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Q No.	Program: Division/ Agency	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Hansard	Date Received	Date Tabled
BI-1	ANSTO	Ludlam	MOATA Reactor	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I wonder if you can give us an update on the decommissioning first of the small Moata reactor, which I understand is still underway, and secondly for the HIFAR reactor. Can you just give us an update on the status of both of those?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The Moata reactor has completed its decommissioning. On 17 May we received a letter from ARPANSA—the regulator—indicating that they had satisfied themselves that the decommissioning activities were indeed complete. Therefore, we have successfully completed the first decommissioning of our reactor in Australia. That was a very positive process for us. It was under the scrutiny of the IAEA, and it also won the New South Wales engineering project award from last year and the small project award at the national level. So it was a very controlled, carefully thought through, planned and executed exercise which has successfully decommissioned that reactor.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. Where is the contaminated material currently being stored?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The contaminated material is currently stored in our stores on the site. The ultimate destination in international best practice would be to a national repository.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So that would be removed if and when a national repository is established. What is the volume of the material and in what form is it?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I will take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>SENATOR LUDLAM: Thanks, if you could. Also how you treat and condition that material—that would be appreciated.</p>	E9 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-2	ANSTO	Ludlam	HIFAR Reactor	<p>Senator LUDLAM:Can you give us an update on the status of the decommissioning work on the HIFAR plant?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: In formal terms, no decommissioning is taking place at HIFAR at present. The HIFAR license is a possess and control license. Under a possess and control license we maintain the facility safely while the decommissioning plans are developed. As those plans are developed and put into action, we will be requesting from ARPANSA a decommissioning license.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. So that has not been issued yet. When do you anticipate applying to that license?</p>	E9 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				Dr Paterson: There are two scenarios in place at present. One would be an early application and the other one would be a later application. I will provide the details of those two alternatives on notice.			
BI-3	ANSTO	Ludlam	HIFAR Reactor	<p>Senator LUDLAM: You have given us an undertaking to take on notice when the dates are for an early and late start. Can you just give us a rough idea what a late commencement would look like? Is that months or years – and I will not hold you to this?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: For a late approach, the decommissioning activities would be initiated in 2017.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: By 'initiated' you mean that you would apply for a license or you would actually start from—</p> <p>Dr Paterson: That would be the year that that works would begin.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Work would begin by sometime in 2017. And an early commencement?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: At present this would be of the order of two years earlier.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So 2015 or thereabouts. Over what time frame? How long does it take to pull apart a plant the size of HIFAR?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The total decommissioning program has not been worked out in detail, but we will provide on notice a set of time lines during which decommissioning could take place.</p>	E10 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-4	ANSTO	Ludlam	HIFAR Reactor	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Will that contaminated material, in particular, be moved for storage also into a future national radioactive waste repository?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: That is the international best practice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Is that because a large number of other countries have already cut up reactors and dumped them at national or centralised storage sites? When you say international best practice –</p> <p>Dr Paterson: There is quite a lot of international experience in terms of reactor decommissioning, of both research reactors and power reactors. We could supply information about sites that have been returned to greenfield conditions and the appropriate waste management practices associated with that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, that would be helpful. I would appreciate that, in terms both of what happens at the site of origin and of what happens at the site of the final destination of the material.</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I think it would be useful for us to provide that on notice.</p>	E10 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-5	ANSTO	Ludlam	Safety Issues	1) Senator LUDLAM: So tell us about the CoSolve contract. What cost is that to ANSTO?	E12-13 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>Dr Paterson: The contract is still under negotiation and we will provide information on notice in relation to that.</p> <p>2) Senator LUDLAM: Dr Paterson, just fill out some of the details of what CoSolve is doing when you plan to have your negotiations concluded with them?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I would prefer not to describe the process in detail because it is being handled by the people in ANSTO Health, and I do not think that it is appropriate to deal in detail with staffing matters where there may be implications for different staff members. But what we will provide is background on the scope of the work and the cost.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What I am interested to know is precisely what their mandate is on your safety journey. How long they will be engaged for and at what cost to ANSTO.</p> <p>Dr Paterson: We will take that on notice.</p>			
BI-6	ANSTO	Ludlam	Cyclotron user workshops	<p>Senator LUDLAM:I would like to commend ANSTO on hosting the first meeting of cyclotron users from across Australia in a workshop on 15 December of last year. Can you supply the names of the institutions represented and whether or not there is a report available from that meeting that you are able to table?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: We will be prepared to supply the names of the people who attended the meeting. We do indeed have a report of that meeting in an action plan.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is something that you are able to table for the committee?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I believe it would be useful to table it.</p>	E15 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-7	ANSTO	Heffernan	Petnet	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Does PETNET generate commercially acceptable profits?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: At present it is not a profitable company. But the trajectory of the company is within the envelope we expect to achieve profitability.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: When you are expecting to make a profit?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: It will not be in the next financial year, but potentially in the year after that.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: If you are not making a profit, selling product at a return that does not give you a profit, you could understand the difficulty your competitors have in trying to compete with you. Does PETNET adhere to its competition policy? If so, please give details of how it accomplishes acceptable profits, which you say you have not got,</p>	E17 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>and does not abuse its position in the market, which is the point I am trying to make. How do we know that you are not just slicing the market?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I think we are subject to audit. The auditors ask questions of how the business is constructed and how we are operating according to those plans; and they have that power of review. It is also considered annually by the ANSTO board when we consolidate our accounts. The board applies its mind to that as well.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Could you provide to the committee the details of the proof of what you have just said in those reports?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I do not believe it is appropriate to supply commercial-in-confidence information within a market that is highly competitive. I think it would be a market distortion in itself.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Could you provide the tests for the ticks rather than the information? What are the questions they ask you? Obviously you have to answer that.</p> <p>Senator Carr: We will take that on notice.</p>			
BI-8	IP AUSTRALIA	Heffernan	Amgen Patent	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: On what basis did IP Australia decide to extend Amgen's patent monopoly by one year, four months and 13 days?</p> <p>Mr Noonan: Perhaps I could talk generally about the extension of pharmaceutical patents.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: You can have a general talk, but I want you to be specific on this one.</p> <p>Mr Noonan: Yes, I will address this specific case. Generally, the term of a patent is 20 years. However, in the case of pharmaceutical patents, the patent term can be extended by up to five years, in recognition of delays in the regulatory approval process at the front end of the patent period. So, in other words, if the patent owner is delayed in getting their product to market because of having to comply with the significant regulatory approval processes that apply to pharmaceuticals, some extension to compensate for that is possible. As to what would have happened in a particular case, a number of legislative criteria are applied. I would not be able to respond to those in detail here; I would have to take the particular case on notice.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: So could you take on notice as well the paper trail that led you to the logic to extend that particular patent by one year, four months and 13 days—the decision-making process?</p> <p>Mr Noonan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: You have told us what generally happens. It</p>	E24 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>does not happen in a lot of cases. So what makes one case more special than another? There is often that front-end delay.</p> <p>Mr Noonan: Yes. I will take that question on notice to be: why did we grant this particular extension in relation to this particular pharmaceutical?</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: And the logic and the paperwork that enabled you to come to that decision—the paper trail.</p> <p>Mr Noonan: Yes. We will explain the reasons for it.</p>			
BI-9	IP AUSTRALIA	Heffernan	Amgen Patent	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Did IP Australia conduct any economic analysis on the impact of the Australian patent, that particular one, 600,650, prior to making the decision to extend the term of the patent? We had a hearing in another place where the Secretary from the Department of Health and Ageing was at serious odds with the person sitting on your right on this question. Did you do any economic analysis on it before you granted it?</p> <p>Mr Noonan: Again, I could not answer that question without reviewing the particular case, so I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: So take that on the notice. Did IP Australia consider the impact on the PBS of such a patent term extension?</p> <p>Mr Noonan: I would have to take that on notice. But I would point out that some of these factors that you are mentioning are not included among the legislative factors that are set out in the Patents Act.</p>	E24 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-10	IP AUSTRALIA	Heffernan	Amgen Patent	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: Did IP Australia seek input from other Australian government departments, including the Department of Health and Ageing, prior to granting the patent term extension to Amgen over that particular patent?</p> <p>Mr Noonan: The decision under the Patents Act is for the commissioner to make, so the commissioner's delegate must make that decision. One of the factors, of course, is the delay in the regulatory approval, which is a matter that the Therapeutic Goods Administration is involved in. So, to that extent, there would be some consideration of what the TGA had done.</p> <p>Senator HEFFERNAN: I will be a bit more specific: which departments did you consult before you granted the extension?</p> <p>Mr Noonan: I will have to take that question on notice as to the particular case, but we would point out that the Patents Act gives the decision to the commissioner and not to a range of departments.</p>	E24 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-11	IP AUSTRALIA	Heffernan	Amgen Patent	<p>Senator HEFFERNAN: What representations did Amgen make to IP</p>	E25	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>Australia in support of its application for a patent term extension. Mr Noonan: I would have to take that question on notice. Wherever there is an extension, an application must be made by the applicant. Senator HEFFERNAN: And could you provide to this committee the paperwork that was in that consideration with Amgen; their representations and their actual paperwork? Mr Noonan: I will certainly take on notice your request to provide the reasons that Amgen gave and we would apply the usual considerations in deciding how much information we would be able to provide in the response.</p>	(30/05/2011)		
BI-12	CSIRO	Colbeck	<p>Govt's Climate Commission Report</p>	<p>Senator COLBECK: It is actually getting the information on the table, which is what I was trying to do. All the defensive mechanism that floats around it makes you think otherwise. When you get the right information, it is very helpful. Thank you. Have any staff from CSIRO contributed to the government's Climate Commission report that was released last week? Dr Clark: Yes, Senator. I will call Dr Johnson to the table. He can outline the depth of our contribution to that report. Dr Johnson: Yes, CSIRO staff have contributed to that report. Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me how many staff were involved in that process? Dr Johnson: I cannot tell you the exact number of staff but, I do know that staff in a number of our research divisions were consulted on elements around the climate science dimensions of that report. One of our staff is also a member of the scientific advisory council that advises the Climate Commission. Senator COLBECK: Which divisions? Dr Johnson: Predominantly from our Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research but also from our Division of Land and Water. They would be the two prime areas. Senator COLBECK: You had one who was a member of the assessment panel? Dr Johnson: The Climate Commission has a scientific advisory committee which contains a number of Australia's leading climate scientists. Dr Helen Cleugh, who is the deputy chief of our Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research, has been involved in that process. Senator COLBECK: So you do not know specifically who, out of those two divisions, was involved in the—</p>	E28 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>Dr Johnson: I do not have the names in front of me, Senator, although I do know that across the key areas that the report covered from a climate science perspective our scientists who had expertise in those areas were consulted.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: A good report. You have done a good job.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you could provide for me on notice—</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I would be happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: —the details of who they were and also their background and qualifications in climate science, please. Do you know how much time would have been spent collectively on that work?</p>			
BI-13	CSIRO	Colbeck	Publications	<p>Senator COLBECK: Could you give me a sense of the volume of material that would have been published by CSIRO in the last four years on climate science?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I could not. I could say that it is very large. We endeavour, as you know, wherever possible, to make the material we do publish on climate science accessible to the public.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: You said that where possible you make it available. What proportion of the documentation would not make it to the public arena?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I meant we make it available in terms of everything that we produce being publicly available. It is just that some things we may highlight—for example, on our webpage there are signature documents like the <i>Climate snapshot</i> or the climate book. Obviously, everything we publish in the peer reviewed literature is in the public domain and accessible to anyone in the public. I wanted to make sure that was clear. We certainly do not withhold any of our science.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Have you compiled a full list of publications on any particular topic?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I do not believe we have formally compiled a list. If that was something that would be of interest to you, we could certainly do our best to assemble that, if that is where you are heading.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: We would like, on notice, a list of publications and papers on that particular matter since the end of 2007.</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Maybe, when that question does come, it is a very large body of work by many hundreds of scientists over a long period of time. So if there were some specific elements—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I am conscious of not creating too huge a bag of worms.</p>	E29 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>Dr Johnson: It could be a significant amount of work there. If there are specific areas that you are interested in, if you could give us that guidance, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. I detect that you have been given some guidance now. I will give you a moment to get it.</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I have just had some advice from Dr Steele that it is likely to be in the order of 1,200 papers over the last four or five years. It would be a significant effort to do that, Senator. I reiterate that if there are some specific dimensions that you would like some visibility on, I would be happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I am sure we are being observed and can define that. I hope we are.</p> <p>Dr Clark: I would direct you to the recent climate book which was a compilation of the peer reviewed science. Each chapter at the back has the references that relate to that chapter. That would be a very good place to start.</p>			
BI-14	CSIRO	Colbeck	Zero Emissions	<p>Senator COLBECK: You never know. Can you give me some information about the Zero Emission House project? Do you manage a project called the Zero Emission House project?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes, we did, in conjunction with Lend Lease and Delfin. The house was constructed on the basis of zero emissions. My understanding is that a family would live in there and we would monitor that family. I do not have the up-to-date monitoring of the zero emissions house at the moment.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So what information have you provided in respect of reports to date on that? Is there a regular reporting time frame and process on that?</p> <p>Dr Clark: There may be; I am not aware of it. I am very happy to take that on notice and provide that information.</p> <p>1) QUESTION –SENATOR COLBECK - Okay. When did the project actually commence?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I can take that on notice and provide you with the exact date. We did launch the house with our partners and I can provide you with the dates of that launch. I can also provide you with the information in terms of the ongoing monitoring.</p> <p>2) QUESTION SENATOR COLBECK - Can you give me some</p>	E31 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>information around the specifications for the design and construction of the house, or is that commercially held? Dr Clark: Yes, we can. Some of that information is available publicly. But if you provide the details of exactly what you require we can make it available. Senator COLBECK: I would be interested in the specifications for the construction of the house. Dr Clark: Certainly.</p> <p>3) QUESTION SENATOR COLBECK: I would be interested in the specifications for the construction of the house. Dr Clark: Certainly. Senator COLBECK: That is a fairly specific document, I assume. Dr Clark: I would be happy to take that on notice. Obviously we have commercial partners as well in that project, and I would certainly like to check the information that CSIRO can provide. There may, of course, be other information that would be held by our commercial partners, but I would be happy to investigate that.</p>			
BI-15	CSIRO	Colbeck	MNFFRV project	<p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. We will move on to the Marine National Facility Future Research Vessel project. Minister, can you tell us what your involvement in that project has been to this stage?..... Dr Johnson: My understanding is that the facilities here in Australia do not have the necessary technical specifications to adequately test the sort of model that we built for this vessel. We have consulted with folks here in Australia around that but, unfortunately, the testing could not be done here. Senator COLBECK: So what are the characteristics that make this fall outside the range of capacity we have here in Australia? Dr Johnson: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that specific detail in front of me. I do know that the facilities that we have employed in Europe are the best in the world and will give us the greatest confidence that the design of the vessel will meet our specs.</p>	E31-32 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-16	CSIRO	Colbeck	Conflict of Interest Declaration	<p>Senator COLBECK: What about other stages through the process? Your project director is a Mr Graham Stacey? Dr Johnson: Mr Stacey is the project technical director. The project director of the project is Ms Toni Moate, who is deputy chief, marine operations. She is based in Hobart at our marine division. Senator COLBECK: How was Mr Stacey chosen for that role?</p>	E32 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-17	CSIRO	Colbeck	Conflict of Interest Declaration	<p>Senator COLBECK: During the external selection process, was there a process that looked at dealing with conflicts of interest?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Yes. As you can imagine, even though the global shipping industry is large, many of the best people have worked extensively across the industry. All of the candidates declared their previous work history, and that was very transparent.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Were they asked to complete a conflict of interest declaration as part of their employment?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Again I would have to take that on notice- whether we</p>	E33 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>went through the formality of doing that. But, as I have said, all candidates were transparent with respect to their previous work history.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: But there is no formal declaration process as part of an employment contract?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Actually, there is. In addition to the contract, we also have a process for making sure that our employees are aware of the code of conduct as well. So it is in addition to the contract requirements.</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I have just been advised by one of my colleagues that it would be routine for any employee to sign a conflict of interest declaration when they commence employment with CSIRO. Again, I would just have to double-check that that did occur with Mr Stacey, but I would be very surprised if it did not.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. It is fine if you take that on notice.</p>			
BI-18	CSIRO	Colbeck	Conflict of Interest Declaration	<p>Senator COLBECK: I will go back over that; that is fine. Thank you for that. I need you to be pretty specific about this: is it also true that details of Mr Stacey's past association with TK that had previously been made available on the CSIRO website were deleted from the website shortly after the final decision was made?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I have no knowledge of that. I would, again, have to take that on notice. I have no knowledge of that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Let us look at it from a slightly different perspective. Was any detail about Mr</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Is it also true that details of Mr Stacey's past association with TK that had previously been made available on the CSIRO website were deleted from the website shortly after the final decision was made?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: I have no knowledge of that. I would, again, have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Let us look at it from a slightly different perspective. Was any detail about Mr Stacey's association with TK posted on the website at any time?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Again, I would have to take that on notice. It is well known in the industry. Graham Stacey is well known as a highly talented and senior engineer in the marine industry. His previous work history in the companies in which he had undertaken project work before would be well known in the industry. I think where you are going with this is questions around the probity of the process. As I said before, there was a very extensive, transparent and quality assured process around the</p>	E33-34 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>probity of this procurement. We stand by the outcome that we have. The probity of that process has been quality assured by the Australian Government Solicitor.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I am just trying to assure myself of that process.</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Sure</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I spent 25 years tendering for contracts and I know how the rumour mill works.</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Sure. We recognised, as I said before, Mr Stacey's previous work history and, in the design of the procurement process, we took great pains to make sure that we appropriately reflected that during the process. That process was verified by the AGS.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you could provide me with that data on notice that would be very helpful.</p>			
BI-19	CSIRO	Milne	Licence arrangement ultra-battery	<p>Senator MILNE: What income have we earned from these license arrangements to date on the ultra battery?</p> <p>Dr Clark: We are still a long way from full commercialisation. As you can imagine, with batteries, there is safety testing, testing in different markets and an evaluation of that. In terms of where we are at on that road map, we have produced test batteries that are suitable for automotive and renewable energy and are in the process of testing those, and our partners are looking at potential markets and potential scaling up of that technology. We can certainly provide some details of the time lines on those road maps in different markets.</p>	E35 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-20	CSIRO	Milne	Batteries for Renewables	<p>Senator MILNE: Perhaps we can just move on to the batteries to supplement renewables—so storage capacity for renewables. I hear what you say about testing the extent to which that can be scaled up, but what are you thinking in terms of a reasonable level of storage? What is the scale that you think it is achievable at and the time frame for that?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I can provide those technical details on notice. Certainly, the large-scale ultrabattery for use in renewables has market potential, and we have been testing it. Its advantage in the market is its lower cost compared to other potential options. We see that as having potential, particularly in the wind market. But we are still exploring those options. In terms of your question on the technical specifications, we can provide those.</p>	E35 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-21	CSIRO	Joyce	MDBA	<p>Senator JOYCE: The MDBA also said that in their view there was no climate signal in the 114 year historical record of rainfall in the Murray-Darling Basin. Is this consistent with the CSIRO's view?</p>	E37- 38 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>Dr Johnson: Again, our comments on climate change in the Basin, particularly the south-eastern Basin, are on the public record. I would be happy to direct you to those. I do not have that detail in front of me. We have been involved in a very large initiative, particularly in the south-eastern part of the Basin for some years now, called the <i>South Eastern Australian Climate Initiative</i>.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: It is consistent or it is not consistent?</p> <p>Dr Johnson: Again, I would have to take that on notice. My general reaction, Senator, here—and I am happy to stand corrected—is that it is not consistent with the science that we have had in the southern part of the Basin.</p>			
BI-22	CSIRO	Joyce	Coal seam gas	<p>Senator JOYCE: Can the CSIRO provide an update of the work they are doing on coal seam gas?</p>	E39 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-23	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	Media training Chief Scientist	<p>1) QUESTION - Senator COLBECK:.....On how many occasions was Professor Sackett provided with media training during her time as Chief Scientist?</p> <p>Senator Carr: I am sorry, I cannot assist you on that matter. We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me the nature of that training?</p> <p>Senator Carr: I cannot assist you.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: There is no-one here from the department who might be able to assist us with that?</p> <p>Senator Carr: The Office of the Chief Scientist is run entirely independently of the department. I am not certain that there is anyone here who can assist us.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: I understand that it was on two occasions. I think that there has been a response to a question that we may have received on this issue, but it is not something that I have any direct, personal, first-hand knowledge of, nor does the department. I believe the office may well have responded.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: The only thing that I have reference to is an FOI document which indicates that there were four occasions, three in 2009 and done in 2010, on which Professor Sackett and possibly others were provided with some formal media training.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: That is why trying to be helpful in these things does not always work. We will take it notice and try to find out. We have not got a direct answer. As I said, I understood it to be two. If you have advice</p>	E41-42 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>from somebody else that it is four then you ought to rely on that advice. We will examine the issue. I do not know who has provided you with that answer.</p> <p>Senator Colbeck: Unfortunately, I do not have the actual FOI documents here in my folder.....</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you are taking all this on notice, I will just put this information down on the record for you to deal with too, please. I would like to know what the nature of the training was. Was it delivered by an external provider or providers? I would like to know what the cost of it was. That will do for that.....</p> <p>2) QUESTION (Senator Colbeck)We might be coming to your recollections, Mr Paterson, in respect of whether Professor Sackett attended at least two sessions during which she was trained on how to answer questions at Senate estimates. That may be what we are talking about. What is your recollection?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: That does not touch on my recollection. I can make no comment in relation to any training that might have been provided to her on Senate estimates.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you take on notice, then, if that was the case and also the dates on which that might have occurred.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I would also like to know who ran those sessions and what was covered in the training.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: In saying I will take that on notice, I do not acknowledge that it has necessarily occurred at all.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If that is the answer that is the answer.</p> <p>3) QUESTION Senator COLBECK:.....Is it correct that there was a whole-of-office planning day for the Chief Scientist on 14 April 2010, then a team-building day on 27 July 2010 and an executive workshop for strategic planning purposes on 10 December 2010? Have there been other, similar sessions on other dates?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: We are happy to get answers to those questions later this afternoon. We do not have that detail. As the minister has already indicated, the Office of the Chief Scientist operates independently of the department, so I do not have any access to direct knowledge of activities</p>			
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				undertaken. We can endeavour to get the answers.			
BI-24	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	Staffing - OCS	<p>Senator COLBECK: You might have to give me this on notice. Could you give me a breakdown of those staffing levels and an outline of their roles and responsibilities?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: I can give you classifications at the moment, but we would have to take an outline of the roles and responsibilities on notice.</p>	E46 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-25	1.1 Manufacturing	Hurley	Grants - Space Policy	<p>CHAIR: I have forgotten the name of them, but there were meetings between government departments that occurred I think about once or twice a year. Are they still continuing?</p> <p>Dr Green: The Australian Government Space Forum? Yes, it continues to meet.</p> <p>CHAIR: When did it meet this year?</p> <p>Dr Green: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	E69 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-26	1.2 AusIndustry	Eggleston	CA Australia	<p>Senator EGGLESTON: Suppose we just deal with the material conflicts.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: Minister, I do not know whether you can answer this. Do you think the minister would be disturbed by the quantity of these cases and could you give us a sense of when, in your mind, it might be necessary to step in and make procedural or personnel changes in the light of all of these conflicts of interest? Is there a point or a particular number of cases where you might feel it was necessary to make changes?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: It is fairly hypothetical.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: It is a bit hypothetical, but we are just trying to feel out when you would see it is important.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: It is not for me to indicate on behalf of my colleague Senator Carr.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: Absolutely—I understand that.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I would really have to take that on notice.</p>	E71 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-27	1.2 Corporate	Eggleston	CA Australia	<p>Senator EGGLESTON: You have said that. That is important to know. But we are trying to get some sort of feel for scale. There was a public announcement on 3 March about a new round of grant approvals. On how many occasions after they were first posted were the web page and/or accompanying attachment on the minister's website and details about the announcement of the grants changed and why? Changes were made—what was the reason for that? We know that there were at least four separate updates or edits to these pages on the website. While there is nothing sinister in this, we are just trying to work out why the changes</p>	E72 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>were made. We are feeling around.</p> <p>Mr Ben-Meir: To which websites are you referring?</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: The minister's website.</p> <p>Mr Ben-Meir: The minister's website is updated whenever there are grants approved. So it is going to change from time to time.</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: So the difference there—</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: This is approvals—indeed. Apparently, there were several changes made to the website. There were at least four separate updates or edits to these pages after approvals were made. We just wondered why that occurred.</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: Mr Ben-Meir talked about them being updated. When the announcements are made, the announcements refer to the offer of a grant. There are a small number of occasions—in this case, probably up to four—where, having received an offer, a company is unable to execute a grant agreement, usually for some form of commercial reason, with a project either not proceeding or unable to proceed at that particular point in time.</p> <p>Senator EGGLESTON: We have some emails here noting updates and changes. This one was from either Senator Carr or Senator Sherry on 3 March. There are others on 8 March at 11:39 am and 1:24 pm; and at 1:14 pm on 10 March. So these upgrades do occur. We are just looking for an explanation.</p> <p>Mr Paterson: For those specific ones that you have just read onto the record, we will check the detail in relation to those and see if they accord with the circumstances Ms Kennedy has just outlined.</p>			
BI-28	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	GCIF	<p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. I think we know where it all is now. In the case of the \$149 million grant for production of the Holden Cruze, is it true that its engines will still be imported?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: The answer is yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: What about their gearboxes and onboard computers?</p> <p>Mr Paterson: For gearboxes I think the answer is yes. As to the onboard computers, that is a much more complex question; I think we would have to take that on notice. I am not sure of the breakdown of which parts of the intelligent system are imported and which parts are supplied locally.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So one set of engines would be sourced from Austria and the other two engines would come from South Korea?</p>	E80-81 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				Mr Paterson: There is a diesel variant and that is probably the one that is coming in from Europe. The other two engines are most likely from Korea. We will correct that if that is wrong, but I am pretty sure that that is the response to your question.			
BI-29	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Dismissal Codes Small Business	Senator RYAN: Minister, are you provided with advice from Fair Work Australia or a ministerial colleague on the progress or the results of the use of the unfair dismissal code by small business from Fair Work Australia? I refer to numbers of applications, number of businesses that have utilised it successfully or otherwise and number of claims against the code. Are you provided with advice as to how small business is using it? Senator Sherry: We would certainly have to double-check. I certainly cannot recall anything recently. I would have to take it on notice and see what we have got.	E84 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-30	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Dismissal Codes Small Business	Senator RYAN: Minister, do you recall being advised, then, by either your department or by a colleague about the progress and the use of the fair dismissal code by small business? Senator Sherry: Look, I cannot recall anything from the department. As to discussions with colleagues, Senator, they are private. Senator RYAN: I appreciate that. I ask you to take on notice whether or not the department has provided you with the advice. Senator Sherry: Yes. I had already indicated that earlier.	E85 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-31	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Dismissal Codes Small Business	Senator RYAN: Would it surprise you to learn that to the three months to 31 March there were 609 applications to Fair Work Australia by aggrieved parties about the use of the unfair dismissal code, effectively appealing against the decision by an employer to dismiss them consistent with the code? Would that surprise you to learn there was that number? Senator Sherry: I do not know whether what you say is a matter of fact or not. I am happy to take it on notice and check whether it is fact or not. Let us assume it is. Beyond that, I could not make any observations until I had looked at the figures and looked at the data.	E85 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-32	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Dismissal Codes Small Business	Senator RYAN: Sure. Would it surprise you to learn that of those 609 applications effectively against the use of the code by an employer, I understand that only two had their claims rejected by Fair Work Australia? That is, the decision on the employer and the utilisation of the	E85 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>code for a particular decision was upheld in its entirety. Would that surprise you that only two out of 609 were considered to be fully compliant with the code?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: The government has made it clear that the current unfair dismissal laws strike the right balance between protecting employees and employers. Beyond that—</p> <p>Senator RYAN: There were 609 applications and only two of them were upheld in the employer’s interest. I am not alleging any malfeasance on behalf of Fair Work Australia. Surely it would be a reflection of a very poor code if only two businesses managed to comply out of all the applications against those decisions?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: As I said earlier, the government believes the unfair dismissal laws do strike the right balance. Beyond that, I do not have any observation. I have not had a chance to look at the data that you are quoting and in detail and in context. I am happy to go away and have a look at that and perhaps try and identify causational factors and issues around the data. But beyond that, I do not have any specific conclusions.</p>			
BI-33	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Dismissal Codes Small Business	<p>Senator RYAN: Could you also take away whether or not you were made aware of the other 607 to 31 March this year and how they are treated? I assume that it is not a black or white decision; there may be decisions that are partially upheld or require some partial remedy. Would it be possible for you to take on notice the result of the other 607 decisions?</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I am happy to do that. I will just mention, because it has been pointed out to me, that I am told the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations estimates that Fair Work provides 79 per cent of employees with access to unfair dismissal protection, which compares to 48 per cent under Work Choices. So that would affect the statistics because you have almost a doubling of the number of employees. That would have to be considered as part of this analysis.</p>	E85 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-34	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Dismissal Codes Small Business	<p>Senator RYAN: You would be concerned that basically one-third of one per cent of decisions being made about small businesses pursuant to the code instituted by your government are being upheld. That has to reflect a problem with the code, unless you are assuming there is some sort of conspiracy of small business to breach it. Part of the problem here may not only be the substance but also the difficulty of compliance.</p> <p>Senator Sherry: I am happy to look at the statistics that you pointed to. But beyond that, as I say, I think the government’s unfair dismissal laws</p>	E85 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				strike the right balance. But I am happy to take it on notice and look at the statistics and see if we can give you a response.			
BI-35	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Consultation on Resolution of Small Business Paper	Senator RYAN: Can you take on notice and provide to me the actual meetings or forums that are taking place and a list of invitees and attendees, please. Mr Joyce: We can do that, Senator.	E88 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-36	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Small Business Resource Kit	Senator RYAN: I will now turn to the small business resource kit that was also recently announced. This was funded by, I understand, general revenue in the department. Do you have a cost for it? Mr Cicchini: The small business resource kit is a USB drive toolkit with documents on it and various links. The cost of loading the USB drive and the purchase of the USB drive was probably in the order of \$50,000. I do not have the precise amount, but it is in that range, because I remember signing the contract for it. There are, of course, indirect costs associated with any publications. That includes staffing, checking documents, preparing documents, loading them on the website et cetera, which of course are not included in that figure. Senator RYAN: No, I appreciate that. Can you take on notice the figure and just provide me on notice whatever the figure was for the contract for the provision of this USB stick. Mr Cicchini: I am happy to do that.	E88 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-37	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Ryan	Small Business Resource Kit	Senator RYAN: On the business.gov.au website there is a page that is headed 'Small business resource kit'. It has a series of online resources, publications, industry information and research, and fact sheets. Can you provide me with a list of the applications or documents that are on the USB stick. I imagine it is somewhat dynamic with reference to links? Mr Cicchini: Yes. There are a number of publications on there, such as <i>Starting your business checklist</i> and <i>Growing your business checklist</i> . They are publications that we were recently putting out in hard copy. They are certainly on there. There are other links. We can give you a copy of the resource kit; we can make that available to you. In terms of itemising each document, certainly we can tell you what documents are actually on the USB drive. Then there will be links to various documents. But we will go through that process.	E88 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-38	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Colbeck	Food Industry Strategy Group	Senator COLBECK: I want to ask a quick question on the food processing industry strategy group. How many times has it met since it was started? I know you might not have departmental officers around for this since it was launched, I think, at the Food and Grocery Council	E102 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				dinner in November last year. Senator Carr: We will have to take it on notice. I thought this matter had been dealt with.			
BI-39	2.2 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	Graduate programs	Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me how many individual graduates from the graduate programs from 2008, 2009 and 2010 moved into the science division at the end of the program? Ms Lansdown: I would have to take that on notice.	E104 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-40	2.2 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	International Science Linkages program	Senator COLBECK: On what basis was the international Science Linkages program abolished in the budget? Mr Paterson: We talked earlier about terminating programs, Senator. I am not sure if you were here for the conversation we had. Senator COLBECK: So there have been two full reviews of the program. Ms Lansdown: That is right. Senator COLBECK: One earlier in 2003 and one recently. I think I am right. There is an earlier review of the full program and there has been one recent one, which evaluated the whole lot. In between, there have been some reviews of elements of the program? Ms Lansdown: Yes. Senator COLBECK: You do not know how many of them there might have been? Ms Lansdown: I think we would have to take that on notice.	E107- 108 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-41	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	PMSEIC	Senator COLBECK: I have some quick questions on PMSEIC. Minister, what date is the next meeting of PMSEIC? Senator CARR: We will have to get a date for you. The Chief Scientist has been on the job a week. I think there are still some administrative arrangements to put in place	E108 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-42	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	PMSEIC	Senator COLBECK: But I am not talking about the Public Service. I am talking about ministers. You have said that public servants are there. That is fine; I do not have a problem with that. Can we confirm the current ministerial membership of PMSEIC? Senator Carr: I will have to take that on notice. Senator COLBECK: How many is the current membership? Senator Carr: We would have to take it on notice. Senator COLBECK: It was 14 in February. Has it reduced or increased? Ms Lansdown: My understanding is it still includes 14, but we will have	E109 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				to supply the numbers. I believe it is on our website, but we can provide it.			
BI-43	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	PMSEIC	<p>Senator COLBECK: So you actually acknowledge those apologies to the meeting. So in February there were 12 out of the 14 and in the previous meeting there were nine out of the 12 in March 2010. Up until that meeting of PMSEIC in February, has the Prime Minister attended all of the meetings?</p> <p>Senator Carr: We would have to check the records, Senator.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you will have to take that on notice. If you give us the dates of the meetings that the Prime Minister has attended, that would be fine. I want to go back quickly to your quotes earlier in the evening.</p> <p>Senator Carr: In response to your question about the attendance of the Prime Minister, I am advised that Prime Minister Rudd attended the four meetings that were held during his time as Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: And with Prime Minister Gillard there would only have been the one?</p> <p>Senator Carr: There was only the one. You are aware of the reason for her absence on that day.</p>	E109-110 (30/05/2011)	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-44	Corporate	Abetz	Staffing	<p>1) How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD?</p> <p>2) What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD?</p> <p>4) This FYTD how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-45	Corporate	Abetz	Staffing efficiency dividend/ budget cuts	<p>1) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?</p> <p>2) If so, where and at what classification?</p> <p>3) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.</p> <p>4) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment,</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.			
BI-46	Corporate	Abetz	Government Advertising	1) What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake? 2) For each program, what is the total spend?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-47	Corporate	Abetz	Hospitality	1) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. 3) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-48	Corporate	Abetz	Entertainment	1) What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD? 2) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 3) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend FYTD. 4) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-49	Corporate	Abetz	Board appointments	1) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 2) Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-50	Corporate	Abetz	Freedom of information	1) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2) How many FOI requests has the Department received? 3) How many have been granted or denied? 4) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-51	Corporate	Abetz	Community cabinets	1) What was the cost of Ministers' travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? 2) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>Cabinet meeting?</p> <p>3) What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>4) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting?</p> <p>5) What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>6) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?</p>			
BI-52	Corporate	Abetz	Reviews	<p>1) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?</p> <p>2) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>3) What reviews have been concluded FYTD?</p> <p>4) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>5) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>6) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>7) What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-53	Corporate	Abetz	Consultancies	<p>1) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>2) Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website(www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				3) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
BI-54	Corporate	Abetz	Media monitoring	<p>1) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD?</p> <p>2) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>3) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in FYTD?</p> <p>4) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-55	Corporate	Abetz	Social media	1) Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2010? Please explain.	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-56	Corporate	Abetz	Lobbyist Groups	<p>1) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>2) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>3) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>4) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>5) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>6) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>7) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>8) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>9) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p>			
BI-57	Corporate	Abetz	Discretionary grants	<p>1) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-58	Corporate	Abetz	Commissioned reports	<p>1) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>2) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>3) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-59	Corporate	Abetz	Cabinet and sub-cabinet meetings	<p>1) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?</p> <p>2) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or resubmitted? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-60	Corporate	Abetz	Government payments of accounts	<p>1) Has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)</p> <p>2) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>3) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-61	Corporate	Abetz	Government stationery requirements	<p>1) What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)?</p> <p>2) What are the costs of these items?</p> <p>3) Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-62	Corporate	Abetz	Media subscriptions	<p>1) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels</p> <p>2) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				3) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.			
BI-63	Corporate	Abetz	Travel costs	<p>1) For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include what sum was spent on travel, accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.</p> <p>2) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>3) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-64	Corporate	Abetz	Legal costs	<p>1) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-65	Corporate	Abetz	Education costs	1) Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants.	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-66	Corporate	Abetz	Executive	1) In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other	Written	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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			coaching and leadership training	<p>leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification d) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>2) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>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 and their employment classification 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 (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Question		
BI-67	Corporate	Abetz	Paid parental leave	<p>1) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>2) Please list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-68	Corporate	Abetz	Workpoint space	<p>1) For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person.</p> <p>2) Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain:</p> <p>I. If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.</p> <p>a. What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.</p> <p>b. How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.</p> <p>II. If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.</p> <p>a. What funding has been taken from each portfolio department and agency because they do not meet the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.</p> <p>b. Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.</p>			
BI-69	Corporate	Mason	Department Programs	<p>Could the Department provide a complete list of all administered programs in the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (in a format whereby this information may readily be updated in the future) - including in each case:</p> <p>1) a description of the program;</p> <p>2) the policy objective of the program;</p> <p>3) the date the program was first formally announced as a Government initiative (and the specific source of that announcement), and the date the program actually commenced;</p> <p>4) whether the program is ongoing and if not, the specific date when it is due to expire ;</p> <p>5) please provide an indication of whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted (whether internally or externally) and:</p> <p>(a) if so, when the most recent evaluation occurred;</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>(b) if so, the conclusion or recommendations of that evaluation; (c) if not, when an evaluation is scheduled; and (d) if an evaluation has not been scheduled, the reasons for this?</p> <p>6) whether the Australian National Audit Office has conducted (or indicated that it proposes to conduct) a performance audit of the program, and if so; (a) when the most recent ANAO evaluation occurred; (b) the conclusion or recommendations of that performance audit; (c) the Department's response to that audit and its conclusion or recommendations;</p> <p>7) the specific appropriation source for the program;</p> <p>8) the funding in each financial year of the current forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses) including: (a) how much funding has been allocated for the program; and (b) how much is committed under the program;</p> <p>9) projected overspends and/or underspends in each program for the year 2010-11 (to 30 June), including (where appropriate), details, elements or components of each program where overspending or underspending will occur and reasons for each variance;</p> <p>10) in the case of programs where funding is provided to individual recipients (eg universities or research institutes), whether any overfunding has been recovered, or is expected to be recovered by 30 June 2011, the total amount of overpayments, and the total amount recovered or expected to be recovered.</p>			
BI-70	IP Australia	Heffernan	Patent Applications	<p>1) How many patent applications (in relation to health, medicine, genes, etc) does IP Aust process each year?</p> <p>2) Could I have a breakdown of applications please from 2008 to current?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>3) How many patent examiners do you employ each year? (list for last 3 years)</p> <p>4) What qualifications do patent examiners need?</p> <p>5) From January 2009 to May 2011, I understand 161 sealed patents during that period, and almost 100% of them don't show an eDossier where the public can analyse the correctness of the process leading to the granting of those patents (examinations, attorney responses, etc). In summary, the eDossier "public" database appears of little use to assess the validity of granted disease-associated gene patents since it is missing a large number of cases . Why are most disease-associated gene patents sealed from 2009 to date (and before?) not available through eDossier?</p> <p>6) Does IP Australia have issues with publicly displaying the information (and operational errors) at this stage because of the current parliamentary inquiry?</p> <p>7) If so, when will the information be made available to the public?</p>			
BI-71	1.2 AusIndustry	Birmingham	Industry Assistance	<p>1) What payments have been made since 2007-08 to Origin Solar related to development of its 'SLIVER' photovoltaic technology? When were these payments made?</p> <p>2) Are reports that Origin Solar has since 2005 received \$2 million from a state-federal structural adjustment fund, \$1 million from the Australian Greenhouse Office and \$5 million from an AusIndustry renewable energy development initiative correct?</p> <p>3) Is the Department aware of Origin Solar's planned and/or announced relocation to Idaho? Was there any requirement in grants towards Origin Solar's operations for Origin Solar to remain in Australia and/or South Australia? If yes, please detail these requirements. If no, why not? Is there any capacity for taxpayers to recoup funds provided to Origin Solar?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-72	Corporate	Colbeck	2011-12	1) Where will the extra 96 staff noted in the Budget papers be deployed	Written	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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			Budget funding	<p>in the Department? And how and where will the recent changes the Government has made to the efficiency dividend be absorbed across the portfolio?</p> <p>2) What is the Department’s calculation of how much in additional funding was provided to innovation programs in this year’s Budget? How is this figure derived, and does it include cuts to any measures – such as, for example, the Green Car Innovation Fund?</p> <p>3) What is the Department’s calculation of how much in additional funding was provided to science programs in this year’s Budget? How is this figure derived?</p> <p>4) What is the Department’s calculation of how much in additional funding was provided to industry programs in this year’s Budget? How is this figure derived?</p> <p>5) What is the Department’s calculation of how much in additional funding was provided to research programs in this year’s Budget? How is this figure derived?</p> <p>6) Is ‘increased employment’ specifically listed either directly or indirectly as one of the criteria to be considered when assessing grant applications for any programs administered by the Department? If so, which one(s)?</p>	Question		
BI-73	ANSTO	Colbeck	Staffing	<p>1) The Budget papers indicate there will be an extra 55 staff employed at ANSTO during the next financial year. Where will those extra staff be placed within the organisation?</p> <p>2) How many staff have resigned from ANSTO during 2010-11?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-74	IP Australia	Colbeck	Australian patents	Is there a publicly-available list of all Australian patents that are granted annually? If so, how is it accessed?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-75	CSIRO	Colbeck	Cybernose project	<p>1) How much has CSIRO’s ‘Cybernose’ project cost the taxpayer to date?</p> <p>2) How much has been contributed financially to the ‘Cybernose’ project by the wine and grape industry, and when?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>3) Did the CSIRO have any involvement with the CRC on Plant Biosecurity's project on Tribolium detection in stored grain?</p> <p>4) If so, what was the nature of that involvement; how was the project developed; and by whom?</p> <p>5) When did the project commence and, if CSIRO has been involved, has there been a change of project manager at any time, and when and why did this occur?</p>			
BI-76	CSIRO	Colbeck	Biofuels policy	Does CSIRO undertake any work for the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism on biofuels policy? And, if so, what is the nature of that work?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-77	CSIRO	Colbeck	Federal Court case	<p>1) Is it true that a Federal Court case was recently launched against CSIRO by a former employee, a scientist in CSIRO Entomology, who was recruited from Europe to join the organisation?</p> <p>2) If so:</p> <p>(a) On what date was that court action initiated, and what is the current status of the case?</p> <p>(b) Does the case contain allegations of workplace bullying and harassment? Is it correct that these allegations were independently investigated, and that the independent investigation(s) confirm the original allegations?</p> <p>(c) If the independent investigation(s) confirmed the original allegations, what form of disciplinary action (if any) was taken against the relevant officers within CSIRO? If no action was taken, what were the reasons for this?</p> <p>3) How much has the CSIRO allocated financially to its defence of this case?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-78	2.3	Colbeck	Chief Scientist	At the Estimates hearing in May 2011, Minister Carr provided detail of	Written	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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	Science & Infrastructure		meetings with Minister	meetings he had held with the former Chief Scientist, Penny Sackett. But those details were significantly at odds with information (showing records of all of Professor Sackett’s meetings) that was provided to the Opposition in April 2011 in answer to a Freedom of Information request. Please clarify why the versions of these events are not only different but contain such glaring discrepancies? Whose version of events is correct – the Office of Chief Scientist’s or the Minister’s? And, if the documents provided by the Office of Chief Scientist do not provide a true and accurate record, what level of credence and trust can the Opposition and the Australian public attach to all of the other documents that have been provided as part of the answer to the FoI request? Is there any other information in answer to the request that does not provide an accurate record?	Question		
BI-79	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	Appointment of Chief Scientist	<p>1) At the Estimates hearing in May 2011, the Department’s then Secretary said “we took advice” in relation to the appointment of the new Chief Scientist. From whom was that advice taken?</p> <p>2) Given the position wasn’t advertised, what was the first form of interaction between Professor Chubb and those responsible for selecting the new Chief Scientist? Did he make an unsolicited expression of interest or was he contacted – and on what date did this occur?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-80	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	Chief Scientist of Australia	<p>1) Was Professor Chubb consulted at any stage by the Department and/or the Minister or his office for his advice back in 2008 about whether Professor Sackett should be appointed as Chief Scientist?</p> <p>2) Did Professor Chubb have a conversation of any kind with Professor Sackett at around the time of her appointment as Chief Scientist in 2008 about whether she should apply for and/or take the job?</p> <p>3) Did Professor Chubb have any conversation at all with Professor Sackett about her resignation in the days, weeks or months leading up to that announcement?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-81	ARC	Colbeck	Australian Laureate Fellowships	What are the minimum requirements or responsibilities that recipients of Australian Laureate Fellowships are expected to fulfil as part of the funding agreements?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-82	ARC	Colbeck	Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards	What are the minimum requirements or responsibilities that recipients of Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards are expected to fulfil as part of the funding agreements?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-83	ARC	Colbeck	Super Science Fellowships	What are the minimum requirements or responsibilities that recipients of Super Science Fellowships are expected to fulfil as part of the funding agreements?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-84	ARC	Colbeck	Future Fellowships	What are the minimum requirements or responsibilities that recipients of Future Fellowships are expected to fulfil as part of the funding agreements?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-85	1.3 National Measurement Institute (NMI)	Colbeck	National Trade Measurement System	What problems have been encountered in the transfer of state responsibilities to the national level through the new Trade Measurement System? Have there been any unforeseen consequences of the move to the new system? If so, what have they been – and what actions have been (or are being) taken to remedy these issues?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-86	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Colbeck	CPRS	What was the Department's assessment (and what assessments were made by other government agencies and passed on to the Department) of what the total cost to Australian industry would have been of the implementation of the Government's proposed CPRS arrangements of 2009?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-87	1.3 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Industry Innovation Councils	<p>1) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Steel Industry Innovation Council? Are you able to provide a copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p> <p>2) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Future Manufacturing Innovation Council? Are you able to provide a copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p> <p>3) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Automotive Industry Innovation Council? Are you able to provide a</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p> <p>4) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Built Environment Industry Innovation Council? Are you able to provide a copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p> <p>5) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Information Technology Industry Innovation Council? Are you able to provide a copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p> <p>6) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Pulp and Paper Industry innovation Council? Are you able to provide a copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p> <p>7) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Space Industry Innovation Council? Are you able to provide a copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p> <p>8) On what dates since the 2010 election have there been meetings of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry Innovation Council? Are you able to provide a copy of each of the agendas and minutes for those meetings – and, if not, why not?</p>			
BI-88	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Steel Industry Supplier Advocate	Has the Steel Industry Supplier Advocate provided any direct briefings to the Secretary and to any Government Minister about the proposed carbon tax – and, if so, who and when?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-89	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Department of Climate Change	What interaction is there between Manufacturing Division and the Department of Climate Change? Given Manufacturing Division's expertise on policies affecting the manufacturing sector, DCC presumably frequently asks the Division for advice on how a carbon tax would impact the sector?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-90	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Business roundtable	Did Manufacturing Division have any input into choosing the people who are on the Government's business roundtable? If so, what was the nature of that input?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-91	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Funding to automotive industry	How much money in total (excluding the Green Car Innovation Fund) has been distributed to the automotive industry since 2007, and who have been the recipients of these funds?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-92	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Automotive Transformation Scheme	Who makes the recommendations as to who is to receive funding under the Automotive Transformation Scheme, and does the Minister sign off on each payment?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-93	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	How much, respectively, have the three major Australian car makers (Toyota, Ford and Holden) received in total under the Green Car Innovation Fund?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-94	1.1 Industry and Small Business Policy	Colbeck	FBT changes and use of motor vehicles	Did the Government seek briefings from the Department about the FBT changes in the Budget applying to the use of motor vehicles? If so, what did these briefings cover and on what dates were they sought?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-95	1.3 National Measurement Institute (NMI)	Heffernan	Weighing produce and National Measurement Institute	<p>Short Weight Seafood Imports – Industry members have reported an increasing rate of overseas companies selling short weight produce, i.e. the actual weight of the product is less than the weight printed on the bill of lading. The industry believes there is insufficient regulation and policing of these practices to stop this behaviour.</p> <p>1) Where does 'food weight compliance' rate on the priority list for action by the National Measurement Institute (NMI)?</p> <p>2) Where does seafood sit on the priority list against other food types for compliance investigation and enforcement?</p> <p>3) Does the NMI focus on supermarkets or does it undertake investigations of retail seafood outlets?</p> <p>4) How many investigations of compliance with net weight regulations have been undertaken for frozen seafood? Give details</p> <p>5) Considerable quantities of seafood are sold directly to restaurants and other food service establishments or through wholesale establishments. Does the NMI have the authority to check compliance at the food service level? If so what is the frequency of testing and what is the process followed? Do officers arrive unannounced; do they directly select</p>		22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				<p>samples to be tested?</p> <p>6) Cooperation with other agencies could be important for a successful prosecution as any water added prior to or after freezing must be declared as water added along with the percentage seafood in the ingredient list or the net weight must be exclusive of glaze. Has this been considered by the NMI; is it a potential problem?</p> <p>7) Much of the problem concerns imported seafood monitored on arrival by AQIS. AQIS, however, see short weight as a commercial issue, not quarantine or food safety. Again could NMI work cost effectively in collaboration with AQIS to investigate weight compliance at the point of entry? USFDA, the AQIS equivalent in the USA, does test for net weights upon entry.</p> <p>8) Does the NMI realise that that there are fraudulent activities arising from this problem in that consumers in different market sectors are being duped and that it creates an uneven economic playing field?</p>			
BI-96	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	How many staff in the Department are responsible for administering the Green Car Innovation Fund?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-97	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	Is there a dedicated section or team within AusIndustry that is responsible for the delivery of the program, or are those staff part of a wider team or section?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-98	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	What are the total administrative costs for this program, and what are the breakdowns of those costs for each of the financial years of the program? What are these monies spent on, aside from staff salaries?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-99	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Australian Economy and Grant to Holden Commodore	Senator Carr stated, on the announcement of the \$39.8 million grant for a new Holden Commodore in May 2011, that the project would “contribute \$1.13 billion in wages to the Australian economy over the life of this project and inject \$420 million into the local components industry each year”. How has each of those figures been calculated?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-100	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Green Car Innovation Fund	During the Estimates hearing of 30 May 2011, there was discussion about the amounts of money spent (and withdrawn) from the Green Car Innovation Fund. As part of that discussion, the then Departmental Secretary stated that “\$25 million came out in PAES for 2010-11 and the \$35 million in the PBS at page 27 in 2010-11 , which covers the \$60	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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				million”.			
				How does this tally with the statements made in answer to Question on Notice AI-68 in the previous round of Estimates that “\$60 million (GST exclusive) in funding was made available under the program in 2009-10 but was not taken up by industry. Financial year 2009-10 coincided with the period in which the full impact of the global financial crisis was felt by the automotive industry globally and significantly constrained the ability of companies within the Australian automotive industry to invest in new innovation projects at that time“?			
BI-101	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Brief on Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme	<p>1) Can the Department confirm that it sent a brief to the Minister dated 3 November 2010 about the so-called Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme? \</p> <p>2) Can it further confirm that the brief included the following statement: <i>“Rationale for deferring the start date of the scheme includes: the recent Australian National Audit Office inquiry into the Home Insulation Program which concluded that there were many challenges with rolling out a complex program in a short timeframe”</i>?</p> <p>3) Can it also confirm that there was another section titled <i>“What has the Government learnt from the failed Home Insulation Program?”</i> as part of the brief?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-102	1.1 Manufacturing	Colbeck	Cleaner Car Rebate Scheme	Did the Department make an assessment at any time during its research and other work on the Cash for Clunkers scheme of the optimal vehicle life of cars from an environmental perspective? And, if so, what conclusions were drawn from that assessment?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-103	1.2 Innovation	Colbeck	R&D Tax Credit	Given the Government’s emphasis on supposedly improving access to its R&D Tax Credit to SMEs, what actions are being taken (and what wording has specifically been written into the legislation) to ensure that the new rules will not adversely impact those companies?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-104	1.2 Innovation	Colbeck	R&D Tax Credit	Will small businesses without dedicated R&D facilities be able to satisfy both the dominant purpose test and the feedstock rules? And how is that possible, under the present wording of the legislation?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-105	1.2 Innovation	Colbeck	R&D Tax Credit	The proposed strengthening of Innovation Australia's powers not to register R&D claims appears to facilitate a far more onerous structure than the normal self-assessment rules. How will you ensure that this will not increase 'red tape' and compliance burdens for small business?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-106	1.2 Innovation	Colbeck	R&D Tax Credit	The change from a tax concession to a tax offset was predicated on the premise that the offset would be 'above the bottom line' and as a result more meaningful to businesses. How will the Department and Government ensure that the R&D incentive provides 'above the line' assistance to company's budget?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-107	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Colbeck	Food Processing Industry Strategy Group	What is the state of progress on the Minister's announcement last year of a Food Processing Industry Strategy Group? How many times has it met, and what kind of practical results have been achieved since then?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-108	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Colbeck	Food and Grocery prices under the CRPS	1) Is the Australian Food and Grocery Council's modelling right when it says food and grocery prices should have been expected to rise by between 3 and 5 per cent under the CPRS? And, if not, why do you refute those figures? 2) Has the Department undertaken (or sought) any modelling of the impact of a carbon tax on food and groceries? If so, when?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-109	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Colbeck	Impact of CPRS on food and groceries	On what dates has the Department met with the Australian Food and Grocery Council to specifically discuss the impact of a carbon tax on food and groceries?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-110	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Colbeck	Impact of CPRS on food and groceries	1) Has the Department been provided with copies of Treasury modelling of the impact of a carbon tax on food and groceries? 2) If yes, on what date were they provided? If not, why not?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-111	1.1 Industry & Small Business Policy	Colbeck	CPRS impact on supermarket retailers	1) Is Citigroup correct when it says a carbon tax will impact the profitability of supermarket retailers by between 2 and 4 per cent? 2) If not, on what basis does the Department disagree with those figures?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-112	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Green Building Fund	How many projects under the Green Building Fund have been completed? For how many have the final NABERS reports been completed – and which ones?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-113	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Green Building Fund	At various Estimates hearings last year, AusIndustry officials explained that grant payments could be ceased if a project wasn't meeting its objectives. In how many projects approved under the Green Building Fund has investment ceased?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-114	Corporate	Colbeck	Failure of Grants projects	When there is a failure in a particular project the Department is financially supporting or in a program more broadly, what kind of approach is taken to instigating an immediate investigation? And, if an internal audit has already been performed on that program, is a new audit immediately instigated?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-115	1.2 AusIndustry	Colbeck	Green Building Fund	What expertise and/or background in the building industry is possessed by the officials who assess and approve the projects under the Green Building Fund?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-116	Corporate	Colbeck	Ministers Websites	<p>1) How many resources (in terms of staffing and cost) did the Department devote to the recent redesign of the Ministers' website (that was completed in late March or early April 2011)?</p> <p>2) Is it correct that this was at least the third revamp of the Ministers' website in the time since Labor was elected in 2007?</p> <p>3) Is it true that, when the latest revamp was done, it disrupted the setup of subscribers to email updates from the site? Is it also true that a number of those subscribers who had previously registered for instant updates now don't get them until a daily summary is sent out either later in the day or the following morning?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-117	eBusiness	Colbeck	Space website	How much did the space website (space.gov.au) cost the Department to build, and how much does it cost to maintain?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-118	eBusiness	Colbeck	Internet, extranet and intranet sites	How many different internet, extranet and intranet sites does the Department maintain – and what are they?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-119	eBusiness	Colbeck	eBusiness	1) Shortly after the Rudd Government was elected, is it true that a	Written	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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			staffing	number of staff from eBusiness Division were made redundant? 2) If so: how many, and at what staffing levels respectively? 3) Was this also true for Corporate Division – and, if so: how many, and at what staffing levels respectively?	Question		
BI-120	eBusiness	Colbeck	Contractors	How much money has eBusiness spent on contracting staff during each of the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-121	1.2 Innovation	Colbeck	CSTACI	1) On what dates has the Commonwealth State and Territory Advisory Council on Innovation met? 2) Are the agendas and minutes publicly available – and if not, why not?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-122	Corporate	Colbeck	Environmental Management Team:	1) Is there, or has there been, a team within Corporate Division that works on environmental management projects within the Department? 2) When was the team set up, how many staff are in the team and what does it do? 3) What work and/or projects has it undertaken? 4) How much in total has been spent on the activities and other costs of this team? And how much specifically has been spent on travel?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-123	1.2 Research	Colbeck	Cooperative Research Centres	1) What was the date at which the number of CRCs hit its historical peak (and what was that number) 2) How many there were when Labor came to office in November 2007; and how many there are now?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-124	1.2 Research	Colbeck	Cooperative Research Centres	1) Is it true that there were 30 applications made for CRCs last year but just four were funded? 2) How does that 13% rate of success compare with applications for funding under the Australian Research Council's key programs?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-125	1.2 Research	Colbeck	Cooperative Research Centres	How many existing CRCs are due to complete their current term this year – and which ones are they?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-126	1.2 Research	Colbeck	Cooperative Research Centres	How many times has the CRC Committee provided formal written reports to Minister Carr about the performance of individual CRCs and the program overall?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-127	1.2 Research	Colbeck	Cooperative Research Centres	1) How much has been allocated in funding respectively to the social innovation CRC and manufacturing CRC in this year's round? 2) What will the social innovation CRC actually do?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-128	2.2 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	International Science Linkages program	1) Is it correct that there have been four reviews of the International Science Linkages program which have been made publicly available (by a Federal parliamentary committee; the Australian Academy of Science; the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering; and a consultant commissioned by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Science respectively) – and that all of them were supportive of the program? 2) Is it true that there was also a separate internal DIISR review of the program undertaken – and, if so, when was this completed, what did it say, and why hasn't it been released publicly?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-129	2.2 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	International Science Linkages program	Which bilateral relationships that were being supported under the International Science Linkages program will no longer receive support as a result of this decision?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-130	2.2 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	International Science Linkages program	1) Has the Department or Minister's office received representations from Embassies and/or High Commissions in Canberra in relation to the termination of the program? 2) If so, how many, from whom and what has been conveyed about the decision?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-131	2.2 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	International Science Linkages program	What impact – in any way - is the abolition of the program having on Australia's SKA bid?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011

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BI-132	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	PMSEIC	Is a list of attendees documented for each of the PMSEIC meetings? If so, could these lists be provided for each of the meetings of 23 April 2008, 9 October 2008, 5 June 2009, 18 March 2010 and 4 February 2011? Alternatively, could you please provide a full breakdown of which Departmental secretaries have attended each of these meetings respectively?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-133	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	PMSEIC	How many apologies were received from Ministers by the Executive Officer of PMSEIC in respect of non-attendance at the meetings of 18 March 2010 and 4 February 2011 – and on what dates respectively for each of those Ministers?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-134	2.3 Science & Infrastructure	Colbeck	PMSEIC	At what time and on what date was an apology from the Prime Minister and/or her office about her non-attendance at the PMSEIC meeting of 4 February 2011 received by the Executive Officer of PMSEIC?	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-135	Corporate	Colbeck	ANU Masters Program – industry policy	<p>1) Does the Department still have an arrangement with the Australian National University under which staff are supported to study for a Masters qualification in industry policy?</p> <p>2) If so, for how many years is that agreement still scheduled to be in place?</p> <p>How many staff participated in the program for each of the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?</p> <p>2) Were any of the staff who enrolled in the program in any of the years above based in a location other than Canberra? If so, how many for each of the relevant years and were all of their travel and accommodation costs to fly to Canberra to participate in the program subsidised? What was the total of the travel and accommodation costs for those staff?</p> <p>4) What has been the total cost of the program for each of the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?</p>	Written Question	22/07/2011	25/08/2011
BI-136	Corporate	Birmingham	Funding to Organisations	Has the Department provided any funding to any of the following organisations in the current financial year or in any of the previous three financial years? If so, please detail when it was provided and for what purpose.	Written Question	06/09/2011	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Australian Conservation Foundation b. Australian Council of Trade Unions c. Australian Youth Climate Coalition d. Climate Action Network Australia e. The Climate Institute f. Environment Victoria g. GetUp! h. Greenpeace Australia Pacific i. World Wildlife Fund Australia 			
BI-137	1.2 AusIndustry	Boyce	Commercialisation Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many companies have received proof of concept funding from Commercialisation Australia since it was established? 2) How is their progress measured and reported? 3) How many applicants have applied for such funding ? 4) What happens to unsuccessful applicants ? 5) Are unsuccessful applicants helped in any way – ie are they given tools or other mentoring to assist them develop? 	Written Question	06/09/2011	
BI-138	Enterprise Connect	Boyce	Support for innovation in small business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What is the level of collaboration between small business in Australia and the research sector compared with the OECD average? 2) What percentage of the government’s total innovation budget supports the establishment of such collaboration and de-risking of technology? 3) How many SMEs have accessed R&D through RiB and why isn’t more being done to encourage greater uptake of publicly funded R&D by small business? 4) What is the total and the proportion of Enterprise Connect funding that results in “new to the industry” or “new to the world” innovation? 	Written Question	06/09/2011	

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BI-139	1.2 AusIndustry	Boyce	Venture Capital Funding and Start-Ups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How much public funding has been used to assist or subsidise the growth of early stage venture capital funds in Australia over the past five years? 2) Of those start-up companies that venture capital funds were able to successfully grow and exit; how many were there, and how many are still headquartered in Australia? 3) What was the proportion in which the exit was through sale to a foreign venture capitalist or private equity firm, or the start-up was required to relocate its headquarters offshore? 4) What has been the immediate return on taxpayers' funds to Australia? 	Written Question	06/09/2011	
BI-140	1.2 AusIndustry	Boyce	R&D	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What is the total federal government spend on investment in Australian R&D? 2) Do states have the same areas of priorities or are priorities determined on a state by state basis? 	Written Question	06/09/2011	
BI-141	1.2 AusIndustry	Boyce	R&D	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What proportion of funding is subject to milestone achievements based on its application to industry or practical use such as in health or environment, ie how much is translated into tangible outcomes? 2) What funding is available for translation or commercialisation of this research to help service existing small business in Australia? 3) What quality assurance measures are conducted by AusIndustry to ensure its programs are administered in the same way across states? 4) Does AusIndustry conduct any customer surveys of those who interact with its grant programs? 5) If so, where are the results of the survey published? 6) What statistics does AusIndustry gather to measure the outcomes of its programs? 	Written Question	06/09/2011	

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