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Q No.	Senator	Division/ Agency	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & Hearing date or Written question	Date answered	Date tabled
BI-1	Mason	ANSTO	Spent Fuel Waste – communication and cost	<p>Senator MASON: Good. Over the past 50 years, how much low- and intermediate-level waste has been accumulated by ANSTO in total?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: Over the 50 years we currently hold 427 cubic metres of intermediate waste and 1710 cubic metres of low-level waste.</p> <p>Senator MASON: It is about 4,000 if you add it together. Is that right?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: No; it is less than that. It is about 2,100.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Do you think that perhaps ANSTO could do a better job communicating some of these base facts? I ask because recently you seem to be conducting a public awareness, or perhaps PR, campaign. How much is that costing?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I will go to the first question, which is whether ANSTO should be doing a better job communicating. We regularly communicate about the activities in relation to ANSTO's broad mandate. Included in that, of course, is the management of waste. The particular communication that is taking place at the moment is related to the start of a process of seeking a licence for the return of the spent fuel waste from France. It is an appropriate time to start that process. I will take the matter of what that process is costing on notice.</p>	Page 5, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-2	Sinodinos	ANSTO	PETNET – Target rate of return	<p>Senator SINODINOS: What is the total investment that ANSTO has made in PETNET to date?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The total quantum of the investment is in the order of \$17 million. It has previously been provided.</p> <p>Senator SINODINOS: Does that include the written down component?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The written down component was about \$3.7 million.</p> <p>Senator SINODINOS: When was the written down component?</p>	Page 9, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Dr Paterson: It was written down in last year’s books, and that is on the investment, not on the asset.</p> <p>Senator SINODINOS: Yes. How long do you think the ANSTO board or the government should give you to get to a commercially acceptable rate of return? I mean, this is the dilemma that we always face with quasi-government organisations in the marketplace.</p> <p>Dr Paterson: Yes. Certainly my view is that we need to understand what this ex ante breach means and determine whether it will, with reasonable modelling across a range of scenarios, lead to a breach. I think that it would also be important to complete this year, which is the year in which we took the impairment, and to see what the operating results are like and get those independently audited. Then I think we will be in a good position to have that conversation both with the relevant authorities and with this committee—and, indeed, our board.</p> <p>Senator SINODINOS: Ultimately, what is your target rate of return?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The target rate of return is adjusted every year. I believe that the target rate of return in last year’s books was in the order of 13 per cent. We will provide that on notice so that you have the exact and precise detail.</p>			
BI-3	Ludlam	ANSTO	Returned Waste – radiation signature	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Can you characterise for us the radiation signature on the canisters that you were describing before—these vitrified blocks that are then in steel containers? Take that on notice if you like. Specifically, for the material coming back, what is the radiation signature for one of those canisters if I am standing right next to it? I am presuming you would not advise that, but what if I did?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: Certainly the risk of standing next to those containers is rather low. But I think that since you are asking for the specific signatures and levels of activity, we will ask our team to provide that to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: And what is the degree to which the steel canisters in which these blocks are hosted become activated and themselves radioactive over time?</p>	Page 11, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				Dr Paterson: Basically the level of activation of the steel will be included in the question we take on notice.			
BI-4	Ludlam	ANSTO	Cost of returned waste facility	Senator LUDLAM: Okay, if you could. What is your state of understanding of the total cost of the facility, which I understand is just a big shed? Dr Paterson: The entire process—the waste return and the cost for the facility—is not absolutely finalised, as I indicated previously. But we will take on notice what the cost of the physical facility will be.	Page 11, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-5	Ludlam	ANSTO	Comcare Report – Action Plan	Dr Paterson:Comcare proposed a series of recommendations that ANSTO has accepted and has developed into an action plan agreed with both Comcare and the relevant union. The report made recommendations about ANSTO improving investigations, which have been accepted. ----- Senator LUDLAM: Could you table for the committee the action plan that you mentioned? Dr Paterson: I would be prepared to take that on notice, but we can table it. Senator LUDLAM: I do not know whether there would be privacy implications. Dr Paterson: There may well be some privacy implications, but those will not be extensive. I think we would be very happy to share that action plan. Senator LUDLAM: Take names out if you will, but that would be much appreciated.	Page 12, Monday 28 May 2012	14/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-6	Colbeck	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	Senator COLBECK: I think we do. And it would not be correct that a response to that serious and private confidential email from the employee came not from Dr Clark or anyone else, for that matter, within CSIRO but within a couple of hours from Dr Lonsdale himself? Mr Roy: I would have to take that on notice. What I can say, though—and you may well be aware but for your colleagues—Comcare are in the process of finalising an investigation into some claims brought forward by the officer you are referring to. There are four specific complaints that that officer mentioned to Comcare. They are in the process of handing down a 90-odd page report	Pages 18 and 19, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>into their findings. Whilst there is a number of improvement opportunities that CSIRO can have—and we would be disappointed if they did not identify improvement opportunities—they did say, and I will quote from the draft report, so it may well change before it is finalised over the next couple of weeks:</p> <p>"I found no evidence of system deficiencies or a culture within CSIRO or specifically with Entomology division that embedded or promoted bullying type behaviour." That is the headline summary from the Comcare report. As I indicated before, there will be some matters that we need to work on out of that report, but that is at the broad level, and I think that is representative of the organisation more broadly. Senator COLBECK: Circumstance does not align very well with your comment from 15 February on <i>Hansard</i>:</p> <p>But we would not have a circumstance in which a complaint was made against a particular officer and was referred back to that officer to solve.</p> <p>Mr Roy: I would be surprised and disappointed if that had happened. As I said, I am not aware that it has happened, but I will take it on notice and I will look very closely at that matter for you.</p>			
BI-7	Colbeck	CSIRO	Suicide Watch	<p>Senator COLBECK: Are you aware of any cases in recent years in which an employee has been placed on suicide watch as a consequence of their experiences at CSIRO?</p> <p>Mr Roy: Not that I am aware of. In terms of the broader organisation, we would have to take that on notice. But I am certainly not aware of it.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you cannot assure me that that has not happened on occasion in recent years?</p> <p>Mr Roy: I would be quite surprised. But as I said specifically, I cannot give you an ironclad guarantee today. I would have to ask some questions around that. We do run an organisation where we have a number of divisions. They generally deal with the matters that are raised in terms of any health and wellbeing issues with staff members in their division. It tends to escalate to my</p>	Page 20, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				level if it cannot be resolved within a divisional construct or, in fact, Dr Clark's level.			
BI-8	Colbeck	CSIRO	Information Management Technology Division - restructure	<p>Senator COLBECK: Were information management technology division employees advised in 2010 that all except senior management positions would be restructured in that division? Did this result in the loss of around 30 positions? If so, on what date were the employees originally advised of the restructure and what date was the CEO of Centrelink notified?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes, we did have a restructure. In terms of the detail, we would be happy to take that on notice and provide you with that distinct detail.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So it did result in the loss of 30 positions?</p> <p>Dr Clark: It is certainly in that order. This week, I was reviewing the IMT progress, actually, of the groups following that. I have been very pleased with the way our IMT team has been working. They are a truly exceptional group in the management of our IT systems. And the platforms that we need for the future, which is what this particular group works on, are going extremely well. I am quite pleased with it. We have undergone that restructure of that order of positions.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: You are not aware of any breaches of section 530 of the Fair Work Act in respect of that particular matter?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I am not, but you did ask for some more specific information regarding dates and we will provide you with that.</p>	Page 20, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-9	Colbeck	CSIRO	Fair Work Australia Act	<p>Senator COLBECK: While you are at it, if you could let me know if there are any other occasions where, since the introduction of the Fair Work Act, CSIRO has breached its provisions?</p> <p>Mr Roy: I want to clarify, Senator: are you talking about where we have been taken to Fair Work Australia and there has been a formal breach noted against CSIRO?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Roy: I am not aware of any cases, as we sit here today, but we will take it on notice, as Dr Clark indicated.</p>	Page 21, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Senator COLBECK: I am specifically interested, particularly in the timeframes in relation to this matter. So if you can give us those details.</p> <p>Dr Clark: We will.</p>			
BI-10	Colbeck	CSIRO	FOI requests	<p>Senator COLBECK: Were FOI requests made to CSIRO in late 2011 and early 2012 by a former employee who had been with the organisation for 11 years? Do the answers to those requests show that 12,528 pages of internal Outlook emails into those appointments were written about them between 1998 and 2009? Is it also right that almost all of those pages to which the employee has not been privy were generated after May 2006 when he first made his complaints about the practices of at least one CSIRO manager?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: No. I am not aware of that level of detail, although I would be happy to make an inquiry to that effect.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So in respect of the information I have, this employee had something like 500 pages worth of emails and calendar appointments generated about him in the first eight years of his employment. But another 12,000 pages worth were generated in the last three. That is an extraordinary use of resources.</p> <p>Mr Whelan: Depending on the individual's circumstances, it is not entirely surprising. If the individual had a workers compensation case that required medical assessments and turn to work programs, there would have been detailed plans developed. They would take up many pages. They would have been reviewed. I think you are referring to individual emails. Often those emails are forwarded and copied. That would result in the same number of pages being replicated a number of times. On the face of it, I am not sure that I would be concerned about that. It would depend on the nature of the individual's employment history and his circumstances.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So those circumstances would drive the generation of this information?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: Yes, Senator. As you would imagine,</p>	Page 21, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				employees of CSIRO are not in the business of writing emails or preparing reports just for the fun of it. They generally do it in response to a need or a request. I can only imagine from the details you have provided me today that there was a range of factors that required that information to be prepared. As I indicated to you, I would be happy to take the detail on notice and confirm the figures you have quoted.			
BI-11	Colbeck	CSIRO	SAP Implementation Project costs	<p>Senator COLBECK: Mr Whelan, I spoke to you before about the SAP implementation project that is part of the BETR project. Can you please clarify what the project budget was and what the full cost of delivering the project was?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: I am pretty sure we have taken that question on notice previously and answered it. I will be happy to check that. But if we have not, I will give you those details. It is approximately four years since the SAP system and the BETR project were implemented. So the timeframe is probably about 2008 and 2009 when I was answering questions on that. But I am happy to check the record and provide them to you.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you could advise that that is the full cost of the project. I would just like to know whether or not there were a number of different accounts over which was spread the reporting of the costs.</p> <p>Mr Whelan: There certainly would have been a number of different accounts in our general ledger that we would have recorded costs against. We would have recorded costs against people, software, training and travel. So there will be a range of them. But there will be a project cost centre which accumulated all of those different accounts, and I will provide you with the report against the value against that cost centre.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you can then assure me that the compilation of that provides the total cost to the project?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: To the best of our efforts, yes, Senator, I can do that.</p>	Page 21, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-12	Colbeck	CSIRO	Green Vehicle Guide and	<p>Senator COLBECK: In answer to question on notice No. A1248, you told us CSIRO owned 278 cars. Can you</p>	Page 22, Monday 28 May 2012	21/08/2012	23/08/2012

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			Australian Manufactured Cars	<p>tell me how many of those are in the top rated category under the Green Vehicle Guide?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: Unfortunately, Senator, we do not have that breakdown with us, but we would be happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you also tell me how many of those vehicles were manufactured in Australia by Ford, Holden or Toyota?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: I imagine that the significant majority would be, Senator, knowing the fleet, but we will, again, check that on notice.</p>			
BI-13	Colbeck	CSIRO	State of the Climate report – cost of promotion and campaigns	<p>Senator COLBECK: Thank you. Can you tell me how much has been spent on any form of communications, marketing and promotional activities and campaigns in relation to the recently released <i>State of the climate</i> report?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I am not sure we can give that immediate breakdown, although the costs would be considerably lower. We produced basically a two-page summary report. We make that available on our website, which of course is low cost. Other than that, to my knowledge, there was no further printing around that. So it was a very, very minimal cost. In fact, we probably would not have even tracked the cost. It is just the photocopying of the summary document, which was very small.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So were selected individuals invited to Cape Grim for the launch of that publication? If so, who?</p> <p>Dr Clark: In terms of our ongoing interest from the media, my understanding is that we did have some media visit the Cape Grim facility. We have had a number of visits to the Cape Grim facility over several years. My understanding is that the media did visit that facility. I cannot give you the dates. It was prior to the launch of the report.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me roughly how many people were invited?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I can certainly provide that on notice and provide you the detail.</p>	Page 22, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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BI-14	Rhiannon	CSIRO	Environment Groups - membership	<p>Senator RHIANNON: In responding to a story on ABC radio, a spokesperson from the CSIRO in February 2012 said that it is a member of a wide range of interest groups. He said that it is appropriate to maintain close links with all sides of a debate. Are you a member of groups such as the Australian Conservation Foundation or Greenpeace or any environment groups?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: Senator, we are involved in a wide range of groups right across the industry and community spectrum. We do a significant amount of sponsorship for—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you give me some examples?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: I would have to take the detail on notice, Senator.</p>	Page 24, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-15	Rhiannon	CSIRO	Industry Groups	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I have now received the list of organisations. Thank you for tabling that. Could you also take on notice how much money has been spent in total to belong to these organisations irrespective of equity, governorship or just ordinary membership?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: We are happy to do so, Senator.</p>	Page 25, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-16	Rhiannon	CSIRO	AFPA support and funding	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you very much. Since joining AFPA, what scientific projects has CSIRO commenced in partnership with AFPA? What funding has each project received from CSIRO?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: Senator, I do know we do a wide range of research in the forestry sector, so I suspect there is a considerable amount of research I will have to go and review. I would have to take the detail on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: At this stage, you understand that there is interaction?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: CSIRO has been doing research in the forestry sector since 1926. This is the peak forestry and paper products body in Australia. I would imagine that a significant body of the research we conduct in that space would be of interest to the association.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you very much. I was interested in the support the CSIRO has provided to AFPA. I am interested in any other payments—use of</p>	Page 25, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>vehicles, use of facilities, equipment or staff. Could you take that on notice as part of your response to that question?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: I can give you a response. It would be unusual for CSIRO to provide vehicles to an industry association. It would not be unusual to have members of an industry association possibly conduct a meeting on CSIRO premises. I am not going to be able to account for those separately if that has happened. As a general rule, I would imagine that memberships and sponsorships of relevant conferences would be the main contributions we make to those organisations, so I will look to answer your question on that basis.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So you can take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: I will.</p>			
BI-17	Rhiannon	CSIRO	AFPA membership reviews	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you very much. You mentioned the two reviews. I want to fully understand the process there. So the review of actual AFPA membership was something you had already determined that you would do?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: We made a decision to do that at the beginning of this financial year. The relevant delegate in this case is Dr Jeremy Burdon. He is the chief of the division of plant industry. He made the decision to be a member of the association. He will conduct a review in June 2012.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Was the decision to undertake that review made when you first joined or was it made at the time of the complaint?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: No. It was made when we first joined, Senator. The context for it was that this was the merger of two peak bodies. We had been a member of one of those peak bodies. We formed the view that we would continue to be a member but we would see how the association went in our engagement with it over the period of the first year's membership. That expires in June this year.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So with the wider review of memberships and sponsorship policy, did you decide to undertake that in response to the particular complaint</p>	Pages 25 and 26, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>about membership of the AFPA?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: No, Senator. We have been looking at our policy framework steadily over the last four or five years trying to improve it. We had identified a potential gap around memberships and sponsorship policy. We had commenced reviewing our framework for that prior to that complaint.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When you say ‘gap’, do you mean a gap in public perception or a gap in policy?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: A gap in policy. So at the moment the primary guidelines for a delegate here are effectively the equivalent of the Commonwealth procurement guidelines. So there is a value for money test guided by CSIRO’s public comment and publications policies. It struck us that there may be value in providing specific policy guidance to delegates around decisions on membership and sponsorship. So we have been reviewing the need for that. We have not formed the view that we will have specific membership or sponsorship policies, but we are conducting a review of that. As I said earlier, I expect the outcomes of that review to be implemented in the third quarter of 2012.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Will these reviews be made public?</p> <p>Mr Whelan: Senator, CSIRO is an open and transparent organisation. If you would like a copy of those reviews, we would be happy to provide them to you.</p>			
BI-18	Mason	ARC	ERA membership	<p>Senator MASON: I suspect you have similar conversations, Minister. Ms Harvey, Gavin Moodie, who is, as you know, a tertiary education policy analyst at RMIT, has analysed the composition of the evaluation committees and noticed that there has been a significant change in the composition of the committees from the 2010 round. He notes, for example, that of 140 members, only 43 remain in 2012. Why do you think there has been such a big turnover for members? That is quite a big turnover. What do you attribute that to?</p> <p>Ms Harvey: I do not think it is actually a big turnover. In actual fact, what we look at when we are looking at the</p>	Pages 27 and 28, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>composition of our committees is what underlying research expertise we need. The ERA 2010 submission actually gave us a really good feel for the sort of level that we needed and the different units of evaluation and experience that we needed. We also make sure that we have a good balance in bringing in new people to that experience to make sure that we are not accused of perhaps stacking the committee so you get the same results. Because there is actually a different reference period over it. We also have to take into account that because our committee members put a lot of time and effort into that evaluation for us, it is about whether they are actually able to commit that time. But I can tell you that I do not consider that a really large turnover.</p> <p>Senator MASON: You do not? Ms Harvey, is Mr Moodie correct in saying that of 140 members, only 43 remain. That is less than one-third, if my mathematics is correct. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Harvey: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON: In other words, two-thirds of the membership leaving is a considerable turnover?</p> <p>Ms Harvey: No. In actual fact, when we did our trial in 2009, we did not keep all of those members into 2010. We actually looked at what we needed.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Did you lose two-thirds?</p> <p>Ms Harvey: I would have to check the actual numbers. But there definitely is a refresh of the people coming into that.</p>			
BI-19	Bushby	ARC	Centre of Emotions	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I will move on. I have the tabling report here, which gives a breakdown of the centre of emotions. That does not break it down in terms of how that money is allocated across the different projects?</p> <p>Ms Harvey: No. As I said when I made my opening statement, Senator, they are required to report to us based on the categories in their grant. In particular, Hearts and Stones was a workshop, not a program. So we asked them particularly to break that down into that. We have then worked with them since the last estimates about what information—because a range of the information is not</p>	Page 29, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				published externally—we could actually bring. If you would particularly like it broken down by program, we could ask them and table that to you out of session.			
BI-20	Bushby	ARC	Centre of Emotions – overseas visits	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I would appreciate it if you could ask them that. I suspect you will probably have the same uncertainty in terms of responding to this. Could you also seek a breakdown of each of their 30 overseas visits?</p> <p>Ms Harvey: Yes. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Who undertook them and how much they cost, where they travelled to et cetera?</p> <p>Ms Harvey: Yes.</p>	Page 30, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-21	Mason	TEQSA	Regulatory Risk Framework document	<p>Senator MASON: What dialogue is currently underway with providers about this framework document? What is the thrust of the feedback being received on that document?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: We have consulted with sector and risk experts in relation to the development of the framework. I can list the meetings we had prior to the release of the document that show that we actually did consult very broadly across the sector.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Could you give it to the committee on notice?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: Yes. I am very happy to. In terms of the response, I think there was a strong sense that what we were proposing was good sense. It reflected a common-sense understanding of anybody in the sector in terms of what were the core factors that should be considered in relation to risks for providers.</p>	Page 40, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-22	Mason	TEQSA	University of Queensland Enrolment	<p>Senator MASON: Probably not. Is it possible for this committee to obtain a copy of the TEQSA report of your investigation into the UQ enrolment?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: There is not a report per se. There were papers that would have come to the commission in terms of analysis. I would have to take on notice what we would be in a position to provide the committee.</p> <p>Senator MASON: So there is no report per se. Clearly there was a recommendation made.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: There were commission papers. Papers come to the commission for decision. Documentation and</p>	Page 45, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>analysis would have come to the commission. I would need to take on notice what part of that we might be in a position to provide the committee.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I am sure that the committee would appreciate anything that you can provide. I can understand the sensitivities with this. I am not blind to them. But if it is possible I would appreciate that.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: It is best that Dr Nicoll takes it on notice and take some advice. As you know, it is highly controversial.</p>			
BI-23	Rhiannon	TEQSA	Private higher education staff data	<p>Senator RHIANNON: In February we were advised that the private higher education providers are currently not required to report staff data. Will TEQSA be asking private higher education providers to report staff data?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: Yes, we will.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So this will obviously be quite helpful.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: In fact, it will be the first time that that will be collected across the whole higher education sector. That is one of the things that TEQSA represents. It is a national regulator of the entire higher education sector, both the universities and the private providers. It means that there is an opportunity to collect data that we will be able to draw upon across all of those.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I want to check again about the full-time equivalent basis. Are casual staff reported only as a full-time equivalent basis and not as accountive individuals?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: I will take that on notice because by the time I find the answer to that question we could well have exceeded the time that you have to ask me questions. I am happy to take on notice what we are proposing—acknowledging, though, that what we have put out initially is for consultation and we have not settled our final information request of providers. I am very happy to provide you with the details of that on notice.</p>	Page 49, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-24	Rhiannon	Tertiary Quality and Participation	Higher Education Standards Panel	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Minister, while you popped out I asked a question about the Higher Education Standards Panel. Why is there no staff representative on</p>	Page 49, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>that panel?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I will take that on notice. I cannot recall. Obviously the panel has been appointed and the composition is known. I will take a question on notice as to what consideration was given to a staff representative at the time. I just do not recall.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But, Minister, were you not responsible? We have only two, four or five people on the panel. I understood that you are the person who signed off on it and had a large input into it. I would have thought that that could be provided to us now.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: The membership?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: No, I have the membership in front of me. I want to know why there is no staff representative.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: The first issue is: as I have told you a couple of times today, that is not currently before us; it is TEQSA appearing before you at the moment. I am the minister at the table. I am happy to answer questions about the portfolio this afternoon. As I said to you, we appointed them. As I recall, they were not appointed as representatives of anybody. They were appointed on merit, not in any representative capacity. As to the question about whether we gave consideration to a staff representative, I said I would take that on notice. I do not recall. But it was not a question of people being appointed in any representative capacity.</p>			
BI-25	Nash	ASQA	ASQA registrations	<p>Senator NASH: How many individual courses would you have registered since ASQA came into being?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We register courses individually when they do not fit into a training package framework.</p> <p>Senator NASH: How long does that take?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We might have to take on notice how long that takes. We have 1,811 accredited courses that are listed on the national register—that is nationally—and right now ASQA is responsible for 928 of those. There are still a number of those being registered by Queensland and there are also some being registered by Victoria and WA. We have developed agreements. Part of</p>	Page 53, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				the work that we are doing at the moment is developing ongoing agreements with those two regulators. It is to make sure that we try to eliminate the regulator shopping issue, that if they get knocked back by one of us they do not go the other. All the remaining regulators have the authority to regulate courses nationally as well as within their jurisdiction, so the purpose here is to make sure that we do not end up with courses being registered that could have been offered in a training package. We want people to get the course that the industry recognises as the one needed for the workforce, so we want to keep other courses to a minimum, if you like, where the training package does not offer coverage. In the past there has been a lot of regulator shopping and certain people who wanted to set up a course really tried to set these courses up just so they could market them with their own brand name, even though they were available under training packages. We are trying to eliminate that practice.			
BI-26	Nash	ASQA	ASQA registrations	<p>Senator NASH: Roughly how many hours would it take for one of these registrations to be assessed?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We will come back to you with the time it takes to assess a course application. I do not have those figures with me.</p>	Page 53, Monday 28 May 2012	24/08/2012	20/09/2012
BI-27	Nash	ASQA	Registration fee structure	<p>Mr Robinson: So, for initial renewal of registration there is an application lodgement fee of \$640. There is also a fee of \$3,300 for the application to either become a new RTO or renew their registration. After every five years they are required to renew their registration. Of course, in the case of the transition here, every provider that has come across to ASQA, either on 1 July or since, has its registration continue and does not have to pay a new fee until they come up for re-registration again.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I am sorry, I might have missed this earlier. What is that \$3,300?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: That is an assessment fee for an initial or a registration renewal application. But that is for an RTO that has up to 10 qualifications and up to 20 units of competency. Then it is \$100 for each additional qualification, to a maximum of \$10,000, although they</p>	Pages 57 and 58, Monday 28 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>would have a lot of qualifications to get to that.</p> <p>Senator NASH: So, I could have one through to nine and I would get that \$3,300?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: Yes. That is correct.</p> <p>Senator NASH: After that is it incremental until you hit a ceiling?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We will table the existing fee structure for you in answer to your question.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Yes, that would be really useful rather than trying to do it like this.</p>			
BI-28	Mason	Higher Education	CSP undergraduate and postgraduate course work places – estimates for forward years	<p>Senator MASON: On page 94, the number of CSP undergraduate places gives a 2011 revised estimate. Why does it only have two years? You have a 2011-12 revised estimate, \$486,500, and then \$512,000 for 2012-13. You have only got two years and usually—is this not right?—you have deliverables for four years, the usual length for these things in DEEWR, Health and FaHCSIA? Why is it only for two years?</p> <p>Mr Griew: This is the first time that we have reported in this portfolio for this program, and your observation that we reported more years in the previous DEEWR PBS, to my recollection, is right. It is no change of heart on our part. I think we are just complying with a different format.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mr Griew: If there is a particular metric that you are particularly interested in, we could provide it if we have the data. It will depend on the specific statistic you are after as to whether we have the data going that far forward and on what basis.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: We could provide it. It is not difficult.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Could you provide the estimates of Commonwealth supported places—CSP places—for all the forward years? Is that possible?</p> <p>Mr Griew: The undergraduate places?</p> <p>Senator MASON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Griew: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON: And also for the postgraduate course work places as well, which is the next list down.</p>	Pages 60 and 61, Monday 18 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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			<p>Mr Griew: Yes. You will appreciate that that is on whatever basis they have been gathered and the current state of the estimates.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I understand that. I am sure, gentlemen, you understand why this is important. If you are estimating an increase over the next forward estimates in expenditure of a billion dollars roughly, that has to be based on something.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Yes, I understand. We can give you what we have in terms of calendar years, if you like. We have not actually got the financial years right in front of us.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: The calendar years are actually more helpful because of the—</p> <p>Senator MASON: Yes, because of the university year. If you could provide that to the committee at a later stage, that would be very useful.</p> <p>Mr Griew: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: I have something for you. I can read it.</p> <p>Senator MASON: If you could help me, that would be delightful.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Undergraduate EFSL, looking at 2013 and 2014, is what I have got on paper.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Hold on. This is 2013 and 2014?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: So, for calendar year 2013 undergraduate and enabling places, 535,600; and for 2014, 552,800. If you want postgraduate places, we have for 2013, 36,800; and for 2014, 37,900. That gives you a total in 2013 of 572,400.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Yes, although the forward estimates that we have quoted before, that goes up to 2015 and 2016, does it not?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: I do not have those in front of me.</p> <p>Senator MASON: You haven't?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: No. I have just got 2013 and 2014 at this stage.</p> <p>Senator MASON: That is fine, but you see the point, do you not?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We will get them for you. He just</p>			
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				<p>does not have them in front of him. Senator MASON: Okay. Mr de Carvalho: Would you like the total for 2014? Senator MASON: Yes, go ahead. Mr de Carvalho: That gives you a total in 2014 of 590,700. Senator MASON: That will do for the moment. What we know is that the estimate is for \$6.9 billion at the end of the forward estimates; we know that, correct? Mr de Carvalho: Yes. Senator MASON: Clearly that is related to what? What are the inputs there? It is the growth in undergraduate places and postgraduate places; that is right, isn't it? Mr de Carvalho: Yes. Senator MASON: And you will give that to the committee shortly? Mr Griev: Plus the loadings built in. Mr de Carvalho: Yes, the various loadings as well. Senator MASON: What are they? Mr de Carvalho: You have enabling loading. You have regional loading. That is right.</p>			
BI-29	Colbeck	Higher Education	Animal Welfare Governance	<p>Senator COLBECK: At the February estimates I asked some questions about Mataranka Station. I am wondering whether you have followed up and whether the Animal Welfare Governance Subcommittee has reconvened and, if so, when? Mr de Carvalho: You will have to remind me of the questions that you have put on notice. If I recall the conversation that we had at the time, which I unfortunately do not do very well, I am trying to find my briefs for the last period and your question on notice. Senator COLBECK: I am not sure that we gave you anything on notice. Senator Chris Evans: Is this the one about the Northern Territory property? Mr de Carvalho: The cattle, yes. Senator COLBECK: One of the recommendations of the report was that the Animal Welfare Governance subcommittee would reconvene in April.</p>	Page 69, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Mr de Carvalho: That is not an Australian government subcommittee.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I know it is not an Australian government subcommittee. It is a CDU subcommittee.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Given your oversight of CDU and the breadth of that broader issue of animal welfare, I am just wondering if you have followed that up or not?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: I have not, but I can do so. We can easily ascertain, in the course of the afternoon, with a phone call to the CDU as to whether that meeting took place.</p>			
BI-30	Mason	Higher Education	Low-SES students	<p>Senator MASON: That is my point. What is the proportion of low-SES students? Is that increasing?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Is the participation increasing, or is the graduation increasing?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: I would have to take that on notice, but the evidence shows that the success rates are the same after the first year.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I am with the minister on this. I think participation is something, but what really matters is graduation.</p> <p>Mr Griew: With respect, the point that Dr Taylor made was that on experience there is a mid-point which is if you get low-SES students through the first year with the skills to succeed in the first year then that massively increases the graduation rate. There is some point in having an intermediate measure.</p> <p>Senator MASON: It is better than nothing. I accept that. Dr Taylor, can you give that to the committee? For how many years do you have robust statistics on low-SES engagement?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: We can go back as far as the statistics themselves, which is probably 2001.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I was going to ask for five years, but if you can go back 10 years, that is better still. Is that all right?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: Yes, we could.</p>	Page 71, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				Senator MASON: I would like to see whether the proportion starting, in particular, and graduating has increased.			
BI-31	Mason	Higher Education	Low-SES students - statistics	<p>Senator Chris Evans: There is another thing that I would like to make a point on. I am sure Senator Nash is interested in this. When we talk about low socioeconomic, a lot of these are people from rural and regional Australia where incomes are, on average, lower. I think some people may think of it as the downtrodden super poor, and that is not the measure at all. I am not trying to be disparaging about anyone, but a lot of this just reflects people's postcodes and the low socioeconomic participation. A big part of this has been lifting participation in rural and regional Australia and from other postcodes of outer suburbs of the cities. What is the official measure of low socioeconomic that we use?</p> <p>Mr Griew: That is the postcode measure for the target. The 20 per cent target is based on the postcode.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Clearly you would have statistics for that and you would also have statistics relating to Indigeneity that would not be related to that cohort, would it?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: No. It is a separate measure.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Do you have that as well?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Can we have that as well for the last decade?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: I will have to check if we have those figures, but I think we do. With the review of Indigenous participation and outcomes in universities, which I have been involved with, we found some interesting patterns which went to exactly that question, which was that we found three groups of universities. There were those with very high enrolments with very high attrition rates, those with very low enrolments who had very high success rates for a lower group, and then the pleasing thing was that we found some that had both high enrolment and high success rates. It obviously leads us to the question of what they are doing right.</p>	Pages 71 and 72, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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BI-32	Mason	Higher Education	Cross Institutional Student Numbers	<p>Senator MASON: Indeed. So you would give up your Commonwealth supported place. That is right, isn't it?</p> <p>Dr Groom: If you are enrolled through OUA, it cannot offer Commonwealth supported places. It is not a higher education provider.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I just want to make sure that we get this right. If you enrolled online with, for example, two different universities, let us say Griffith and Charles Sturt, you would be subject to the fee at both?</p> <p>Dr Groom: Yes.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: I am not sure how common this is.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I was going to ask how common it is.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: I have, for example, recently completed a qualification through the ANU which involved me studying as an external student through an arrangement with Monash. I was, if you like, enrolled and received my qualification through ANU, but that meant that I had to, due to various circumstances, take a subject at Monash. I am not enrolled in two universities and paying the student amenities fee.</p> <p>Senator MASON: You are getting a cross accreditation, in effect, like you were enrolled at one uni.</p> <p>Mr Griew: If you are enrolled at two universities you are presumably taking a risk with their enrolment policies. I would have thought that it would be better to enrol with one in an arrangement like that.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Unless, of course, you are studying for two degrees at the same time with two different universities. I think that if people have the kind of arrangement that I am talking about, they are actually doing one degree, or one qualification, at a time. They have their base enrolment at one university and they may be required to take, as an external student, a unit of work somewhere else.</p> <p>Senator MASON: So your point is that you would not pay another fee for that external unit?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: No, because it is being delivered on behalf of—</p> <p>Senator MASON: I understand that.</p>	Page 74, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
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				<p>Mr Griew: We have not given you advice on how common each arrangement is, and that is where Open Universities comes into it.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Mr Griew, can you advise the committee on how common these arrangements are?</p> <p>Mr Griew: To the extent that we can find out, we will take it on notice.</p>			
BI-33	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Education Investment Fund	<p>Senator RHIANNON: On the education infrastructure fund, I understand that the original commitment for this fund was \$11 billion. Is that likely? Is there any intention or possibility of us reaching that amount? My recollection was that the government originally committed to topping up the fund from any future budget surpluses.</p> <p>Mr Hart: When the EIF was created in January 2009, the balance of the higher education endowment fund was transferred, and that was \$6.484 billion. There have been no further deposits to the EIF since then.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Minister, I might go to you then. Is that correct, that it was originally going to be \$11 billion?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I am not familiar with that figure. I am not saying you are wrong, but I would have to take that on notice. It does not ring a bell with me. The officers can help you with how we have expended the EIF funding we have been allocated, but the management of the fund is with finance, is it?</p> <p>Mr Griew: That is correct, the department of finance, and the global financial crisis has somewhat inhibited the ability of the government to top it up.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I appreciate that. Minister, could you take on notice what the original amount was and whether it is correct that the government originally committed to top up the fund from any future budget surpluses?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I will take that on notice rather than have a slash outside the off stump.</p>	Page 79, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-34	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Education Investment Fund – funding for public	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Just to look at trends within that, too, I understand the EIF regional priorities round indicates a large number of private VET providers on the</p>	Pages 79 and 80, Monday 28 May 2012	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

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			universities, public VET providers and private providers	<p>stage 2 shortlist for that round.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: There were only one or two, I think.</p> <p>Mr Hart: There are some private providers; there are also a significant number of TAFEs in that 27 as well. There were only a small number of RTOs; I do not have the exact figures here.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So my information is wrong; it is not a large number of private VET providers in stage 2?</p> <p>Mr Hart: They are mainly TAFEs.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you give me the numbers, please? I am interested in that.</p> <p>Mr Hart: I do not have the exact numbers, but I can provide that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you also take on notice how much funding is being provided in each round to public universities, the public VET providers and private providers?</p> <p>Mr Hart: We can provide that. I can give you a breakdown of higher education versus the VET sector for the previous competitive rounds of EIF.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>Mr Hart: Round 2 was the first competitive round of the Education Investment Fund available to VET providers. The amount committed for higher education in round 2 was \$480.54 million; for vocational education and training it was \$131.95 million. Do you want the research number as well?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Hart: It was \$321.7 million.</p> <p>Mr Griew: I am just checking, but I do not have any recollection of private providers being in the EIF list so far, other than in this second round.</p> <p>Mr Hart: We are providing information on notice.</p> <p>Mr Griew: Okay, we will get you that breakdown too then.</p>			
BI-35	Nash	Tertiary Strategies	Independent Youth Allowance	<p>Senator NASH: Yes, I was after a subset, and I can appreciate that is difficult. To go to the much broader question then, is it possible to give me, over the last five</p>	Page 80, Monday 28 May 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>years, just the total amount that has been expended on independent youth allowance regardless of any of the breakdown of regional et cetera? Is that possible? I appreciate that it might not be possible right this second, but would that be possible?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: We could take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Griew: We will take that on notice. It will be a question of what DHS is able to do for us out of that data set. It makes sense that we will not be able to model it. You can model anything, of course; it just depends on how accurate the modelling will be.</p>			
BI-36	Nash	Tertiary Strategies	Independent Youth Allowance – reasons for rejection	<p>Senator NASH:</p> <p>The answer to question 171 was about whether any of the students had their application for independent youth allowance rejected. Thank you for breaking all of that down for me. There are two categories I was interested in getting a bit of an explanation on. A reason for rejection is: ‘in receipt of parental-like support’. What does that mean and why is it a reason for rejection?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator NASH: One of the other ones that I was interested in is: ‘refuses to contact parent-guardian’ as a reason for rejection for independent youth allowance.</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: I imagine that is about establishing—</p> <p>Senator NASH: No, I do not want ‘imagine’.</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: I would have to take that on notice, then.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: In the case I had personal experience with, my wife, my partner, provided a stat dec in support of his application as he tried to establish his case. We will get to the answer. It is not administered by the department, but we will get you an explanation of the terms and how they apply them.</p> <p>Senator NASH: That would be good. Perhaps the explanation of the term and the reasoning behind that particular category being used as a criterion.....</p>	Pages 81 and 82, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-37	Nash	Tertiary Strategies	Independent Youth Allowance – parental cap	<p>Senator NASH: Thank you for providing the figures in question on notice response AI-56, to do with the \$150,000 parental cap on the independent youth</p>	Pages 82 and 83, Monday 28 May 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012

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			<p>allowance. I understand it was done in such a way that we could do it comparatively. To be able to get a proper comparison you used outer regional, remote and very remote areas and then from January to June 2010 there were 2,219 students accessing independent youth allowance. Following the implementation of the \$150,000 cap from what was supposed to be January to June 2011, it had dropped to 1,270. On first reading of that—and it was a direct comparison before and after the introduction of the cap—is that not alarming? Did that not ring alarm bells that there was such a significant drop in the amount of students accessing independent youth allowance after the introduction of the parental \$150,000 cap?</p> <p>Mr Griew: Can I just check—the \$150,000 cap was introduced with the extension of the exemption which allowed at first outer regional—</p> <p>Senator NASH: No, it existed from 2010. It came in with the suite of measures, as I understand it.</p> <p>Mr Griew: It is an issue. We need to be able to monitor it, but for every data point we have got, because there have been so many changes, there is never a point where there is only one thing happening. You have a massive increase in the number of dependent students and we have these changes, which are much smaller in the number of independent students, so it is very hard to determine what has caused what.</p> <p>Senator NASH: It is, but to me almost halving sends off serious alarm bells. Taking what you have said into account, can you then provide for me in the corresponding periods—January to June 2010, and then January to June 2011—how many students were accessing dependent youth allowance at the full rate? Because, as you are saying, there might be, in that second set of statistics, that 1,270, but I want the comparative of the two.</p> <p>Mr Griew: We will take that on notice. That is the right comparison, yes.</p> <p>Senator NASH: That would be great. How was the \$150,000 figure determined? Why was that arrived at as</p>			
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				<p>the cut-off point?</p> <p>Mr Griew: This goes back to a negotiation that was done while the bill was originally in the Senate. The \$150,000 was taken, as I understand it, by agreement as a measure to ensure that the families that most needed it were the families that would benefit from the exemption.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I understand that. The Minister has explained that previously. But why \$150,000?</p> <p>Mr Griew: It was a figure used in a number of other benefits. That is my understanding.</p> <p>Senator NASH: So, it was just a standard reference point that related to other matters?</p> <p>Mr Griew: It was a reference point arrived at.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Could you take on notice for me then to provide for me the other benefits that that \$150,000 relates to and why the \$150,000 was determined initially as the appropriate amount across all of those areas as well?</p> <p>Mr Griew: I want to stress that my explanation that I am providing that follow-up answer to—and we are happy to do it—was that it was not set in government. It was a negotiation that took place while the bill was in the Senate.</p> <p>Senator NASH: I am not that interested in how it got through and what happened. I am trying to figure out—if that is the explanation that you need to take on notice, that for whatever reasons that was agreed to, that that be appropriate, that is all fine. I am just trying to drill down into that.....</p>			
BI-38	Nash	Tertiary Strategies	Regional Income Support Campaign	<p>Senator NASH: I will just now take you to advertising costs for the regional student income support campaign, which I think was an allocation of \$500,000. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: It was \$700,000.</p> <p>Senator NASH: It was \$700,000. Okay. What was that for, and over what timeframe?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: It was an advertising campaign that comprised four weeks of radio advertising in inner regional areas, six weeks of internet advertising, aimed at</p>	Pages 83 and 84, Monday 28 May 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>regional and remote areas, and national Google search advertising.</p> <p>Senator NASH: To advertise what?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: The changes to the youth allowance arrangements for inner regional students.</p> <p>Senator NASH: So this specifically related to the changes we made and that the minister—thank you, Minister—changed back. So inner regional was treated the same as the other zones; is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: Yes, that is right.</p> <p>Senator NASH: This you will need to help me with, because I am just getting my head around this. On the AusTender website there was a contract notice that was actually saying that the regional student income support campaign advertising was \$550,000. So, it was actually more than that? You said that was \$700,000?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: It was \$700,000 that was allocated to the campaign.</p> <p>Mr Griew: Maybe there were different components.</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: There were some different components, actually.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Yes, if you just want to take that on notice and provide the different components, that would be great.</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: Yes.</p> <p>Senator NASH: How much of that \$700,000 has been spent to date?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: I might need to take that on notice. I do not think I have that with me.</p>			
BI-39	Nash	Tertiary Strategies	Regional Income Support Campaign – spend to date	<p>Senator NASH: So, the money has been expended. That is excellent. Can I ask how much was spent translating into Italian, Arabic and Cantonese?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Has somebody in the room—anyone—got a guess at how much it might have been?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: No.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: What was this for, sorry?</p> <p>Senator NASH: This is for the advertising cost for the regional student income support campaign. There was</p>	Page 84, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>expenditure to translate the materials into Italian, Arabic and Cantonese.</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: I do not have that breakdown. I have the breakdown for the creative development in production, the market research and the media buy.</p> <p>Senator NASH: If you could take that on notice for me.....</p>			
BI-40	Nash	Tertiary Strategies	Regional Income Support Campaign – translation costs	<p>Senator NASH: How did you determine that in the inner regional zones it was necessary to translate into Italian, Arabic and Cantonese? I have to say—I have no qualms that they might not exist—but I am very interested in how much was expended on that. Can I have—if you could take on notice, because I suspect you will not be able to do it now—how you determined how many Italian, Arabic and Cantonese students did not have English as their first language in an inner regional zone? Or do you have that now? Does anybody have that now?</p> <p>Ms Sakkara: The parents were also a target. I imagine that it was the parents who would most need the translation rather than the students.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Even though the students are 18, are probably pretty smart and could figure it out?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I am hoping there is a good reason. I think the choice of those three languages would indicate that there has obviously been some decision making. It is not like we translate into the 27 most common languages. There has obviously been some decision-making process. We will take on notice what that was for you.</p> <p>Mr Griew: We will take on notice whatever the work was that led to that decision.</p> <p>Senator NASH: If you could provide that and in some detail exactly what that decision was based on, what information the department had to hand that indicated that most of these students, or a percentage of these students, would have Italian, Arabic or Cantonese as a second language. How many students currently getting independent youth allowance either have Italian, Arabic or Cantonese as their first language?</p>	Page 84, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Mr Griew: I would be surprised if we know that.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We understand what the question is. We will make sure the answer gives you the full answer, not in a technical sense. I am interested myself, so we will get the answer.</p>			
BI-41	Nash	Tertiary Strategies	Youth Allowance – cost of relocation for students having to move away from home	<p>Senator NASH:Just quickly on apprenticeships. I might just make sure I have finished off all of that first. Again, I am happy for you to take this on notice. Obviously there has been some work done over recent years about the costs of living away from home for tertiary students. I think we were looking at around \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year in 2007 from the evidence and reporting then. Has there been any more recent data about the cost of relocation for students having to move away from home? I am very happy for you to take that on notice. I am just keen to know—that was a while ago now—if there has been any further work done since that time in trying to ascertain if that figure has adjusted at all. I think that is it for youth allowance.....</p>	Page 86, Monday 28 May 2012	20/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-42	Nash	Higher Education	Rural students undertaking tertiary units	<p>Senator NASH: I have a separate issue that I will finish up on. It is a good news story that I am interested in some further information on. The local Catholic college in my home town of Young, Hennessy, has just recently announced a partnership between their school and the Australian Catholic University to allow rural students to undertake tertiary units at the school, which I think is a tremendous initiative. They are opening it up to other students as well as long as they have finished the HSC, even if they have not gone to Hennessy. I think this is great stuff. I am interested to know if this type of modelling is happening anywhere else around the country.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I can talk from personal experience. There is a number of them. For example, here at the Australian National University they have a program offered through the ACT for year 11 and 12 students to undertake essentially tertiary-level qualifications on a part-time basis after school, which is guaranteed recognition as part of their tertiary qualification if they then choose to go on</p>	Page 87, Monday 28 May 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>to that qualification. I imagine there are many examples of that.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: There are a lot of things going on with TAFEs, of course, where there are partnerships.</p> <p>Senator NASH: In the interest of time, insofar as you can find the information for me, can I ask where it is happening. It is not so much with the TAFEs, because I am quite aware of that, but with the actual schools themselves doing this. I am going to have to finish up now, so you can take that on notice.</p>			
BI-43	Colbeck	Corporate	TSI staff movements	<p>Senator COLBECK: How many TE staff have been moved to Industry House so far and over what period?</p> <p>Ms Graham: The only staff that have been moved to Industry House are those relating to the corporate functions. The other staff—</p> <p>Ms Weston: That is not all the corporate functions; some of the corporate functions. Industry House was fairly full at the time of the joining together, so we have been working on accommodation options as a result.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So do we know how many and roughly how much?</p> <p>Ms Graham: Sorry, how many staff have been moved to Industry House?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Graham: I honestly do not know exactly. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If you could take it—</p> <p>Ms Graham: There are probably around 50.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Take on notice an exact number and the total cost for me, please.....</p>	Page 98, Monday 28 May 2012		
BI-44	Colbeck	International Division	Overseas Councillors	<p>Ms Kelly: Largely the network of overseas councillors that were formerly with DEEWR have transferred to us. I think there is one exception. I will take on notice and confirm. A councillor working more on the employment side of the portfolio did not come. But I think all of the other members of the overseas council and network have transferred to the new DIISRTE department to join the four posts that we already had overseas.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So which is the one that has not?</p>	Page 98, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Ms Kelly: I am just confirming the overseas councillor that has not transferred to DEEWR is one that was working with the International Labour Organisation in the OECD.</p> <p>Mr Griew: There are two. The International Labour Organisation has a DEEWR post there. There is the OECD, to which the council level Australian based staff member will be continuing with DEEWR but will continue to do work for us. It is just that the majority of the responsibilities sat on the DEEWR side of the portfolio.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So those two remain in place but stayed with DEEWR?</p> <p>Mr Griew: Yes. That is right.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So there is still the same number of people there but they have moved in classification?</p> <p>Mr Griew: That is not a change of classification.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: A change in department?</p> <p>Mr Griew: Well, they stayed. It is the same number of aid based councillors and the same number of locally engaged staff. In each case, we had to make a decision about which portfolio's interest the majority of their work aligned with.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: It might pay if you give us on notice the posts that have relocated departments. You have given me the two that have stayed with DEEWR.</p> <p>Mr Griew: Sure. We can give you a list of posts that moved.</p>			
BI-45	Joyce	Science and Infrastructure	Solar Flagships	<p>Senator JOYCE: What is your role in the education side of the solar flagships? What exactly are we doing with the \$100 million? What is the actual role?</p> <p>Ms McLaughlin: We are funding research infrastructure.</p> <p>Senator JOYCE: How many staff?</p> <p>Ms McLaughlin: I could not answer that. I could take it on notice. We are not funding research itself. We are not funding researchers. The education investment fund is funding for the creation and development of infrastructure that will sit, in the case of Solar Dawn, at the Chinchilla site that will enable research to be</p>	Page 102, Monday 28 May 2012	14/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				conducted that is being funded by the University of Queensland and others.			
BI-46	Nash	Skills Australia	Total wages bill	<p>Senator NASH: How many people are currently employed by Skills Australia?</p> <p>Mr Shreeve: We have currently got 31 people in positions.</p> <p>Senator NASH: And how many of those actually work in a research capacity?</p> <p>Mr Shreeve: There is a mixture of policy and research, so we have lots of people with PhDs. They are writing policy but they have to research about policy. So we do some of our research ourselves and we also contract out some research.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Is there any way of giving some sort of sense, or is it just impossible to split the two?</p> <p>Mr Shreeve: I think it would be at least 50 per cent of the people are actively—</p> <p>Senator NASH: Doing some sort of research?</p> <p>Mr Shreeve: We are doing secondary research. We are reading NCVER, international papers and things like that. For example, for some of our projects we do industry surveys as well.</p> <p>Senator NASH: What is the total wages bill for the staff?</p> <p>Mr Shreeve: It is about half a million dollars.</p> <p>Senator NASH: If you take on notice the exact figure, that would be great.....</p>	Page 103, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-47	Colbeck	eBusiness	ICT Systems to continue to be provided by DEEWR	<p>Senator COLBECK: Your projected finalisation date for the ICT is September?</p> <p>Ms Weston: That is correct, bearing in mind some of the activities will continue on by DEEWR under MOUs.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: What sorts of things will stay with DEEWR.</p> <p>Ms Weston: I might ask my colleague to answer that.</p> <p>Mr Stirling: The number of activities that will continue to be provided by DEEWR under MOU arrangements are largely related to some of the larger systems that have been hosted by DEEWR for some period of time. Those systems are quite intermeshed with DEEWR's SAP financial processing system. The decision was made that</p>	Page 4, Tuesday 29 May 20112	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>it was actually quite onerous and expensive to disentangle that, and it made more sense from a financial perspective to continue that arrangement on an ongoing basis with DEEWR hosting those services.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: What sorts of programs are we talking about?</p> <p>Mr Stirling: There is a whole range of systems that underpin the operations of the tertiary skills and international cluster of divisions.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Is it possible for you to give us a list of those on notice?</p> <p>Ms Weston: Of course.</p>			
BI-48	Colbeck	Corporate	Departmental Signage	<p>Senator COLBECK: Has all of the department's signage been changed to reflect the shift in the departmental name, and what is the total cost so far?</p> <p>Ms Graham: My understanding is that we are progressively changing the signage across all of our properties. I do not have the cost here, but I can take that on notice.</p>	Page 5, Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-49	Colbeck	Corporate	Departmental Stationery	<p>Senator COLBECK: What about stationery?</p> <p>Ms Graham: I am not sure whether we would be able to take the cost of that on notice. We are encouraging people to use the stationery that was around and then as their stocks deplete to replace them with the new department's name.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So run down existing stocks and then move into the new formats?</p> <p>Ms Graham: That is right.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: If there is anything that you can give me on costing, I would appreciate it.</p>	Page 5, Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-50	Colbeck	Minister Combet's Office	Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre	<p>Senator COLBECK: I want to go on to the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre. With whom in the industry did Minister Combet have specific consultations with about the establishment of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre before it was announced on budget night?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: The announcement of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre was made on budget night. The announcement of that initiative states that the</p>	Pages 5 and 6, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Prime Minister’s Taskforce on Manufacturing will be assisting with industry consultations in relation to that. So we have not undertaken industry consultation as yet.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So there was no industry consultation before the announcement on budget night?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Not on that specific initiative. The minister may have undertaken industry consultation himself, but the department did not undertake industry consultation.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Well, that was my question. With whom in industry did Minister Combet have specific consultations?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: Perhaps I could take that on notice for the minister.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you do not have any information on that at all? The department has no information on that at all?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: Senator Colbeck, the government listens to industry, and I think this has been demonstrated by the establishment of the manufacturing taskforce. We have asked the taskforce to consult with industry on the implementation of the centre.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: That is actually what I am trying to determine—whether there was any consultation. I am just asking if anybody knows if there was. We know that the department did not consult. That has been established. What I want to know is whether the minister had any consultations.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I will have to take that on notice.</p>			
BI-51	Colbeck	Minister Combet’s Office	Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre – communication with CSIRO regarding the establishment of the Centre	<p>Innovation Council.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: On what date did Minister Combet and/or his staff first discuss the subject of the centre directly with the CSIRO?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: Sorry, was that question about the minister or the minister’s staff?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I am presuming that you will want to take this on notice as well. On how many occasions</p>	Page 7, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>since has Minister Combet or anyone from his office written to or directly discussed with the CSIRO details of the establishment of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre?</p> <p>Dr Russell: Dr Megan Clark, who is the Chief Executive of the CSIRO, is on the Prime Minister's Taskforce on Manufacturing. So she was there on 25 May.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes, but that is a different question. What I am looking for are specific conversations from the minister or his office with the CSIRO around the establishment of the centre.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I can take that on notice and we can help out where we can, or I suggest that you may want to direct some questions on notice to the CSIRO.</p>			
BI-52	Colbeck	Minister Combet's Office	Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre – communication with CRCs	<p>Senator COLBECK: How many discussions has the government had with the Advanced Manufacturing CRC, the AutoCRC and the CRC for Advanced Composite Materials about the new centre?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I personally have not had any discussions as yet.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Do we know if anyone has?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Senator Lundy, if you could also take on notice whether Minister Combet's office has had those discussions and on what dates, please.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Page 8, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-53	Ryan	Manufacturing	Funding for Holden – SA government approval and signing	<p>Senator RYAN: This announcement was made by the Prime Minister and the industry minister on 22 March. On what day and, if possible, at what time was the South Australian government approval and signing of the final arrangements sought by the Commonwealth?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I certainly cannot give the timing. The arrangements were such that the Commonwealth negotiated with Holden, and separately the Victorian and South Australian governments negotiated with Holden, on the package. I do not have a timing on when the South Australian government came to an agreement of its contribution with Holden.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Do you have a date?</p>	Page 13, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Mr Durrant: I think that that is a matter for the South Australian government.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Are you aware of the date in which the South Australian government actually signed on to this deal? I am gathering that you are aware of it, Mr Durrant.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I am.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Can you provide the committee with the date that the South Australian government signed?</p> <p>Mr Lawson: We would prefer to take that on notice. We are talking about another government's decision-making processes, which is what we are a little bit uncomfortable with. It is just on that basis.</p>			
BI-54	Ryan	Manufacturing	Funding for Holden – date the SA government was first informed of the details for the public announcements	<p>Senator RYAN: I appreciate that. I have a whole series of questions on this. I am going to have a whole series of questions on those issues with respect to the Victorian government. We might be able to go to this now. When was the South Australian government first informed by the Commonwealth of the details for the public announcements of 22 March?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Sorry; I will have to take that on notice. I do not know the answer.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Similarly, you might have to take this on notice: on what day was the Victorian government first informed of the details for the public announcement on the 22 March?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: In both cases, when was it asked if it would like to have a representative at the announcement?.....</p>	Page 14, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-55	Ryan	Manufacturing	Funding for Holden – SA government's first contributions	<p>Senator RYAN: In what financial year are the South Australian government's first contributions to the Holden package, if you are aware of those details? I assume this has been taken into account with your contract negotiations.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: It has been. Again, I will have to make sure that the South Australian government has made that public before I can make it public.</p>	Page 14, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-56	Boswell	Manufacturing	Resource Sector Supplier	<p>Senator BOSWELL: Potential is not signing the contract. Thank you for that. There are the four resource</p>	Page 18, Tuesday 29 May	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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			Advocates	<p>sector supplier advocates. Who are they?</p> <p>Ms Anton: At this stage we are still seeking to appoint those additional four advocates. We do have one in the steel industry, which is Dennis O’Neill. There are five in total working within that sphere. So there are four additional appointments that are yet to be made.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: There is Dennis O’Neill and Peter Beattie and you have three others?</p> <p>Ms Anton: No, there are four others.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: What is Dennis O’Neill? What experience does he have in the resource sector?</p> <p>Ms Anton: Dennis O’Neill is working specifically as the steel supplier advocate. We grouped that under the resources sector in terms of the work that we are progressing. He was chosen due to his strong background in the steel sector, which included periods as the CEO for United Group and Evans Deakin.</p> <p>Senator BOSWELL: How much money has been spent in total on payments and salary to the resources sector supplier advocates?</p> <p>Ms Anton: I would have to take that on notice, Senator. It would really go to the costs for Mr O’Neill. I can tell you the number of days he has worked at this stage, but I would have to take the rest on notice.</p>	2012		
BI-57	Ryan	Manufacturing	Departmental Emails	<p>Senator RYAN: Mr Lawson, how many emails did you exchange with the minister and/or his staff between August last year and March this year? I appreciate there might need to be some degree of—</p> <p>Mr Lawson: I might need to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: How often would you email them?</p> <p>Mr Lawson: It very much varies, Senator, as to whether events are running hot on a particular day. You may have as many as 20 emails in a day churn or sometimes an absence of an email.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I appreciate that. Mr Durrant, would the same answer apply to you?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Yes, it does.</p>	Page 19, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-58	Ryan	AusIndustry	Green Car Innovation Fund -	<p>Senator RYAN:What was the reason for the almost 18 months that it took to consider the Nexteer</p>	Page 21, Tuesday 29 May	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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			Nexteer Automotive	<p>Automotive application? The date of their application was January 2010 and the final approval was almost six months later, in June 2010.</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: It was six months?</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Sorry, 18 months. It was January 2010 to June 2011. Nexteer Automotive Australia Pty Ltd: it stands out with a number of others as being long.</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: This was one about which both the committee and the board required additional information. Before the committee could refer it on to Innovation Australia, it required additional information. Then once it was considered by Innovation Australia, as a board they too required additional information. There were changes that came to light in terms of company structures that needed to be taken into account. Then, of course, it had to be considered by cabinet.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So the process is that the committee required further information. Then they approved it. Then Innovation Australia required further information before they approved it and recommended it to cabinet?</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So in terms of the delay here—I appreciate that part of it will be about lining up for meetings; you may need to take some of this on notice—how quickly was the further information requested? You could request further information after a two-month wait or after a two-week wait. I appreciate the company will take some time to get back. I am interested in the dates for further requests from the committee for information and when the company was able to get back to them. The second is the consideration by the committee. I want simply a timeline of application, consideration, request for information and feedback all through the process because it does seem like an inordinately long period of time.</p> <p>Ms Kennedy: Yes.</p>	2012		
BI-59	Ryan	Corporate	Departmental Vehicles	<p>Senator RYAN: In answer to question on notice AI-248—I think this is a question for the department—we were told that the department owned 13 cars. How many</p>	Pages 21 and 22, Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>cars does the department now own following the machinery of government changes?</p> <p>Ms Graham: Senator, we have 150 vehicles that are leased or owned.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: How many of these, and particularly those you own—I appreciate you might need to take this question on notice, because I would like to know how many the department owns as well—fall into the top rating category under the Green Vehicle Guide?</p> <p>Ms Graham: We will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: How many of those you own—and I assume all of those you lease, if not for the odd exception, such as four-wheel drives and things—were manufactured in Australia by Ford, Holden or Toyota?</p> <p>Ms Graham: I do not have the breakdown in terms of manufacturing, but I can tell you that 23 of those vehicles are imported vehicles. Fourteen of them are special purpose trucks.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: If you take the other information on notice, I would appreciate that.....</p>			
BI-60	Ryan	Manufacturing	Green Car Innovation Fund - evaluation	<p>Senator RYAN:I am coming to an end. At the last estimates hearing we discussed the anticipated evaluation of the Green Car Innovation Fund. We were told that it had not commenced. Has it commenced since? I tried to coordinate these questions as best I can.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Senator, the evaluation has not yet commenced.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Are there plans for it to commence?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Yes. It is on the department’s list of program evaluations and it is scheduled for the first quarter of 2013.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I recall that we had a discussion about this last time. If I am correct, was a rough timeline provided last time for the anticipated? I do not think it was, was it?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So when was the decision made to commence this in the first quarter next year?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: It was a decision made by the executive. I</p>	Page 22, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>will have to check. Ms Weston: I cannot exactly recall the date, but in the last couple of months the executive looked at the list of possible evaluations and it was considered at that time. Senator RYAN: Can you take on notice for me the date the decision was taken to commence that on the first quarter of next year? Ms Weston: Yes, I will, Senator.</p>			
BI-61	Colbeck	Manufacturing	Carbon Tax	<p>Senator COLBECK: When did the department first see the list of 500 emitters that will have the carbon tax directly applied to them? Ms Butler: I will have to call upon one of my colleagues for that. Mr Lawson: When those data become publicly available. That is when we get the data. Under the act, that material is covered. It is held tight. Senator COLBECK: So you did not see it until it became publicly available? Mr Lawson: Correct. Senator COLBECK: Can you give me the date that was, please? Mr Lawson: I would have to take that on notice. I think I can remember looking it up.</p>	Page 23, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-62	Colbeck	Enterprise Connect	Staffing	<p>Senator COLBECK: How many Enterprise Connect staff are currently based in Canberra? Ms Zielke: We currently have 42.8 staff that are Canberra based. Senator COLBECK: Has that changed since the program started in 2008? Ms Zielke: I expect that it has changed. It has gone up. By how much, I am afraid I would need to take on notice. Senator COLBECK: How many are on the pay roll in any form outside Canberra? Ms Zielke: We have 42 business advisers and 54 other staff across the program that are employed by the department. We have a range of partner organisation arrangements whereby business advisers are actually employed by industry associations. Senator COLBECK: Do you know how many business</p>	Page 27, Tuesday 29 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>advisers would come through that category? Ms Zielke: Fifty-five. Senator COLBECK: In partner organisations? Ms Zielke: Yes. Senator COLBECK: I would not expect you to have the support staff as part of that process, would you? Ms Zielke: The support staff are already in the figures that I quoted. Senator COLBECK: In that 54? Ms Zielke: Yes. Senator COLBECK: You might have to take this on notice too. I am interested in the change since 2008. Ms Zielke: Yes, Senator. I will take that on notice.</p>			
BI-63	Colbeck	Enterprise Connect	Clean Technology Innovation Centre – annual spend on admin and overheads	<p>Senator COLBECK: How much is spent annually on admin and overheads for the Clean Technology Innovation Centre? How many business reviews has it completed? Ms Zielke: I can tell you how many business reviews it has completed, but I would need to take the costs on notice. To date, the Clean Technology Innovation Centre has provided business reviews to 296 clients since it was established in 2009-10.</p>	Page 27, Tuesday 29 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-64	Colbeck	Enterprise Connect	Staffing – number of communication and media officers	<p>Senator COLBECK: And how many communication and media officers in any form are there across Enterprise Connect? Ms Zielke: I believe we have four people involved in assisting in that regard, but their time is not permanently on communications or marketing activities. So I will seek clarification in relation to what that works out as an ASL figure for you. I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 27, Tuesday 29 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-65	Colbeck	Enterprise Connect	Staff salaries	<p>Senator COLBECK: How much in total has been spent on salaries for Enterprise Connect staff and anyone else who has provided services for each of the years 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, with 2011-12 obviously being to date? Do you have a total expenditure on staff? You have obviously 55 in arrangements and the other— Ms Zielke: Other 139, I think it is. Senator COLBECK: Can you give us a total spend on salaries for them?</p>	Pages 27 and 28, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Ms Zielke: I would not have that information in front of me, no.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you will need to do that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Yes.</p>			
BI-66	Colbeck	Manufacturing	Space Policy Section - staffing	<p>Senator COLBECK: I have some pretty quick questions here. How many ASL are in the Space Policy Section at the moment?</p> <p>Dr Green: Approximately seven.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Approximately seven?</p> <p>Dr Green: It is six or seven depending on graduates and people moving in and out of the section as they go to other jobs.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So is that six to seven total across the department?</p> <p>Dr Green: That is the total involved in space policy activities. There are other people involved in, for example, the SKA.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So how many in total across the department and the agencies, and how do they collaborate?</p> <p>Dr Green: I would have to take on notice the total number of people involved in space across the agencies. There is an astronomy and space science group in CSIRO. That has some function in coordinating space activities within CSIRO to bring a whole-of-CSIRO perspective on space. Space is a focus of activity within government and within most organisations outside government in Australia which is not necessarily a primary function of particular areas or people. It is often part of their work. Getting a precise figure on people who are involved in space work is not a trivial question.</p>	Page 28, Tuesday 29 May 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-67	Colbeck	AusIndustry	R&D Tax Concession – Legal Costs	<p>Senator COLBECK: I have some quick questions on the R&D tax changes. I want a couple of specific numbers. I want to know how much has been spent on advertising and on legal advice in relation to the change from the R&D tax concession to the R&D tax incentive.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: In answer to your first question regarding</p>	Page 29, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>advertising for the R&D tax incentive for the financial year 2011-12, we have spent \$144,478 on advertising and marketing.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: You have said 2011-12. Was there any expenditure prior to that?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: No. There was not, given that the legislation had not passed until this financial year.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Anything projected?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: For the remainder of this financial year, we expect to expend around \$40,000 on additional advertising leading up to the start of registration under the new program.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So it will take it up to about \$185,000?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: That is correct, yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: And anything budgeted beyond that?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: For the next financial year, we have budgeted for about \$210,000 in 2012-13 for advertising and marketing activities.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Legal advice?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: There is an amount of legal administered funding available under the program. For this financial year, we have expended \$1.329 million on legal costs. This relates to both the tax incentive and the R&D tax concession program.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you have expended \$1.329 million to date. Anything prior to that? This has been going on for a while. I would have thought there would be a bit of expenditure on legals around this process for a period of time.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: We will have to take that on notice. I do not have the figures here for previous years.</p>			
BI-68	Colbeck	Innovation	R&D Tax Concession – Legal Costs	<p>Senator COLBECK: Has the department had any other legal advice or costs in relation to the measure?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: No. That figure includes for the department for this program.</p> <p>Ms Butler: I will clarify that. It is external legal expenses. We would, of course, avail ourselves of the</p>	Page 30, Tuesday 29 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>services of the internal legal unit that is available within the department. Those costs are just captured in the base of the running costs for the department.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you have no idea how much you would have expended internally in relation to those costs?</p> <p>Ms Butler: No. It would be part of our obtaining services and internal advice from our legal branch.</p> <p>Mr Weber: Can I take on notice how much, if any, amount has been spent by the Innovation division this year on legal advice. I believe that all the money has been spent by AusIndustry, but I would like to check that. So I will take that on notice.</p>			
BI-69	Colbeck	AusIndustry	R&D Tax Concession – Legal Costs	<p>Senator COLBECK: I appreciate that. It is not possible at all to get any sense of how much you have spent internally?</p> <p>Ms Butler: I would have to take that on notice. I am assuming we log legal requests just like any other department. I just do not know—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I would appreciate some sense of it.</p> <p>Ms Butler: We can certainly do that. We will take that on notice and see what internal costs can be attributed.</p>	Page 30, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-70	Di Natale	National Measurement Institute	National Enabling Technologies Strategy - budget	<p>Senator DI NATALE: I have some questions on the government’s National Enabling Technologies Strategy. There are some specific questions on the breakdown of the budget. Firstly, do we know the annual budget for the strategy?</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: The budget for the National Enabling Technologies Strategy for 2011-12 is \$4,310,000 and, for 2012-13, it is \$4,346,000.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: And how much of it is allocated to the National Measurement Institute? I am going to ask you for a breakdown.</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: I probably should clarify. Those two figures are the part of the National Enabling Technologies Strategy that falls within the innovation portfolio. The National Measurement Institute has a separate funding stream. It is probably best to direct that question towards</p>	Page 34, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>them.</p> <p>Dr Fisk: The National Measurement Institute was allocated approximately \$18 million over four years for its work under the National Enabling Technologies Strategy. If you need a more detailed breakdown, we will provide that on notice.</p>			
BI-71	Di Natale	National Measurement Institute	National Measurement Institute - staffing	<p>Senator DI NATALE: What proportion of funds in the total budget does the public awareness and community engagement section get?</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: In relation to the funding that I just mentioned, it is about a fifty-fifty split.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: And the policy section? It is roughly fifty-fifty between those two sections?</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: Roughly, that is right.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: Can I have a sense of the scale of the operation? How many staff are employed at the National Measurement Institute?</p> <p>Dr Fisk: Senator, to give an exact number, I would have to take that on notice. It is approximately 30 staff associated with the NETS activities.</p>	Page 34, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-72	Di Natale	Innovation	National Enabling Technologies Strategy	<p>Senator DI NATALE: And how much money has been allocated? We are talking specifically now about the public awareness and community engagement section. For events?</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: I would have to take that on notice. I guess it does occur on a bit of an ad hoc basis. We do not have a particular amount of money set aside to deal with particular events. There is also the issue about what an event might constitute. For example, we run a couple of committees. Would you be referring to external events and sponsorships and that sort of thing? Would that be correct?</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: Yes. That is what I am getting at.</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: We will get you some figures on that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: And public materials?</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: Again, we can provide some information on that too.....</p>	Page 34, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-73	Colbeck	eBusiness	Staffing and	Senator COLBECK: Given that the Gershon	Page 38,	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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			Contractors	<p>review was conducted in 2008, could you give me an annual set of numbers from then until now so that we can assess the changes in that part of the department?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: We can certainly provide that. Just to clarify, you are after staffing numbers?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes. Do you keep any records in respect of your contracting arrangements?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: For contractors?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. Perhaps you could give me that on notice as well.</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: You are after the number of contractors?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes.....</p>	Tuesday 29 May 2012		
BI-74	Colbeck	eBusiness	Websites	<p>Senator COLBECK: Yes. How many different internet, extranet and intranet sites does the department maintain?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: In terms of internet and intranet sites, I understand the number is around 30. The intranet ones are obviously those available within the department.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you differentiate the numbers, internet versus intranet? Can you give me a separation of that?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: Yes. We will take that on notice, but we can give you the exact number of internet and intranet sites.</p>	Page 38, Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-75	Colbeck	eBusiness	Websites	<p>Mr Pennifold: The resources that we have devoted to websites since 2008, I think, have been impacted on by the Gershon requirements, but at the same time additional duties have come to the department that have resulted in additional work on those existing websites. Most of them were already there in one form or another. The task that is in front of us as a result of the machinery-of-government changes is to develop a transition strategy to bring most of the former DEEWR websites across into the Innovation space. Now, some of those are intranet sites or content-only sites which we can readily accommodate on existing platforms. Some are more interactive sites, and we are working through with our colleagues in DEEWR just how to transition those across and what the right</p>	Pages 38 and 39, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>technology is to do that. So that is work that is ahead of us.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Do you have a project plan and a time frame to complete that work?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: We are developing that project at the moment. My colleague is involved in the development of that plan and advises that some of the movements will be very straightforward where it is really just content, but others are more complicated. We are still working through the timing of the transition for those more complicated sites, so we do not have an end date on that at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. So what proportion, roughly, are easy and what proportion are more complicated?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: We have a sense of that. The majority of them will be relatively straightforward, but part of developing the project plan is to discover exactly how complex the task is going to be. If you would like, I could take that on notice.</p>			
BI-76	Colbeck	eBusiness	Domain names	<p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. How many domain names does the department own in total? And it looks like you are about to own some more.</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. Include in that, if you can, perhaps the pre- and post-MOG numbers for that. Specifically, in respect of maintaining the internal and external websites, how many staff would you have aligned with that?</p> <p>Mr Pennifold: We would need to take that on notice. The reason for that is that in my division we look after the technical underpinning of those websites. Elsewhere in the department we have communications people who deal with the content that goes on those websites. We would need to be able to work our way through that.</p>	Page 39, Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-77	Colbeck	Corporate	Archiving	<p>Senator COLBECK: What are the department's obligations for archiving material, especially publications from its website?</p> <p>Ms Graham: We would probably have to take that on</p>	Page 39, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				notice. There are obligations but I just do not have them outlined here. Senator COLBECK: That would include, I presume, some formal arrangements with the National Library? Ms Graham: That is right.			
BI-78	Colbeck	eBusiness	Staffing	Senator COLBECK: You might need to take this on notice as well: how much has eBusiness spent on contracting staff in each of the financial years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12? I think that probably aligns with the question I asked you earlier when we were dealing with the ICT contracting arrangements. Mr Pennifold: Are you after the number of staff that have been contacted specifically to work on websites? Senator COLBECK: No, contracting staff more broadly, and that goes back to the question that I asked about contractors earlier. I want to convert the contractors number into dollars and cents.....	Page 39, Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-79	Colbeck	eBusiness	space.gov.au	Senator COLBECK: We will come to that in a sec—it is a good example for you to raise. How much, for example, did the space.gov.au website cost the department to build, and how many ASL are responsible for maintaining it on a daily basis? Mr Pennifold: We will take it on notice. However, I would suggest with the space website, knowing a little bit about the construction of it, it was a rather simple site and the building of the site did not consume a lot of resources. The ongoing support of that site, again, is not a large component of my workload. But I will be able to provide you with some estimates.	Page 40, Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-80	Colbeck	eBusiness	AusIndustry website	Senator COLBECK: You mention the AusIndustry website, and there was a recent revamp of that site. Can you give us a sense of what that cost and again how many ASL are responsible for maintaining it on a daily basis? Mr Pennifold: We took that on as a capital project within the department with a quite specific project plan. I will take that question on notice and we can give you the actual cost of building that site and bringing it online.	Page 40, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-81	Colbeck	Corporate	Websites	Ms Graham: We have a departmental website and there	Page 40,	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>is also a website specifically for each of the ministers. Dr Russell: The model that we use is the model that the Treasury uses and has used for some time, where they have the departmental website with a link to the ministers. The content is separated. Senator COLBECK: So who loads that content onto the website—the department or somebody else? Ms Graham: My understanding is the department loads it onto the departmental website; I would need to check on the minister's website but I think that the department loads it on as well.</p>	Tuesday 29 May 2012		
BI-82	Colbeck	Enterprise Connect	Funding cuts to Australian Defence Force	<p>Senator COLBECK: According to the <i>Australian</i> yesterday, there was a briefing recently prepared for the minister by Enterprise Connect, which said that around 1,500 local companies that provide equipment for the Australian Defence Force are at risk of collapse because of policy changes and budget cuts. How many more companies in that sector do you estimate are at risk following the government's \$5.5 billion cut to defence? Senator COLBECK: Have any of the ministers asked you to provide them with that piece of advice? Sorry, let us not try and draw you anywhere you cannot go. Have any of the ministers asked you for a piece of advice in relation to the potential industry impacts of defence cuts in spending? Dr Russell: I am not aware that they have. But, just to be thorough and careful, I will take it on notice as to whether any minister has asked for that particular piece of information. But this piece which generated this conversation is a piece generated within the department. That is where the initial thought process came from.</p>	Pages 41 and 43, Tuesday 29 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-83	Colbeck	AusIndustry	Green Building Fund grants	<p>Senator COLBECK: Thank you for that. The Green Building Fund has been closed, I understand? Mr Sexton: Closed to applications. Senator COLBECK: How many grants were approved under the program in total? Mr Sexton: During the seven rounds, we executed 318 grant contracts.</p>	Pages 44 and 45, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Senator COLBECK: Are there any awaiting approval? That is the total of grants approved?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: That is the total of grants where contracts have been executed. There are a couple where the applicants declined their offer.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: How many of those?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: There were nine declined offers.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Have any grant agreements under the program been terminated?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: There have been a few terminations. I think that at February estimates we advised that there had been 13 terminations. There have now been 14.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me how much funding in total was provided through those agreements before their eligibility for further payments ceased?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: I will have to take that on notice. For the 13, it was over a million dollars, of which we have been unable to recover about \$400,000 or \$500,000. But I do not have any details on the 14th.</p>			
BI-84	Colbeck	Science & Infrastructure	OECD meetings	<p>Senator COLBECK: Everything has to be done within that time frame. I want to go back to an answer to a question on notice you gave us back in February 2011. It is AI-94. It details a long series of OECD events and meetings overseas to which officers of the department have travelled. I have a few questions in relation to that. Firstly, was it largely the same staff member or members who attended those functions? I will put these questions on notice. It goes back to 2011, so it is a fair way back.</p> <p>Mr Schwager: They are just printing off the answer to that question. It would seem that the answer to the question on notice covers quite a range of divisions. We are just looking for the detail. Taking it on notice might be the fastest solution.</p>	Page 45, Tuesday 29 May 2012	14/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-85	Colbeck	Manufacturing	Book Industry Strategy Group – government's response to the final report	<p>Senator COLBECK: I will move to the Book Industry Strategy Group. Can you give me an update on the government's response to the final report of the Book Industry Strategy Group?</p> <p>Mr Lawrence: The response is still being considered by ministers. We are expecting it to be released mid-year.</p>	Page 45, Tuesday 29 May 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Senator COLBECK: The response was due in early 2012 and it is with the minister—or ministers?</p> <p>Mr Lawrence: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you tell me how long it has been with the ministers? When was the response finalised by the department?</p> <p>Mr Lawson: Minister, we might have to take that on notice. It would not have escaped your notice that we have had a few changes of ministers, so there may have been some process involved in that in determining which minister, when it has gone to Minister Combet for his consideration.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So you do not know when the report was finalised and transmitted to the minister?</p> <p>Mr Lawrence: With machinery of government changes, we would have to check which minister it has gone to and subsequently when it was resubmitted to the new minister.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Okay. Was it sent to the previous minister before the reshuffle?</p> <p>Mr Lawrence: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: You could take on notice whether it was submitted to the previous minister before the reshuffle and then what date it was sent to whichever minister it is with now.</p> <p>Mr Lawrence: Okay.</p>			
BI-86	Cameron	Enterprise Connect	Leadership 21 – course outline	<p>Senator CAMERON: You may have to take this on notice: what qualifications do these Mt Eliza trainers have?</p> <p>Ms Urquhart: In general, the full suite of management qualifications. They are tutors taken from Mt Eliza and the Melbourne Business School, although it is important to note that this course has been modelled on two courses overseas—one in the United Kingdom, at Lancashire university and another in New Zealand—both of which were considered best practice on—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That does not fill me full of enthusiasm, I must say.</p> <p>Ms Urquhart: They have great reviews in terms of what</p>	Page 47, Tuesday 29 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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			<p>they were able to deliver for management and leadership skills in specifically SME owner-managers. They are our clients and those are the people for whom we are trying to design the best course we could possibly provide. So, between ourselves, those learnings from overseas, the learnings of the business advisers who have been working with companies since 2008 and for whom, consistently, leadership and management skills are raised as being the great challenge facing our clients, the end result has been a course that we are pretty satisfied is deliberately targeting the needs of that particular type of manager.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am always worried about UK management being used as the model for anything. I do not know about New Zealand, but certainly the UK. Is there a course outline that you could table or provide?</p> <p>Ms Urquhart: I am sure we could provide you with an overview of the course.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Do you know what is in it?</p> <p>Ms Urquhart: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you tell us?</p> <p>Ms Urquhart: I cannot speak to it specifically, but the course does take the participants through what you might expect to be normally addressed, but it is the way in which it is done that is quite different. So rather than it being a course built around a set of assessments and examinations, the business owner-managers take the business review that they have completed with our business advisers into the course and they work on the content of that business review and its recommendations at the same time as addressing the leadership skills that—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: It might just be me—I have had a busy time, Ms Urquhart—but I am none the wiser.</p> <p>Dr Zelinsky: There are basic management capability theory elements to the course as well as then how they improve their management capability in their individual firm. So that covers a range of business operation type activities. It also covers how you manage your people. It also has a leadership component to it. But, you are right, Senator: it is probably best if we take that on notice and</p>			
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				<p>give you a copy of the course outline.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I would be happy with that. We can maybe take this further next time. That would be handy. Thank you for your valiant effort, Ms Urquhart. When you talk about management training it is a problem from time to time.</p> <p>Ms Urquhart: We will get you more detail, Senator.</p>			
BI-87	Ryan	AusIndustry/ ISBP	Business Enterprise Centres – staffing cuts	<p>Senator RYAN: Have you undertaken internal work on how many BECs you envisage laying off staff or winding down their activities on 1 July due to the end of the Commonwealth funding?</p> <p>Ms Launder: Across the 36, anecdotally I have heard that there might be a few who are in the process of thinking that they will need to lay off their staff, but I cannot give you exact figures on that.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So the department has undertaken no work in looking into the impact of this transitional period and the lack of Commonwealth funding over what might only be six weeks if we look at the dates that we discussed earlier?</p> <p>Ms Launder: Not personally from my area, no, we have not.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Is there anyone else from the department that may have looked at the impact of this?</p> <p>Mr Cicchini: We have been aware for some time that the program is terminating on 30 June. From time to time we think about what that might mean. As Ms Launder said, the 36 have known that the program has been terminating. The government announcements have been around a competitive based round. They will need to apply in the process to get continued funding.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I appreciate that. The point I am coming to is the program's end. Often the competitive funding rounds will be structured so that they commence on 1 July rather than June 30 and the lack of funding from June 30 to potentially August may mean that if that gap did not exist you may have some of these centres in a position to have applied for funding, found out in June and then either continued or shut down, whereas now you</p>	Pages 54 and 55, Tuesday 29 May 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>may have some that no longer have the capacity to make the application and to continue their work.</p> <p>Ms Launder: I would like to add to my previous answer. In fact, we are going through a process where we will contact the 36, so I might be in a position to take it on notice to get back to you specifically about any that reported to us in that process regarding having to lay off staff.</p>			
BI-88	Ryan	AusIndustry	Small Business Hotline	<p>Senator RYAN: Can the small business hotline give advice to small businesses that call on awards?</p> <p>Ms Launder: The advisers who man the hotline would not specifically give advice about awards. They would direct businesses to where they might be able to get that information, depending on the particular award that they are seeking information on. They will be able to refer them.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Can you give me some examples of where someone might be referred to if there are multiple places that they could be referred to?</p> <p>Ms Launder: By that I mean that if they were making inquiries about a specific award, the information that they gather in terms of being as well equipped as they can to answer a broad range of questions, so depending on the specific award that is being asked about, if it is a national award or a state based award they would be able to refer them through to the appropriate area.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: If it was a Commonwealth award, where would they refer someone to?</p> <p>Ms Launder: I cannot answer that question. I can take it on notice.</p>	Page 55, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-89	Ryan	AusIndustry	Small Business Hotline	<p>Senator RYAN: If a small business rings up about an inquiry in respect to an award—and we can surmise that it is a Commonwealth award at this point—whom do they get referred to?</p> <p>Mr Schwager: Primarily, Fair Work Australia would be one particular agency, but it could also be to a relevant industry association who have expertise in awards.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Do you have internal documents as in decisions, effectively, for questions like this?</p>	Pages 55 and 56, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Ms Launder: I could take that one on notice so that we can look at our data to provide you with advice about specific questions of that nature that have been asked and where they were referred to.</p> <p>Ms Butler: You are correct. They run quite a significant database. It sits behind the small business support line and that database is constantly being refreshed with new contact points. Also, the questions tend to be more along the lines of, 'I'm in such and such a business so can you tell me about the kinds of awards that I might need to know about?' They may get several referrals, not just one referral point, as part of the phone conversation or the live chat.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Given that this is not an easy thing for a small business to navigate, do you have data on where calls are referred to?</p> <p>Ms Launder: We do.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So I could ask you a series of questions of, for example, what proportion of queries were referred to Fair Work Australia?</p> <p>Ms Launder: You could.</p> <p>Ms Butler: Yes, we could give you that information.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: You keep a breakdown of issues that are called about?</p> <p>Ms Butler: We do, indeed.</p>			
BI-90	Cameron	National Measurement Institute	Measuring equipment used in trade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the National Measurement Institute experienced increased demand in recent years for testing and certification of measuring equipment used in trade; particularly in mining, oil and gas, greenhouse gas emissions measurement and "smart" metering applications? 2. Does the Institute test and certify imported equipment used in these applications? 3. Does the Institute have any concerns about the accuracy of equipment used in these applications based on its testing and certification processes? 4. Has the Institute refused to certify any such 	Written Question Tuesday 29 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>equipment in the past three years? If so, what type of equipment was it and what was the country of origin of the equipment?</p> <p>5. Does the Institute test all equipment used in the trade applications outlined above? Is testing and certification mandatory?</p>			
BI-91	Cash	Industry Skills	National Workforce Development Fund	<p>1. What has been the total expenditure to date from the National Workforce Development Fund?</p> <p>2. What are the top 10 courses funded?</p> <p>3. What is the average cost of these courses?</p>	Written Question Tuesday 29 May 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-92	Williams	Research	CRC Program	<p>1. What is being done to significantly increase the amount of funding available through the CRC program to better reflect the extraordinary impact and value-add the CRC program has had in the past and could continue to achieve in the future?</p> <p>2. What funds are available to encourage Australian researchers to collaborate with international partners to ensure that Australia captures the benefits of the 98% of R & D relevant to Australia that is undertaken overseas?</p> <p>3. Why not open the CRC program up so it is also available for fundamental, high-quality, high-impact research that deliver direct benefits to Australia (rather than assuming that type of research must be funded entirely by industry)?</p>	Written Question Thursday 31 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-93	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	Visits to Small Businesses	<p>1. How many small businesses has the Minister visited since taking on the job in March this year?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of these businesses and their location.</p> <p>b) How do you determine which small businesses you visit?</p> <p>c) Please provide a list of small business industry reports.</p> <p>d) What involvement will the Minister for Small Business have in monitoring the impact of the</p>	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				carbon tax on small business? e) Will any departmental resources be used for this?			
BI-94	Ryan	eBusiness	MyBizShield	How much did the MyBizShield App cost to develop?	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-95	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	Small Business Commissioner	How will the Small Business Commissioner's fee-for-service offerings be structured/regulated?	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-96	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	Dispute Resolution White Paper	1. How much money and what departmental resources have been allocated in response to the Dispute Resolution white paper? 2. When was the decision made that the position of the Commissioner would be the department's response to the white paper and extensive consultation period?	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-97	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	Small Business Commissioner	1. In what publications will the Small Business Commissioner position be advertised? 2. Has the Department had conversations with the Ministers office regarding candidates they feel would be best for the position? 3. Can you provide us a copy of the job description and the advertisement that will be placed? 4. How many support staff do you expect will work in the office? 5. Will the Federal Small Business Commissioner monitor the impact of the carbon tax on small business? 6. How will the commissioner monitor the impacts of the Carbon Tax on small business? Especially if it is only operational from Jan 1 2013, will it conduct a study on the impact of the carbon tax over the first six months of its operation?	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-98	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	NBN Rollout	I refer to a media release from the Minister for Small Business on Friday 30 March 2012 titled " <i>NBN Rollout Great News for Small Business</i> ". The release says: <i>"The NBN will dramatically lower the barriers to entry for entrepreneurs and new enterprises wherever they choose to do business – in central Sydney, Subiaco, St Marys or Salisbury.</i> a) Can the department please provide research that	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>it has had commissioned, or that has been undertaken by the department regarding the on the impact of the NBN on small business.</p> <p>b) Has DIISRTE contributed to Department of Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy towards assessment of the impact of NBN on small business in any way?</p>			
BI-99	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	NBN Rollout	<p>The Office of Best Practice Regulation lists a report – <i>‘Regulatory Changes to Facilitate the Rollout of The National Broadband Network and other Next Generation Broadband Networks’</i>. Small business is not mentioned in this report at all.</p> <p>a) So if it’s not in the Department of Broadband and Communication’s report – is there anywhere we can find a contribution to the impact the NBN will have on small business?</p> <p>b) What studies/work has been done looking at the costs of SMEs and the rollout of NBN?</p>	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-100	Ryan	AusIndustry	Small Business Advisory Services – Business Enterprise Centres	<p>1. The 2012-13 Budget allocates \$27 million over the forward estimates for Small Business Advisory Services. (DIISRTE PBS p. 27). Can you provide a breakdown of how this pool of funding (\$27 mil) will be spent? –ie:</p> <p>a) How much will go to BECs?</p> <p>b) Other services? – Please detail what these will include.</p> <p>c) How will you select which BECs will no longer receive funding?</p> <p>d) What kind of organisations will be able to receive BEC funding? Is it only not for profits? Can the existing BECs apply?</p> <p>2. How will you select which BECs will no longer receive funding?</p> <p>3. What kind of organisations will be able to receive BEC funding? Is it only not for profits? Can the existing BECs apply?</p> <p>4. Can BEC’s provide fee for service products/services?</p> <p>5. Does the government regulate the quality of the</p>	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>services/fee structures that are used?</p> <p>6. Have there been any complaints regarding the services offered under the BEC program?</p> <p>7. Does the government allow organisations that have received BEC funding to also receive funding from the Small Business Incubator Program?</p> <p>8. Can you confirm that a number of BECs have also received federal funding through the Small business Incubator program as well?</p> <p>9. Are both of these programs administered through AusIndustry?</p> <p>10. Are site visits conducted? Which sites have been audited?</p> <p>11. Can you provide a list of organisations that have received funding under small business funding programs – a list of all the grants received?</p> <p>12. When will the process begin for rewarding tenders for the next round of BEC funding?</p> <p>13. Are BEC's limited in the amount of money they can get from other funding sources?</p> <p>14. Does DIISRTE monitor how much funding other sources are providing to BECs that are receiving BEC funding?</p> <p>15. Is this taken into account when determining how much federal government funding a BEC may be eligible for?</p>			
BI-101	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	Small Business Incubators	<p>1. What kind of organisation can receive Small Business Incubator funding?</p> <p>2. What is the application process for Small Business Incubator funding?</p>	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-102	Ryan	Industry and Small Business Policy	Small Business Late Payments	<p>1. The most recent data published by the government in the Australia Government Payments to Small Business Performance Report – The 13th Survey stated from July 2010 to the end of June 2011 indicates over 55,000 invoices were paid late, with only 60 payments made for interest for late payment of invoices. From 1 July 2011 to May 2012:</p> <p>a) How many invoices were paid late to small business?</p>	Written Question Tuesday 5 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) How many small businesses applied for interest on late payments? c) How many payments has the government made for interest for late payment of invoices? d) In financial terms (dollar amount) how much has been paid by the government for late payment of invoices? <p>2. Of the invoices from 1 July 2011 to May 2012, how many were paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Within 30 days? b) Within 31-44 days (up to 2 weeks late)? c) Within 45-60 days (up to 30 days late)? d) Not paid after 60 days (over 30 days late)? <p>3. List the government agencies that have paid invoices late to small business. For each of these agencies, list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The number of invoices paid to small business. b) The number of invoices paid late to small business. c) The monetary value of invoices paid late. d) Interest paid by agencies on late payments. 			
BI-103	Ryan	AusIndustry	Customer Satisfaction Surveys	<p>Senator RYAN: This is my final question regarding AusIndustry. Between 1 January 2008 and now, if you have the information—you may have to take it on notice—how many AusIndustry customer satisfaction surveys were undertaken? Do you have an annual breakdown which you can just add up?</p> <p>Ms Butler: I do. It is in my folder. I will look at it and come back. Just so I am not wasting your time flicking through my folder, I will go and look at it now.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Do you also have information on how much they cost and how much is spent each year?</p> <p>Ms Butler: Sure. I will get that in my brief and come back to you, Senator.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Ms Butler: On the customer satisfaction surveys, I will put that on the record. You asked a question earlier about AusIndustry. I have them here, but in the interests of time</p>	Pages 22 and 57, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				I will just put it on the record for you.			
BI-104	Mason	ANSTO	High level waste	<p>Senator MASON: Dr Paterson, how much high-level radioactive waste has been generated by ANSTO's activities in Australia in the last 50 years?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: High-level waste is generated in the course of activities, particularly the activities in reactors. The high-level waste generated in the HIFAR reactor is currently being reprocessed in France. All of the high-level waste associated with that reprocessing will remain in France.</p> <p>Senator MASON: The minister knows my bad habits. Could you just answer the question? How much high-level radioactive waste has been generated by ANSTO and its activities in the past 50 years?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: My understanding is that when the reprocessed waste has completed its reprocessing in France, we will be advised of the high-level waste that will stay in France. At that time I will be in a position to inform you of the amount of high-level waste that was produced during that period.</p>	Page 5, Monday 28 May 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-105	Heffernan	IP Australia	Evergreening & Venlafaxine	<p>Two important evergreening patents have been invalidated, one only a few weeks ago when the High Court of Australia refused leave to appeal over a second evergreening patent for the drug venlafaxine. The trade mark of this drug is EFEXOR:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Is IP Australia working with Dept of Health and Ageing (PBS) to assist and recover the \$79 million from Pfizer? And if so what steps and if not why not? 2 Does IP Australia plan on trying to recover the \$198 million that has overpaid Pfizer as a result of the evergreening patent which apparently extended the period of patent protection illegally for over 3 years? If yes, what is planning on doing and when and if not why not? 	Written Question Wednesday 6 June 2012	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-106	Colbeck	Industry Skills	Apprenticeship Advisors Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Australian Apprenticeship Advisors program overseen by DIIRSTE or DEEWR? 2. If DIIRSTE provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Selection criteria for successful programs b) Total amount of money allocated through this 	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>program</p> <p>c) Amount of money allocated to agricultural industry / businesses</p> <p>d) Amount of money allocated to horticultural industry / businesses</p> <p>e) Amount of money allocated to fisheries industry / businesses</p> <p>f) Amount of money allocated to other food related businesses</p> <p>g) Amount of money allocated to each state and territory of Australia</p> <p>h) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian agricultural industry / businesses</p> <p>i) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian horticultural industry / businesses</p> <p>j) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian fisheries industry / businesses</p> <p>k) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian other food related industry / businesses</p> <p>3. Provide details of payment timings, specifically how much is being spent in the 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years.</p>			
BI-107	Bernardi	Tertiary Strategies	SchoolKids Bonus – Youth Allowance	<p>During the Community Affairs Estimates on 29 May, FaHCSIA officials stated that there were about 80,000 income support payment recipients who will receive the SchoolKids Bonus, with most of those being on youth allowance (see Hansard excerpt below).</p> <p>Community Affairs Hansard, 29 May 2012, p.20 <i>Mr Whitecross: I do not know whether I have a number specifically for youth allowance. The number of people receiving income support payments who will get the schoolkids bonus is around 80,000. Most of those are on youth allowance.</i></p> <p><i>Senator BERNARDI: Most of those?</i></p> <p><i>Mr Whitecross: Yes.</i></p> <p>Exactly how many of those 80,000 (referred to above) are receiving Youth Allowance (Student)? If the Department also is responsible for any other category of Youth</p>	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				Allowance, please provide an answer for that particular category too.			
BI-108	Bernardi	Tertiary Strategies	SchoolKids Bonus – Youth Allowance	How many Youth Allowance (Student) recipients are declared 'independent'? If the Department also is responsible for any other category of Youth Allowance, please provide an answer for that particular category too.	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	09/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-109	Bernardi	Tertiary Strategies	SchoolKids Bonus – Youth Allowance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many 16-19 year olds receiving Youth Allowance (Student) will receive the SchoolKids Bonus? If the Department also is responsible for any other categories of Youth Allowance, please provide an answer for that particular category too. 2. How many 16-19 year old receiving Youth Allowance (Student) will receive the Bonus directly into their bank accounts? If the Department also is responsible for any other categories of Youth Allowance, please provide an answer for that particular category too. 	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-110	Bernardi	Tertiary Strategies	Youth Allowance	<p>FaHCSIA officials indicated that the default payment arrangement for 16-17 year olds who are dependent Youth Allowance recipients are made to the parent (see Hansard excerpt below).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is this the case? b) What is the default arrangement for 18-19 year olds that are dependent Youth Allowance recipients? <p>Community Affairs Hansard, 29 May 2012, p.20 <i>Mr Whitecross: ... The default payment arrangement for a 16- to 17-year-old dependant youth allowance is that the payments are made to the parents, in which case the schoolkids bonus would be paid to the parents.</i></p>	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-111	Bernardi	Tertiary Strategies	Youth Allowance	How many apprentices currently receive Youth Allowance?	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-112	Bernardi	ARC	Climate Change Research Grants	<p>Since 2009, what Australian Research Council research grants have gone to scientists and researchers associated with work related to climate change?</p> <p>For each of these grants:</p>	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				a) who was the recipient, b) what was the amount, and c) what was the short title of the research?			
BI-113	Edwards	Science & Infrastructure	Agricultural education	1. Are there incentives contained in the Budget 2012-13 for more Australian students and graduates to fill this shortfall between graduates and job advertisements? 2. Is there a program available to foreign science students coming to this country that isn't available to Australian students or vice versa? 3. What specific measures have you identified in the 2012-13 Budget to try and attract co-investment in agricultural and related sciences from industry here in Australia and from abroad? 4. What changes in funding have been taking place over the last 3 years to help achieve this? What incentives would you suggest? What do they do overseas to improve this figure? 5. Have you been involved with Roseworthy campus and the Waite Institute at the University of Adelaide in an effort to increase the number of science graduates? 6. Has your involvement included the re-focus on broadening science availability? 7. Have you been involved in similar discussions with other universities? 8. Is there currently any work being done by your office to promote apprenticeships based on science, maths and engineering as a means to help Australia redress its skills shortages and achieve its potential? 9. Do we benchmark internationally to see which countries are producing the best food and agricultural science graduates? 10. Are we looking to compete with them and do we have the resources to do so? 11. Does the so called "Melbourne Model" (three year generalist undergraduate degree and two year specialist masters degree) of tertiary education provide a better way of achieving the goals of your	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	23/08/2012	20/09/2012

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				<p>office?</p> <p>12. Is this model in any way similar to the US model where they get such strong outcomes?</p> <p>13. Are state and federal food innovation and agriculture ministers engaged with your office in trying to increase the number of graduates in these sciences?</p>			
BI-114	Edwards	Higher Education	Increasing maths and science participation in schools and universities	<p>With reference to mathematics and science – increasing participation in schools and universities (Budget Paper Number 2 p 230-231):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What measures of success does the Department have in place to assess whether the \$54 million has been effective? 2. How many additional students does the Department anticipate will get involved in mathematics and science as a result of these measures? 3. Of the \$54 million over four years, how much will be devoted to increasing enrolments in food and agricultural sciences and how exactly will this be spent? 4. How much is to be spent in South Australian schools and universities? 5. Is any funding being directed toward the University of Adelaide’s Waite and Roseworthy institutions? 6. According to the Budget paper No2, page 230, \$4.3 million is to be spent over four years to create a National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser. Is the spending of that \$4.3 million to be spent at that Adviser’s sole discretion? 7. What exactly is this Adviser’s charter? 8. How many staff are to be employed with this money? 	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	20/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-115	Edwards	Manufacturing	Food industry policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Industry Policy and its coordination is the responsibility of the department. What has been produced from the \$478,000 announced in last year’s budget? 2. What is the budget for the 2012/2013 year and what deliverables are expected? 	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-116	Edwards	Manufacturing	Food Processing Industry Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Food Processing Industry Strategy Group was announced on 24 January 2011 and was meant to 	Written Question Friday 8 June	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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			Group	<p>provide its industry report to the minister within 15 months of its first meeting. Has their report been presented to Minister yet?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. If so, could we have it on notice? 3. If it hasn't been presented to the Minister yet, why not? 4. If the Minister has the report, when will it be released it? 5. What funding has been allocated to this group? Has it come from the \$478,000 allocated to the Food industry Policy? 6. What progress has been made by this group towards the strategy it was to produce? 7. What has the Minister's group produced? 8. The first meeting of this group took place on 14 February 2011 and a further five were planned for the following 18 months. How many have taken place thus far? 	2012		
BI-117	Edwards	Questacon	Inspiring Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some \$21 million in funding over three years was announced in last year's budget for the "Inspiring Australia" program. A new national hub for science and technology communications was to be created to coordinate this at a cost of \$2.4 million over three years. What is its status? 2. How is this program being measured and what has both it and the hub produced thus far? 	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-118	Xenophon	ASQA	Airservices Australia	<p>Airservices Australia is an RTO (Registered No 5168). It is a key element of Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 Part 143 "Air Traffic Services Training Providers" that the organisation must be Registered Training Organisation (RTO) within the Australian Quality Training Framework.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), as the national regulator of the vocational education and training (VET) sector, delegate any auditing functions to other instrumentalities? 2. If so, is CASA delegated authority from ASQA to conduct RTO audits on Airservices to ensure continuing compliance with CASR Part 143? 	Written Question Friday 8 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. When was the last RTO audit conducted on Airservices by ASQA or its predecessor body? 4. How many RTO audits have been conducted by ASQA or its predecessor body on Airservices? 			
BI-119	Nash	ASQA	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is ASQA fully staffed? 2. How many staff are currently employed? 	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-120	Nash	ASQA	Staffing – Audits and Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff will undertake audits? 2. What training will staff have to ensure they can undertake appropriate audits? 3. Can we have a breakdown of their roles? 4. When does ASQA expect to commence auditing RTOs? 5. How many staff will attend each audit? 6. What APS classification will the staff be? 7. What level of travel will they be entitled to when undertaking an audit interstate? 8. Can ASQA provide the travel allowance for staff undertaking audits- a list of all locations and at each staffing level? 	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-121	Nash	ASQA	Audit Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many audits does ASQA expect to undertake each year? 2. What is the expected cost of auditing a metropolitan Registered Training Organisation, offering 5 Certificate III level training packages? 3. What is the expected cost of auditing a rural Registered Training Organisation, offering 5 Certificate III level training packages? 4. What is the forecast annual cost of undertaking audits in the 2012-13 financial year? 5. What is the forecast annual cost of undertaking audits in the 2013-14 financial year? 6. How many registered training organisations does ASQA expect to audit in 2012/13? 7. How many registered training organisations does ASQA expect to audit in 2013/14? 	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-122	Nash	ASQA	Registration timeframes and complaints	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the preferred timeframe for the registration of new courses? 2. How many applications for registration of courses 	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				have been received by ASQA? 3. How many complaints has ASQA received to date regarding the registration process?			
BI-123	Nash	Industry Skills	Australian Skills Centres of Excellence	1. Where will the centres be located? 2. How does the Department see them working? 3. When will these centres be up and running? 4. Will each centre have a different focus? 5. what will they focus on?	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-124	Nash	VET Reform	MySkills Website	1. How many hits has this website had to date? 2. What upgrades are planned? 3. How much has been spent on this website to date?	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-125	Nash	Industry Skills	Economic Potential of Senior Australians – Investing in Experience – Skills Recognition Training. Budget Paper 2 page 225	1. Has the department been asked to provide the government or their minister any proposals or briefs on the program ” More Help for Mature Age Workers”? 2. How many participants there were in the “More Help for Mature Age Workers” program in the period July 1st 2011 to now. 3. What are the differences between the “Economic Potential of Senior Australians, Investing in Experience Program” and the “More Help for Mature Age Workers Program”?	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-126	Heffernan	IP Australia	Evergreening of pharmaceuticals	1. How many patents granted by IP Australia relate, concern or are associated with the same kind of medicine (i.e., medicines which are marketed either by the same or related trademark; for example EFEXOR and EFEXOR XR)? 2. In regard to these patents, how many (and identify each and every such patent) are second patents granted over the same kind of medicine? 3. How many patent term extensions have been granted by IP Australia pursuant to s.70 of the Patents Act, 1990? 4. Identify each and every patent which has been the subject of an application for a patent term extension pursuant to s.70 of the Patents Act, 1990? 5. Identify each and every patent which has had its patent term extended pursuant to s.70 of the Patents	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Act, 1990?</p> <p>6. In relation to each of the patents identified in 5) what was the period of the patent term extension?</p> <p>7. What was the financial cost to the PBS of each and every patent term extension?</p>			
BI-127	Di Natale	Corporate	Government's Access and Equity Strategy	<p>1. How does the Department ensure that the Government's Access and Equity Strategy is implemented in its entirety and in relation to all Departmental activities?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) How does the Department acknowledge the multicultural character of the Australian society, in terms of the services and programs you provide?</p> <p>2. How do you measure your success against Access and Equity goals? What evidence do you that the Department is actively implementing the Government's Access & Equity policy?</p> <p>3. What changes will you implement over the next financial year to ensure your programs and services are more accessible to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities?</p> <p>4. What is your Department doing to ensure it has a culturally competent workforce?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-128	Di Natale	Innovation	Community Awareness Sunscreen Survey	<p>1. Please outline the objectives of the Community Awareness Sun Screen use survey conducted earlier this year.</p> <p>2. How were the consultants that conducted the study selected?</p> <p>3. How were the 1,000 people in the sample chosen?</p> <p>4. Was the sample representative of the gender, age and population distribution in Australia as a whole?</p> <p>5. Was there any weighting or stratification for regional representation?</p> <p>6. Was the sampling random?</p> <p>7. If no to (5) or (6) if the sample was not representative of Australia as a whole can the Department explain why two media releases were issued making generalisations about the Australian public as a whole?</p> <p>8. Why was the methodology of the study not reported?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				9. What was the reasoning behind the survey not including a question regarding what alternative forms of sun protection (seeking shade, protective clothing etc) people may use who have concerns regarding nanoparticle risk?			
BI-129	McKenzie	Corporate	Carbon Tax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? 2. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? 3. How much electricity does the department use? What does this cost the department in electricity bills? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/08/2012	20/09/2012
BI-130	McKenzie	AusIndustry	Food Technology Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the \$150mn for food is earmarked for Victoria? 2. Is there any weighting for location in the assessment of applications? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-131	Bushby	AusIndustry	Re-tooling for Climate Change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In total, how many grants were approved under the Retooling for Climate Change program? 2. Were there any instances where contract offers were declined? If so, how many? 3. Were there any terminations of contracts under the program? If so, (a) how many; (b) how much funding in total was provided for those projects before funding for them ceased; and (c) how much funding in total was recovered from all of the money spent on the terminated projects? 4. Has AusIndustry conducted any auditing of individual projects under the program? If so, what were the reasons why those individual audits were undertaken and what were the findings? 5. Has a full formal audit or evaluation of the Retooling for Climate Change program either commenced or been completed? If so, when and what form has that audit or evaluation taken and what have been the findings (if any)? If not, is one planned and on what date will it begin? 6. What were the specific merit criteria against which applications were assessed? 7. Who approved each of the projects for funding? And what specific qualifications, technical expertise and experience did they possess that allowed them 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				to suitably assess the quality and value of the kinds of activities being funded and their likely outcomes?			
BI-132	Bushby	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For all of the grants that do not proceed to Cabinet for clearance, who approves each of the projects for funding? And, in each case, what specific qualifications, technical expertise and experience do those individuals possess that allows them to suitably assess the quality and value of the kinds of activities being funded and their likely outcomes? Where detailed technical content and claims appear in any of the applications, what process do the officers assessing such applications follow in order to test and verify such information? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-133	Bushby	ANSTO	Graduate Program	Does ANSTO run a graduate program? If so, how many graduates participate in the program, and what is the total cost annually?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-134	Bushby	ANSTO	Contracts	During 2010-11 and 2011-12, how many of ANSTO's contract processes have not gone to a competitive tender? (Please provide a listing of any contracts that have not been awarded via competitive tender during this period.)	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	21/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-135	Bushby	ANSTO	Electricity Costs	What was ANSTO's total electricity bill for each of 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-136	Bushby	CSIRO	Electricity Costs	What was CSIRO's total electricity bill for each of 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-137	Bushby	Minister Combet's Office	Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre	On what date did Minister Combet or his office first directly communicate with CSIRO on any of the details of the establishment of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre – and with whom at CSIRO?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-138	Bushby	CSIRO	Staffing – Legal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many legal officers are currently employed by CSIRO? Are there any grounds for them to potentially undertake an internal investigation of any description into other CSIRO staff – and, if so, what sorts of subjects or areas could those investigations potentially cover? Have they been requested since 1 December 2007 to 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>conduct investigations of any description into staff or former staff who have made a complaint of any kind against CSIRO management? If so, how many times has this happened?</p> <p>4. Have there been any officers in any other areas of CSIRO who have been requested since 1 December 2007 to conduct work of any description related to staff or former staff who have made complaints of any kind against CSIRO management? If so, how many times has this happened?</p>			
BI-139	Bushby	CSIRO	Fair Work Act	<p>1. At the Estimates hearing of 28 May 2012, Dr Clark and Mr Roy agreed to take on notice a number of questions from Senator Colbeck about recent restructuring of the Information Management Technology Division. Further to those questions, please outline how many times CSIRO has breached (or been alleged to have breached) the Fair Work Act – including all such instances and not simply those that have been referred to Fair Work Australia and where there has been a formal breach noted against CSIRO.</p> <p>2. Where CSIRO has breached (or been alleged to have breached) the Fair Work Act, were any such instances referred to the Fair Work Tribunal and/or did they lead to arbitration with employee representatives? And, if so, how many times and what was the outcome in each case?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-140	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	<p>Since 1 December 2007, how many employees (or former employees) in total have raised a workplace bullying complaint of any kind with the CSIRO Chief Executive? What was the specific response of Dr Garrett and Dr Clark on each occasion where such a complaint was raised with them?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-141	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	<p>1. At any time since 1 December 2007, has any employee at CSIRO alleged intimidation or victimisation – and/or been found to have been intimidated or victimised – following complaints by them of breaches of the law within CSIRO? If so:</p> <p>(i) On how many occasions has this happened?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>(ii) On what date(s) has this happened?</p> <p>(iii) What action did CSIRO specifically take to investigate the complaint(s) and/or refer them to the relevant authorities?</p> <p>(iv) Are the complainant(s) in each case still employed by CSIRO? Or, if not: (a) was the termination of their employment voluntary or involuntary? and (b) how long after the investigation of their complaint(s) was completed did their employment with CSIRO cease?</p> <p>2. At any time since 1 December 2007, has any employee at CSIRO alleged intimidation or victimisation – and/or been found to have been intimidated or victimised – after enacting or asserting or intending to assert/enact/carry out/disclose or report upon any other legal right (such as, for example, issuing a grievance against another CSIRO officer; speaking out or disclosing contentious information in a reasonable capacity in line with their professional obligations or under the expectation of any reasonable professional obligation; or supporting another employee in asserting their legal rights?)</p>			
BI-142	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	<p>1. In or around April 2007, did the Chief of CSIRO Molecular and Health Technologies, Graeme Woodrow, react to a complaint alleging breaches of commercial laws by assigning the person about whom the complaint had been made to work on CSIRO’s response to the complaint? Was the person about whom the complaint had been made involved in coordinating CSIRO’s response to the complaint?</p> <p>2. Did Dr Woodrow’s reaction to this complaint subsequently become the subject of a further complaint – if so, on what date and when and how did CSIRO act upon this subsequent complaint?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	23/08/2012	20/09/2012
BI-143	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	<p>1. At any time since 1 December 2007, has any CSIRO employee claimed that they were the subject of</p>	Written Question Wednesday	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>fabricated allegations that were intended to induce them to change and/or withdraw complaints they had made about the actions of other staff at CSIRO? If so, on what date(s) has this happened?</p> <p>2. Were their allegations immediately investigated by CSIRO in each case and, if not, why not?</p>	13 June 2012		
BI-144	Bushby	CSIRO	Workplace Bullying	<p>1. At any time since 1 December 2007, has the CSIRO Board of Directors rejected a recommendation that a senior executive of the organisation be disciplined for any form of misconduct, including workplace bullying or harassment? If so, by whom was the recommendation made in each case; on what date(s); and why was it rejected?</p> <p>2. Has any CSIRO employee or former employee raised allegations of workplace bullying with the Board of Directors? If so, on what date(s)? What was the response of the Board in each case? Has the Board ever failed to directly respond to the concerns of the complainant – and, if so, how many times?</p> <p>3. Has any CSIRO employee or former employee raised allegations of illegal conduct by a CSIRO staff member with the Board of Directors at any time since 1 December 2007? If so, on what date(s)? What was the response of the Board in each case? Has the Board ever failed to directly respond to the concerns of the complainant – and, if so, how many times?</p> <p>4. At any time since 1 December 2007, has any employee who has raised allegations of workplace bullying, harassment or illegal conduct with the Board subsequently had their employment with CSIRO terminated? If so, how many times has this happened; for what reason(s) in each case; on what date(s); and how long after they raised the allegations with the Board of Directors?</p> <p>5. At any time since 1 December 2007, has any member of the Board of Directors been alleged to have been involved in any way in workplace bullying, harassment, intimidation and/or illegal</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				conduct? If so, how many times, on what date(s), and how has the Board specifically acted upon these allegations in each case?			
BI-145	Bushby	CSIRO	Whistleblower complaint	<p>1. At any time since 1 December 2007:</p> <p>a. Has any employee or former employee lodged a whistleblower complaint alleging criminal or civil breaches of the law by CSIRO or a CSIRO employee? If so, how many and on what date(s)? Were their allegations investigated immediately in each case – or was there ever a delay and, if so, why?</p> <p>b. How did CSIRO specifically protect the complainants in such whistleblower cases from retaliation by the respondents? In any of these cases, did a respondent possess any capacity to potentially (or indeed actually) control or influence the career of the complainant at CSIRO during the subsequent whistleblower investigation?</p> <p>c. Has the employment with CSIRO of any such whistleblower complainants later been terminated against the will of the employee? If so, how long after the conclusion of the investigation into their cases were they involuntarily separated in each case – and for what reason(s) was their employment terminated?</p> <p>d. What percentage of the people who laid whistleblower complaints in that period are still employed by CSIRO? What percentage of the respondents to those whistleblower complaints are still employed by CSIRO?</p> <p>e. What percentage of the complainants who laid whistleblower complaints in that period were involuntarily separated from CSIRO or resigned under duress? What percentage of the respondents to those whistleblower complaints were involuntarily separated from CSIRO or resigned under duress?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				2. At any time since 1 December 2007, has CSIRO received a whistleblower complaint that alleged deliberate actions on the part of at least one CSIRO employee to undermine an independent State Government-mandated assessment panel? If so, how many times; what was the outcome of the investigation(s) and what subsequently happened to the complainant(s)?			
BI-146	Bushby	CSIRO	Mental Health Plan	Did CSIRO make a commitment in either 2008 or 2009 to introducing a new mental health plan for the organisation? What was the nature of that commitment and has the new plan been implemented? If so, how and when – and, if not, why?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-147	Bushby	CSIRO	Science Minister – Workplace Bullying	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At any time since 1 December 2007, has CSIRO advised the office of the Science Minister of any instances of workplace complaints within the organisation? If so, on what date(s) in each case? 2. During his time as Science Minister, did Senator Carr ever formally discuss with Dr Garrett, Dr Clark and/or Mr Roy the issue of workplace bullying at CSIRO? If so, on what date(s) – and who initiated that discussion in each case? 3. During his time as Science Minister, has Senator Evans ever formally discussed with Dr Clark and/or Mr Roy the issue of workplace bullying at CSIRO? If so, on what date(s) – and who initiated that discussion in each case? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/08/2012	20/09/2012
BI-148	Bushby	CSIRO	Climate Change Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In March 2012, CSIRO employee Michael Battaglia was reported as having directly criticised the Coalition’s climate change policy to a journalist from <i>The Australian</i>. This also led to a public disagreement on the policy between the Climate Change Minister and the Shadow Climate Change Minister. Whose approval within CSIRO did Mr Battaglia seek before making his comments to the media, and on what date(s)? 2. Are Mr Battaglia’s views about the Coalition’s policy endorsed by CSIRO, or are they simply personal? If they do not reflect CSIRO’s position, 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	14/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				has the organisation sought to correct the public record to that effect at any time – and, if so, how and when? 3. In keeping with the terms of the Public Research Agency Charter, what (if any) sanction or disciplinary action has been taken against Mr Battaglia for his commentary, and on what date(s) was this action taken?			
BI-149	Bushby	CSIRO	Overseas staff	How many CSIRO staff are currently deployed overseas? Where are they based, and what work do these staff respectively undertake?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-150	Bushby	CSIRO	Providers of Cultural Services	Since 1 December 2007 has CSIRO remunerated providers of cultural services such as Welcome to Country, artistic performances and ceremonies? If so, on how many separate occasions; on what date(s); how much have these providers been paid (in each case); and how, specifically, have the amounts of the payments been determined?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-151	Bushby	CSIRO	Graduate Program	Does CSIRO run a graduate program each year? If so, how many graduates participate in the program, and what is the total cost annually?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-152	Bushby	CSIRO	'Futures' Program	How many staff are employed to work on CSIRO's 'Futures' program, and what is the overall cost of this program on an annual basis? Please provide a full list and description of each of the projects undertaken as part of this program since 1 December 2007, and their practical outcomes.	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-153	Bushby	CSIRO	Artists in Residence	How many artists in residence has CSIRO engaged since 1 January 2008 – and what has been the total amount of remuneration paid to them in each case?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	14/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-154	Bushby	Questacon	Inspiring Australia	1. In relation to payments through the Inspiring Australia program, what amount in total has been committed to date? What has been spent to date, to whom it has been paid, and for what purpose in each case? 2. In total, how many individuals and organisations have applied for Inspiring Australia funding? How many individuals and organisations have been	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	14/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				unsuccessful in seeking funding?			
BI-155	Bushby	Science and Infrastructure	PMSEIC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On what dates in 2011 and 2012 has the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council formally met? 2. For <u>each</u> meeting other than the one held on 4 February 2011: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Why are no details about the meeting available from the Department’s website – when it unambiguously states on the website that “information from all past meetings of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council is available from the PMSEIC meeting page. Here you will find links to each meeting which include a meeting summary as well as links to related reports, associated presentations and media releases”? (b) Did the Prime Minister attend the meeting? (c) Which other Ministers attended? (d) Did all of the other members of PMSEIC attend – and, if not, who was absent? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-156	Bushby	Science and Infrastructure	‘Health of Australian Science’ report	Does the Department expect that the Government will make a formal response in any way to the findings of Professor Chubb’s report on the ‘Health of Australian Science’? If so, when does it anticipate that this response will be made – and in what form?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-157	Bushby	Manufacturing	Holden and Ford funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In respect of the Government’s recent \$215 million funding to Holden and \$34 million funding to Ford, Mr Durrant said, at the Estimates hearing of 29 May 2012, that the “funds came from the uncapped element of the ATS. However it is from a profile that is wider than the single year (2010-11)”. Please clarify fully from which years’ allocations to the ATS these amounts totalling \$249 million were sourced. 2. On what date did Holden first make its request for this new funding – and who initiated that request, and how? 3. On what date did Ford first make its request for this new funding – and who initiated that request, and 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>how?</p> <p>4. What conditions exist in the contracts with Holden and Ford that would enable them to be terminated?</p> <p>5. Has all of the \$34 million grant to Ford already been spent? If so, on what date was the final payment made? If not, how much remains to be paid and when is it expected that the final payment will be made?</p>			
BI-158	Bushby	Manufacturing	New Car Plan for a Greener Future	Respectively, how much has been spent and/or committed to date for each financial year for each of the programs that form part of the so-called New Car Plan for a Greener Future? How much remains allocated and available to spend to each of those programs over each of their remaining years? (Note: in the case of the Automotive Transformation Scheme, please separate the figures for the capped and uncapped elements of the program.)	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	31/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-159	Bushby	Manufacturing	Automotive Transformation Scheme	At the Estimates hearing of 29 May 2012, there was discussion on what may happen if there is further unspent money in future years of the ATS. What decisions (if any) has the Government and/or Department made about what will happen in that set of circumstances if there are more demands on that leftover money from businesses within the industry than is available to give? How will the Government and the Department decide between any competing claims for funding, and what specific criteria will be used in that situation?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-160	Bushby	Enterprise Connect	Enterprise Connect Payments	According to the Department's contracts listings, there have been a number of payments made through Enterprise Connect "for the delivery of activities to assist Australian business to increase productivity and market competitiveness by capitalising on the global economic restructuring around environmental sustainability and resource efficiency". To date, what has been the total amount of Enterprise Connect payments on those grounds?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-161	Bushby	Enterprise Connect	Defence Industry Innovation Centre	<p>1. On what date was the Enterprise Connect Defence Industry Innovation Centre established?</p> <p>2. How many ASL does the Defence Industry</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Innovation Centre currently employ?</p> <p>3. How much is spent annually on administration and overheads for the Defence Industry Innovation Centre? How many business reviews has it completed?</p> <p>4. What is the precise role of the Defence Industry Innovation Centre in securing and/or identifying procurement opportunities for Australian firms?</p> <p>5. What is the Department’s estimation of how many such opportunities it has secured and/or identified to date – and how does it arrive at this figure?</p>			
BI-162	Bushby	Manufacturing	Buy Australian at Home and Abroad	<p>1. To date, how much of the \$58.4 million assigned to the ‘Buy Australian at Home and Abroad’ (BAHA) program has been spent and/or committed – and on what, specifically?</p> <p>2. At the time BAHA was presented as a ‘new’ program on Budget night in 2011, is it true that a substantial amount of the \$58.4 million currently assigned to the program had, in fact, already been committed to a range of initiatives and programs that now fall under its aegis? How much of this \$58.4 million figure was actually previously unallocated?</p> <p>3. On the relevant web page on the Department’s website, it says that BAHA “will ensure better program integration across a range of related activities”. What is the meaning in practical terms of that statement – and what specific changes have been made (particularly to ASL numbers and administrative costs in each of the relevant areas) within the Department since its introduction?</p> <p>4. Under a title of ‘Associated delivery agencies’ on the same web page, it also says the following: “The Buy Australian initiative is complemented by the work of Enterprise Connect, AusIndustry and the National Innovation System”. What does the reference to “the work of ... the National Innovation System” mean, specifically?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-163	Bushby	Manufacturing	Space policy	How much has been spent and/or committed to date for	Written Question	24/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				each financial year for the Australian Space Science Program? How much remains allocated and available to spend on the program over each of its remaining years?	Wednesday 13 June 2012		
BI-164	Bushby	Manufacturing	Pulp and Paper Industry Innovation Council	Since its establishment, on what dates has the Pulp and Paper Industry Innovation Council held meetings? And on what date is it scheduled to hold its next meeting?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-165	Bushby	AusIndustry	Green Building Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many independent NABERS reports (identifying actual greenhouse gas (GHG) savings achieved) have now been completed for projects under the Green Building Fund? 2. What is the breakdown of results from those reports? 3. What percentage of the projects assessed in these reports to date achieved the top NABERS rating? 4. And how do the final results specifically compare, in each case, with the savings that were initially projected/targeted as part of the project? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-166	Bushby	AusIndustry	Commercialisation Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many applications have been made for Commercialisation Australia grants in each financial year since the program began? 2. How many applications for Commercialisation Australia grants have been approved in each financial year since the program began? 3. Have any Commercialisation Australia grants been terminated before their expected completion? If so, how many – and for what reason(s)? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-167	Bushby	Innovation	Coordination Committee on Innovation	Since its formation, on what dates has the Coordination Committee on Innovation met?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-168	Bushby	Enterprise Connect	Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By what specific measure(s) and against what specific criteria will the success of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre be evaluated by the Department? 2. Further to Ms Zielke's answers at the Estimates hearing of 29 May 2012, is Enterprise Connect any closer to establishing the specific items of expenditure (and how much in each case) on which the \$29.6 million allocated to the Centre over the 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				forward estimates will be spent? If so, what are these specifics? 3. What is the Department's updated calculation of how much will be spent on overheads and administrative costs in respect of work associated with the Centre over the forward estimates, including on how many ASL?			
BI-169	Bushby	Minister Combet's office	Visits to manufacturing businesses	Up to 12 June 2012, how many direct site visits had Minister Combet made to manufacturing businesses in Australia since being appointed Industry Minister on 12 December 2011?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-170	Bushby	Minister Combet's office	All-staff communication	Senator Carr used to attend all-staff briefings, send all-staff emails and film webcasts for portfolio staff. Since becoming the Minister for Industry and Innovation, how many of those has Mr Combet respectively attended, sent and filmed – and on what date(s) in each case?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-171	Bushby	Corporate	Recruitment	Has the Department, at any time, engaged executive recruitment companies to help it fill any SES position(s)? If so, how many and when?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-172	Bushby	Corporate	Seek.com.au	Does the Department still have an arrangement with seek.com.au, through which it advertises employment vacancies in the organisation? And, if so, what was the full cost of the advertising on that site for 2010-11 and 2011-12?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-173	Bushby	Corporate	Healthy living allowances	Does the Department still make available an annual healthy living allowance to its employees? If so, what is the amount of that allowance; how many applications for the allowance were (a) made and (b) approved in 2010-11 and 2011-12; and how much was paid to the successful applicants in total for each of those years?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-174	Bushby	Corporate	Personal leave	1. Did the Human Resources Branch in Corporate Division commence a project on personal leave within the Department at some time in 2009 or 2010? If so, what was the nature of that project; and what were the results of it? 2. In total, how many days of personal leave were taken by employees for each of the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-175	Bushby	Corporate	e-recruitment	What was the total cost of establishing and implementing	Written Question	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				the Department's recently-launched e-recruitment system?	Wednesday 13 June 2012		
BI-176	Bushby	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At what time and on what day was information first publicly released about the initial 13 grants made under the Clean Technology Investment Program and Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment program? Other than the specific businesses that were awarded the grants, was any individual or organisation provided with information about these grants at an earlier time – and, if so, who and why? 2. On what date was the first application for assistance under the Clean Technology Investment program received? 3. On what date was the first application for assistance under the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment program received? 4. Dr Edwards said at the Estimates hearing of 29 May 2012 that, as at 25 May 2012, 44 applications under the Clean Technology Investment program and Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment program had been received – and that 15 had been considered at that point. Were those 15 applications the first 15 in chronological order to have been received? If not, what were the reasons for prioritising the assessment of those 15 in particular ahead of the remaining 29 applications? 5. What percentage of the funding is paid at the approval-of-grant stage? If this figure varies from project to project, please indicate the respective figures for those among the first 13 grants that have the (a) lowest and (b) highest percentage of their funding paid up-front. 6. How regularly must milestones typically be met across the life of the first 13 approved projects? 7. What arrangements are formally in place that allow AusIndustry to conduct regular monitoring and evaluation of progress against the stated objectives of these projects? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>8. What arrangements are formally in place to recover money from grant recipients where the projects do not meet their intended outcomes?</p> <p>9. Has AusIndustry made any assumptions or calculations about what percentage of the projects under the five ‘clean energy future’ programs it is responsible for delivering it believes will not achieve their objectives? If so, what is that percentage figure?</p> <p>10. Among the first 15 applications assessed, what was the smallest total financial amount for any of the proposed projects?</p> <p>11. Among the first 44 applications received, what was the smallest total financial amount for any of the proposed projects?</p> <p>12. Among the first 15 applications assessed, what was the largest total financial amount for any of the proposed projects?</p> <p>13. Among the first 44 applications received, what was the largest total financial amount for any of the proposed projects?</p> <p>14. Among the first 44 applications received, were any made by businesses with 20 or less employees? If so, how many?</p> <p>15. Among the first 44 applications received, were any made by businesses with 10 or less employees? If so, how many?</p> <p>16. How frequently does AusIndustry envisage publicly distributing the list of latest grants made under these programs? And within what time period, following the signing of the grant agreement, is the Department required to publish a record of each grant among the broader list of organisational grants on its website?</p> <p>17. Has AusIndustry prepared (or is it able to prepare) a summary of the responses on the 396 evaluation forms submitted at the conclusion of the clean technology program seminars to which Ms Butler referred at the Estimates hearing on 29 May 2012?</p>			
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				If so, what are/were the summary results of the answers submitted in reply to each of the questions on the forms?			
BI-177	Bushby	Corporate	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-178	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-179	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-180	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is. 2. What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs. 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-181	Bushby	Corporate	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program, what the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	20/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>5. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>			
BI-182	Bushby	Corporate	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>5. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>6. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>7. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				of each event. 8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?			
BI-183	Bushby	Corporate	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 3. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? 4. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 5. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? 6. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 7. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-184	Bushby	Corporate	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? 2. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location. 3. How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. 4. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 5. What was the total cost to the Department and the 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	23/08/2012	20/09/2012

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				Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?			
BI-185	Bushby	Corporate	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Reviews are being undertaken? 2. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded 3. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? 4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 5. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 6. What reviews are planned? 7. When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-186	Bushby	Corporate	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	21/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-187	Bushby	Corporate	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? 2. Which agency or agencies provided these services? 3. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13? 4. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 5. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <p>6. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>7. What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>8. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p>			
BI-188	Bushby	Corporate	Social Media	<p>Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-189	Bushby	Corporate	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
BI-190	Bushby	Corporate	Discretionary Grants	<p>1. Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? 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 Wednesday 13 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-191	Bushby	Corporate	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? • What is the current status of each report? When is 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				the Government intending to respond to these reports?			
BI-192	Bushby	Corporate	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) • 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? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-193	Bushby	Corporate	Stationery requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? 2. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 3. What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-194	Bushby	Corporate	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				Estimates (February 2012)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. What is the cost for this financial year to date?			
BI-195	Bushby	Corporate	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 3. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 4. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships. 5. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel. 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-196	Bushby	Corporate	Legal costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>			
BI-197	Bushby	Corporate	Education expenses	<p>1. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	21/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-198	Bushby	Corporate	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Total spending on these services</p> <p>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased form a provider please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total amount spent on the service e) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 6. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) The location used 7. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 8. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 			
BI-199	Bushby	Corporate	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased from a provider, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>(provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>g) The location used</p> <p>h) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>i) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>j) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
BI-200	Bushby	Corporate	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. For this financial year to date, list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-201	Bushby	Corporate	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been</p>	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.			
BI-202	Bushby	Corporate	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): 1. How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? 5. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-203	Bushby	Corporate	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-204	Bushby	Corporate	Credit Cards	1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? · How is corporate credit card use monitored? · What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? · Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. · What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-205	Bushby	Corporate	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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BI-206	Bushby	Corporate	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs. 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 4. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-207	Bushby	Corporate	Electricity purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. 2. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? 3. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-208	Bushby	Corporate	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? · What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. 	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. · How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? · What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. · Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. · How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 			
BI-209	Bushby	Corporate	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-210	Bushby	Corporate	Providers of Cultural Services	Since 1 December 2007, has the Department and/or any of the other IISRTE portfolio agencies (aside from CSIRO) remunerated providers of cultural services such as Welcome to Country, artistic performances and ceremonies? If so, on what date(s); how much have these	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				providers been paid (in each case); and how, specifically, have the amounts of the payments been determined?			
BI-211	Bushby	Corporate	Electricity costs	What was the Department's total electricity bill for each of 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-212	Bushby	Corporate	Subscription costs	How much has the Department spent in total on the purchase of (a) newspapers and (b) magazines and journals for each of the years 2010-11 and 2011-12?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-213	Bushby	Corporate	OECD meetings	The answer to question on notice AI-94 (from 2011) details an extensive series of OECD events and meetings overseas to which an officer – or officers – of the Department has travelled. Can an updated list please be provided to add all further OECD events and meetings since that time which at least one officer of the Department has attended? In respect of the updated, combined listing: (a) Please indicate the titles of the positions for any officer(s) who have attended at least 5 of all of the events noted on the combined listing – and please indicate how many events in total each of those individuals has attended. (b) In a single statement (rather than against each event individually), please indicate, in very specific terms, the practical benefit to the Department – and the Government – of attendance at all of these functions.	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	12/09/2012 Revised answer received 11/06/2013	20/09/2012 Revised answer tabled 27/06/2013
BI-214	Bushby	Corporate	Planning days	During 2010-11, how many 'planning day' or similar planning events were respectively held for staff within (a) Corporate Division, (b) eBusiness Division, (c) Industry & Small Business Policy Division, (d) Science Division, (e) Manufacturing Division and (f) Innovation Division? For each of the divisions listed above, how many ASL attended these events in total? For each division, how many of these events were held off site and at what financial cost to the Department?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-215	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	What percentage of staff in (a) Manufacturing Division and (b) Industry & Small Business Policy Division possesses three or more years' of private sector	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012

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				experience?			
BI-216	Bushby	Corporate	Intergen 10 Conference	Did any Departmental staff attend the Intergen 10 conference in Canberra in May 2012 – and, if so, how many? If so, what was the purpose of their attendance – and what were the practical benefits that have accrued to the Department as a result?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-217	Rhiannon	ASQA	Overseas Students Complaints	How many of the complaints so far registered with ASQA were by overseas students about CRICOS registered providers?	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-218	Rhiannon	ASQA	Overseas Students Complaints	1. How many complaints received by ASQA from overseas students have been referred to and received by the Overseas Students Ombudsman? 2. What are the details and outcomes of those complaints?	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-219	Rhiannon	Research	Research v teaching	1. What is the amount of all research and associated funding granted to each university, and what is each university's HERD expenditure in the past 10 years? 2. Is it reasonable to assume that the funding gap between the universities HERD and actual research funding received is cross-subsidised to a large extent from the Commonwealth Grants Scheme and student fee income?	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	23/08/2012	20/09/2012
BI-220	Rhiannon	Research	Research v teaching	Universities are now highly dependent on income from research and educational services provided to governments and industry. There is an emphasis by government and thus in the sector to build research, strengthen research partnerships with industry and assess research strength of universities against international benchmarks. 1. How this emphasis on research and the income or funding it brings skewing universities' own investment away from teaching students, and towards building its own research profile to attract more research funding and business? 2. How has the emphasis on research and excellence in research influenced the actual numbers of research	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	14/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>only/research and teaching staff numbers, compared to actual numbers of teaching and research/teaching staff numbers in Australian universities?</p> <p>3. What is the amount of all research and associated funding granted to each university; and what is each uni's HERD expenditure over the past 10 years?</p>			
BI-221	Rhiannon	Research	Research funding and expenditure	<p>1. Is it reasonable to assume that the funding gap between universities' Higher Education Expenditure on Research and Experimental Development (HERD) and actual research funding received is cross-subsidised to a large extent from the Commonwealth Grant Scheme and Student Fee Income?</p> <p>a. If not, Larkins' 2011 paper identifies a funding gap of some \$2.7 billion in 2008. What is the source of income to pay for that gap between research funding received and HERD?</p> <p>b. What is the gap between research funding received from government and university HERD for each year since?</p> <p>c. If there is a gap, where is the extra funding being diverted from within universities?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-222	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Full-time academic research staff	<p>1. What is the trend since 2000 of the proportions of full-time academic research staff per research student compared with the proportion of full-time academic teaching staff per coursework student in each university?</p> <p>2. What are the proportions of research staff, research only staff, teaching & research staff, and teaching staff for each university since 2000?</p> <p>3. How do the trends correlate to the trends and actual numbers of research students and in coursework students?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	23/08/2012	20/09/2012
BI-223	Rhiannon	VET Reform	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	<p>In February the Minister advised that the April COAG meeting would be considering the next VET national partnership and national agreement on skills – with the new agreements due to come into force on 1 July.</p> <p>1. Will states and territories be further open up competition for public funding? Could you</p>	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>provide details?</p> <p>2. Are there any particular areas of study or particular courses that are being targeted for greater contestability in public funding? If so, what are those areas and what is the benefit of greater contestability in those areas?</p>			
BI-224	Rhiannon	VET Reform	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	<p>The Government was requiring in the new national skills agreements that states provide Implementation Plans which support the continuing role of TAFE. How will the government ensure not only a continuing role but a sustainable and economically healthy TAFE in each state and territory?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	24/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-225	Rhiannon	VET Reform	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	<p>The Minister also stated concern about the lack of transparency about such COAG negotiations in the past, particularly the lack of engagement with key stakeholders.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What concerns has TAFE, as a key stakeholder, expressed in these latest negotiations? 2. What extent of engagement has been had with student and teacher groups of TAFE, as probably the most important stakeholders? 3. What is the Commonwealth's response to these concerns and how will the Commonwealth ensure these concerns are resolved satisfactorily at each state and territory level? 	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-226	Rhiannon	VET Reform	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	<p>The Minister also made clear his commitment to preserve and “protect the vital public investment in things like the TAFE system”, and a commitment to not “downgrade or reduce the role of the TAFE system”. The Minister also acknowledged that TAFE provides access for capital intensive courses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Government concerned that TAFE may lose the ability to cross-subsidise cheaper to run courses if greater contestability results in funding moving across to private providers? 2. What is the Government doing to ensure this does not happen? 3. How will the Government ensure TAFE does not become a provider of last resort by allowing 	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>profitable courses to be funded through private operators?</p> <p>4. What minimum protections has the Government insisted on for TAFE, within any greater contestability of the market?</p> <p>5. What minimum protections has the Government tied to its VET funding, to ensure the continued viability of public TAFE institutes?</p>			
BI-227	Rhiannon	VET Reform	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	Excluding any possible HECS type student loans, is the Government insisting concessions must be provided for students suffering disadvantage or those students unable to afford higher fees? If not, why not?	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-228	Rhiannon	VET Reform	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	What is the Government doing to ensure post secondary education remains accessible and affordable to all VET students?	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-229	Rhiannon	Industry Skills	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	How much federal public funding has been provided for VET in each state and territory over the past ten years? How much of this has gone to TAFE institutes in each state?	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	15/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-230	Rhiannon	Tertiary Skills and Participation	COAG_VET national partnership and national agreement on skills	<p>1. What modelling has the Government done to ascertain what sort of debts will be incurred by HECS type VET student loans? Will a copy of that modelling or reporting be provided, and if not why not?</p> <p>2. Given the intention to increase undergraduates in universities conceivably via pathways through VET, what size student loan debt could a student possibly leave university with if they have already an accumulated VET-HECS debt as well as a HECS-HELP debt?</p> <p>3. What research or investigation has been done to look at this question?</p> <p>4. If no research or modelling has been carried out, why not?</p>	Written Question Wednesday 19 June 2012	24/08/2012	20/09/2012
BI-231	Siewert	AIATSIS	Digital records	The Government is providing \$6.4 million over two years	Written Question	14/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				to continue to make digital records of the collections of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, which are of unique world significance and under threat from deterioration. Given AIATSIS has indicated that these funds are insufficient to adequately transfer written records to electronic databases, how will the Government ensure that irreplaceable Aboriginal cultural materials are not lost?	Wednesday 20 June 2012		
BI-232	Rhiannon	ASQA	CRICOS – complaints	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How many complaints have been made about Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: We have had 550-odd complaints altogether about training providers that have been registered with ASQA.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Are they about different bodies or may they cover—I am trying to get the number of—</p> <p>Mr Robinson: They are different complaints that have been registered. Some of them might have been more than one about the same provider.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That is what I am trying to get at.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I do not have the figures in front of me about how many of those were in relation to the CRICOS.</p> <p>Dr Orr: ASQA refers complaints from international students to the Overseas Students Ombudsman.</p> <p>Mr Robinson: And that is the Commonwealth Ombudsman as well. There is a process there. They have been given new powers since last year to deal with complaints by overseas students. I cannot tell you how many of the 550 were specifically about overseas students in the first instance, but we will get you that on notice. We might have referred many of those to the Commonwealth Overseas Students Ombudsman.</p>	Page 57, Monday 28 May 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-233	Mason	Higher Education	ATAR scores	<p>Senator MASON: Yes. This is a vexed issue. For a start, could I ask for some information on notice in relation to students with ATAR scores and then we will go back to that issue. Can the committee have data for each year between 2009 and 2012 of the proportion and number of students who have received offers of a</p>	Page 65, Monday 28 May 2012	09/08/2012	23/08/2012

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				<p>university place for students with an ATAR band of 40 or less, students with an ATAR band of 40 to 50, students with an ATAR band of 50 to 60, 60 to 70, 70 to 80, 80 to 90 and 90 or more? I just want that information—not now.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We will get you what we can on the ATAR scores, but I think your first point is correct in that I think some universities told me only 50 per cent of their students are coming in under ATAR scores. ATAR as a measure is probably getting less relevant in terms of the way some universities at least are recruiting. The other point about an ATAR is that if you have 100 people sitting an exam and you are going to take the top 50 into university, the lowest ATAR would be whatever it is. If you are going to take the top 60 in, the ATAR would be lower. If the system worked perfectly like that, by expanding the proportion going in you would lower the average ATAR.</p>			
BI-234	Rhiannon	Higher Education	Research and teaching staff - statistics	<p>Dr Taylor: In terms of the data, the number of staff employed at Australian universities increased by 21.1 per cent for the period 2005 to 2010, which is the latest of our data. The number of full-time equivalent staff increased by 18 per cent in that same period.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Have you got a breakdown of those staff between research and teaching, or both?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: Yes, I do. The teaching-only staff as a percentage of full-time equivalent staff is 86.5 per cent. I might take that one on notice actually, rather than fumble through my figures here.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You mentioned teaching-only positions. That is what I am interested in. Where are you looking at that aspect to ensure that we still have a strong teaching component within our universities?</p> <p>Ms Hewlett: The first element of that project is to look at gathering some data around how the universities are actually using those positions, who is using them, how they are allocating those positions and what the driver is of teaching-only positions.</p>	Page 75 and 76, Monday 28 May 2012	23/08/2012	20/09/2012

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			<p>Senator RHIANNON: Is that data available publicly?</p> <p>Ms Hewlett: I am sure some of that is available publicly, but at this stage we do not really have a very comprehensive picture of what it looks like, so that is one of the reasons for going out there and collecting that data. We have anecdotal information but not much more at this point.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I am interested in this. Is the intent to end up with comprehensive data so that we can actually see the trends in what is going on here? Is that the intent of the project?</p> <p>Ms Hewlett: Yes, the intent of the project is to go out to the universities and find out which universities have teaching-only positions, how many of them they have and what the drivers are or what the reasons are for them having those particular positions.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So you will look for quantitative data as well as qualitative.</p> <p>Ms Hewlett: I will be working with my colleague here, Dr Taylor, on the quantitative side. This side is probably more qualitative, to look at the policy drivers for having teaching-only positions.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: When will those two projects be completed?</p> <p>Ms Hewlett: For the first stage of the project looking at teaching-only positions we are hoping to have something in the next six months, but there will be a range of other projects around professionalisation of the academic workforce.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Just to clarify again, is it a project that, when it is finalised, will be like a brief for the minister, or is it something that will be put on your website that then would be out there to inform the sector of the trends?</p> <p>Ms Hewlett: We publicly release all of the reports that are provided through our projects and they are up on our website.</p> <p>Mr Griew: Ms Hewlett's branch's clients are primarily the sector. It is the dissemination of the practice.</p>			
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				<p>Senator RHIANNON: That will have all the data in it? Ms Hewlett: Yes. Mr Griew: Can I also just stress this point. I know you were talking about a teaching strategy as opposed to a research strategy, but the research workforce strategy is significantly relevant to early- and mid-career academics. Senator RHIANNON: Yes, thank you for emphasising. I did not want my question to be misunderstood. I was trying to get a sense of the trends and the analysis. Mr Griew: No, I am not emphasising— Senator RHIANNON: The question has been taken on notice. I was not just after one piece of that data.</p>			
BI-235	Colbeck	Corporate	SES positions	<p>Senator COLBECK: How many SES officers are there currently in the department? Ms Weston: I believe that there are about 98. I will check that and bring that back to you for confirmation.</p>	Page 4, Tuesday 29 May 2012	27/07/2012	23/08/2012
BI-236	Bushby	Science and Infrastructure	International Science Linkages – plans for a replacement program	There is still no publicly announced decision from the Government on a successor program to International Science Linkages. Has the Department been advised by the Government of any plan(s) for the implementation of a replacement program – and, if so, what is it and when will it begin?	Written Question Wednesday 13 June 2012	03/08/2012	23/08/2012
BI-237	Nash	DIISRTE	Economic Potential of Senior Australians – employment assistance (Budget paper 2, p. 110)	<p>What criteria will the department use to identify the 10,000 employers who will receive the \$1000 bonus for hiring a mature age worker for three months?</p> <p>What criteria is currently used to identify “Corporate Champions?”</p> <p>Can the department provide a list of prior recipients of the Corporate Champions program?</p>	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	Transferred to DEEWR on 15 June 2012	refer to Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee's index
BI-238	Nash	DIISRTE	Mature Age Participation – job seeker assistance (Budget paper 2, p. 115)	What has the department identified as the assistance that will be provided job seekers under this program?	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	Transferred to DEEWR on 15 June 2012	refer to Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee's index

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BI-239	Nash	DIISRTE	Economic Potential of Senior Australians – Advisory panel on Positive Ageing (Budget paper 2, p. 278)	<p>Has the department identified those who will sit on the panel? How were those panellists identified?</p> <p>What criteria will the department use to identify the panellists?</p> <p>How many staff will this program require?</p> <p>Will this panel require a permanent office? If so where will it be based and what budget has been set aside for this?</p> <p>What budget has been set aside for travel for this panel?</p>	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	Transferred to Treasury on 14 June 2012	refer to Economics Committee's index for Treasury portfolio
BI-240	McKenzie	DIISRTE	Landslides	<p>Following the more than 190 landslides throughout the Grampians National Park that were triggered by the January 2011 floods, the Northern Grampians Shire Council developed some landslide guidelines – for which they were recently recognised at the 2012 National Awards for Local Government. However, the Shire had to cover the unexpected and expensive geotech.</p> <p>Does DIISRTE have any geotech data available for its own use? If so, what exists? Can this information be shared when necessary? With whom and for what reason?</p> <p>Could DIISRTE partner with Councils or other organisations to help in situations such as this one?</p>	Written Question Tuesday 12 June 2012	Transferred to Geoscience Australia on 14 June 2012	refer to Economics Committee's index for RET portfolio
BI-241	Williams	DIISRTE	IT security – protecting children	<p>Is the government committed to exploring new ideas and technologies to protect children and young people in the online environment?</p> <p>Is the government actively trialling and testing new systems and technologies for security online?</p> <p>Is the government aware that a program has been developed that allows children and young people to chat online but in a completely safe environment?</p> <p>If an Australian inventor has developed a system where children could use the same online instant messaging systems as adults in a safe environment, where agency would be best to approach to assist this person in further</p>	Written Question Thursday 30 May 2012	Transferred to the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy on 5 June 2012	refer to Environment and Communication Committee's index

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