Safety conditions on board the Ocean Bounty drilling rig</i> Senator O'BRIEN —Does NOPSA have any problems with the safety situation of the vessel without a qualified maritime crew on board when it is being moved? Ms Sewell —The issue is not that the change in staffing arrangements has led to a lack of qualified people on board; it is that there are different categories of professionals specified under the different staffing arrangements that the <i>Ocean Bounty</i> has been through. As far as NOPSA is concerned, the changes to the staffing arrangements or the conditions of employment have not impinged on the integrity of the facility's safety case, against which NOPSA assesses the safety of the	E100	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>people on board.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Have the details of their determination been communicated to the company and to the maritime union?</p> <p>Ms Sewell—That is my understanding.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Could you check that, and if it is not the case advise us of the current situation?</p> <p>Ms Sewell—Certainly.</p>				
BI-46	O'Brien	DITR	29/5/06	<p><i>Workforce representation in development of oil and gas industry strategy</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Why is there no workforce representation in the development of a strategy to ensure that skills development, safety, security and long-term labour force issues are addressed along with the other strategic issues?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—That is a question I am not in a position to answer specifically. Certainly, the issue of skills, the impediments to development of projects in Australia—whether that related to rising costs, both capital and labour—will be addressed. It is true that the leaders group putting this together are representatives of industry and government at this point.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Do you want to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—I am not sure what I am taking on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Why there is no workforce representation.</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—I can take it on notice but, in a sense, this suggestion emanated from industry. The government were asked to participate and our minister agreed he would participate in the development.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—So industry is deciding who is on it; is that what you are saying?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—Not in that same context. Government were consulted but the initiative came from industry.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—The initiative came from industry and the government was consulted?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—The initiative to have an upstream petroleum strategy document looking at the issues, yes.</p>	E101-102	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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				<p>Senator O'BRIEN—Are you saying it was industry that decided there would be no workforce representation?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—I cannot answer that question specifically. The group was put together and government were asked to participate. In the sense that the industry drew up the initiative—</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Perhaps you could take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—Okay. I can consult with them.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Someone made the decision; presumably either they did or the government did. I just want to find out who did. Thank you for that.</p>				
BI-47	Webber	Geoscience Australia	29/5/06	<p><i>Funding for the tsunami warning system</i></p> <p>Senator WEBBER—Can you outline what the costs for that are anticipated to be this year?</p> <p>Dr Drummond—I cannot recall the exact figures. Expenses are of the order of \$5 million and capital expenditure is of the order of \$2 million, but I can confirm those figures precisely. Capital is \$1.677 million.</p>	E103	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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Sick leave and unscheduled absences						
BI-48	Mason	DITR and IP Australia	With respect to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources (the Department) and IP Australia, in the last calendar year or financial year you have records for, what is the total number of days of sick leave and unscheduled leave taken by the Department's employees? Over the same period, what was the average number of days of sick leave and unscheduled leave taken per Full Time Equivalent employee of the Department?	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-49	Mason	DITR and	What is the sick leave entitlement allowable to the employees of the Department/IP Australia	10/10/06	10/10/06	

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		IP Australia	as part of the terms of their employment (under the Certified Agreement or individual contracts)?			
BI-50	Mason	DITR and IP Australia	Does the Department/IP Australia monitor and review the employees' use of sick leave entitlement? Has this procedure changed in the past 12 months?	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-51	Mason	DITR and IP Australia	What initiatives, if any, has the Department/IP Australia undertaken in the past three years to address absenteeism?	10/10/06	10/10/06	
Business Longitudinal Study						
BI-52	Campbell Sherry	DITR	How much did the Business Longitudinal Study cost?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-53	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Is the research from the Business Longitudinal Study still used by the Government?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
Female participation in small business						
BI-54	Campbell Sherry	DITR	How many women own a small business in Australia?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-55	Campbell Sherry	DITR	How many women are employees in a small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-56	Campbell Sherry	DITR	What is the average age of women who own a small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-57	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Can you provide a breakdown of the age of women operating a small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-58	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Can you provide a breakdown of the industries operated by female small business owners?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-59	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Can you provide a breakdown of the number of women operating a small business in metro, regional, rural and remote areas?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-60	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Does the department offer any funding or support specifically for female operators of small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-61	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Has the number of female small business owners risen, fallen or remained stable over the last decade – and can you provide that data to the committee?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
Small business statistics						
BI-62	Campbell Sherry	DITR	How do Government departments define small business and how was that determined?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-63	Campbell	DITR	Under the Government definition how many people work in small business, both owners and	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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	Sherry		employees? Give numbers for both categories.			
BI-64	Campbell Sherry	DITR	How many small businesses are operating in Australia? How many of these are single operated? How many are family operated?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-65	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Under the Govt definition of small business, what is the average annual turn-over of a small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-66	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Can you provide a break-down of where small businesses operate?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-67	Campbell Sherry	DITR	Can you provide a breakdown of the industries operated by small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-68	Campbell Sherry	DITR	How many small businesses are based in metropolitan areas, regional areas, rural areas and remote areas?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-69	Campbell Sherry	DITR	How many small businesses are agricultural?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-70	Sherry	DITR	How many Australians are employed by a small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
Business skills education and compliance education						
BI-71	Sherry	DITR	Were there any measures in the 2006-2007 Budget regarding business skills education and compliance education for small business owners and managers?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-72	Sherry	DITR	What are these measures and funding for 2006-2007?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-73	Sherry	DITR	Would you agree that there are big efficiencies to be gain through red tape by encouraging small business owners and managers to use the Internet and IT?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-74	Sherry	DITR	Would you also agree with the Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia, that small business is often the last to pick up on these new technologies?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-75	Sherry	DITR	Do you have data indicating how many small businesses don't use the Internet to meet their compliance obligations and if so, is that data available?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-76	Sherry	DITR	How much funding has been allocated to the www.business.gov.au website, since its inception?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-77	Sherry	DITR	How much funding has been allocated for the website for 2006-2007 and what will it be used for?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-78	Sherry	DITR	Will any of the funding be used to make the more user-friendly?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-79	Sherry	DITR	Do you have data on the number of 'hits' on the website per month or year and if so, is that data available?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-80	Sherry	DITR	Do you know how many of these 'hits' are small business owners and managers?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
Government payments to small business for products or services						
BI-81	Sherry	DITR	What is the Govt policy of payment for products or services to private business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	

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BI-82	Sherry	DITR	Does the Office of Small Business monitor the payment relationship between govt departments and small business?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-83	Sherry	DITR	What is the average length of time govt departments have taken to make payments in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-84	Sherry	DITR	Can you provide a breakdown of the average length of time each govt department has taken over these years to make payments?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-85	Sherry	DITR	How many businesses haven't been paid within the time-limit in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-86	Sherry	DITR	What is being done to get govt departments to pay their bills within the time-limit?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-87	Sherry	DITR	Is interest charged on these payments if they are not made within the time-limit?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund						
BI-88	Sherry	DITR	In 2004, the Federal Government announced \$50 million for the 'Regulation Reducing Incentive Fund'. To date, how much of that \$50 million has been allocated?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-89	Sherry	DITR	How much funding has been allocated for the 'Regulation Reducing Incentive Fund' in the 2006-2007 Budget?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-90	Sherry	DITR	Why has no funding been allocated for the 'Regulation Reducing Incentive Fund' for the coming financial year?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
BI-91	Sherry	DITR	Is the Government planning to end its funding of the 'Regulation Reducing Incentive Fund'?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
Grants to employer organisations and industry associations						
BI-92	Campbell	DITR	Can the Department detail which employer organisations and industry associations have received grants under administered programs and what the value of each of these grants? Could the Department also provide a description of what basis each grant is approved and its eligibility criteria?	20/09/06	20/09/06	
Expenditure on legal services						
BI-93	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others)?	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-94	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services?	10/10/06	10/10/06	
BI-95	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007?	10/10/06	10/10/06	
Leadership training and executive coaching						
BI-96	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	The following questions relate to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services by the department/agency, broken down for each of the last four financial years. Where available, please provide: 1. Total spending on these services.	10/10/06	10/10/06	

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The number of employees offered these services and their salary level. 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their salary level. 4. The names of all service providers engaged. 5. For each service purchased from a provider listed in the answer to the previous question, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased. b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based. c. The number of employees who received the service. d. The total number of hours involved for all employees. e. The total amount spent on the service. f. A description of the fees charged (e.g. per hour, complete package). g. 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"> i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part. 			