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**Treasury Portfolio**

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T1-6ato; <i>(see also:</i> T12dep; T13asic; T14abs; T15accc; T16apra; T17pc; T18ncc; T19aofm; T20sct; T21camac; T22aasb; T23tp; T24igot)	All agencies under Treasury portfolio (ATO)	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>When did the Department last update its procurement policy documentation?</p> <p>What mechanisms does the Department have in place to ensure its procurement guidelines reflect current policy in relation to government contracting?</p> <p>Do the Department's current procurement guidelines refer to all of the following accountability mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Senate order for departmental and agency contracts;</li> <li>• The Department of Finance and Administration's February 2003 <i>Guidance on Confidentiality of Contractors' Commercial Information</i>; and</li> <li>• The Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (CPGs)?</li> </ul> <p>Do the Department's tender documentation and contract templates include the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a statement outlining the various Commonwealth accountability requirements;</li> </ul>	<b>Answer received 27/1/05</b>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a consistent definition of confidential information across all templates;</li> <li>• a provision for the inclusion of specific reasons justifying why a tenderer may wish to protect certain information in the contract if it awarded;</li> <li>• a section that outlines the obligations of confidentiality after the contract has been awarded;</li> <li>• a more detailed outline, with the general non-disclosure clauses, of the exceptions to confidentiality obligations for Commonwealth contracts; and</li> <li>• the model contract clauses, given in DOFA's February 2003 <i>Guidance on Confidentiality of Contractor's Commercial Information</i> ?</li> </ul> <p>At page 51 of ANAO Audit Report No.10 2004-2005, <i>The Senate Order for Departmental and Agency Contracts (Calendar Year 2003 Compliance)</i>, the ANAO has concluded that all FMA agencies would benefit from implementation of contract training courses, or a review of current courses, to ensure that the Senate order requirements are adequately covered and that procurement staff receive relevant DOFA guidance.</p> <p>What training does the Department currently have in place for</p>	

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				procurement staff?  Does this training cover the requirements of the Senate order for departmental and agency contracts and refer to DOFA's February 2003 <i>Guidance on Confidentiality of Contractor's Commercial Information</i> ?	
T7	ATO	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	When are the 2002-03 and 2003-04 Taxation Statistics scheduled to be released?	<b>Answer received 27/1/05</b>
T8	ATO	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	Is the Taxation Office concerned by the growing number of listed Australian companies that are taking advantage of the concessional tax treatment pursuant to section 159GZZZZQ of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936? If they are, why	<b>Answer received 27/1/05</b>
T9	ATO	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	Do companies proposing an off-market share buyback approach the Taxation Office for approval?  If so, on what basis does the Taxation Office approve that a buyback does not breach the general anti-avoidance provisions? Are the criteria available?	<b>Answer received 27/1/05</b>
T10	ATO	Murray	N/A – Written Question on	Would the Taxation Office approve an off-market share buyback if the entire consideration was paid as a fully franked dividend? Would the Taxation Office approve an off-market share buyback	<b>Answer received 27/1/05</b>

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			Notice	if, for instance, all but 1 cent of the consideration was paid as a fully franked dividend?	
T11	ATO	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How much tax is collected from the taxation of death benefits (section 27AAA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936) paid from superannuation funds?  If section 27AAA [of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936] deemed all death benefits that were below the RBL limits to be tax free, would it increase the opportunity for tax avoidance?	<b>Answer received 27/1/05</b>
T12dep	Treasury department	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	(See:T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T13asic	ASIC	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	(See:T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T14abs	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	(See:T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T15acc	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	(See:T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T16apra	Australian	Murray	N/A –	(See:T1-6ato)	<b>Answer</b>

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	Prudential Regulation Authority		Written Question on Notice		<b>received 1/2/05</b>
T17pc	Productivity Commission	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T18ncc	National Competition Council	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T19aofm	Australian Office of Financial Management	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T20sct	Superannuation Complaints Tribunal	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T21camac	Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T22aasb	Australian Accounting Standards Board	Murray	N/A – Written Question on	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>

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T23tp	Takeovers Panel	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T24igot	Inspector-General of Taxation	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T1-6ato)	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T25  ( <i>see also:</i> T40ato)	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How many Ministerial staff does the department provide?  To what Minister or Parliamentary Secretary are they assigned?  What is the total cost of these staff?  Can the Department provide data on how many staff are in each salary band?	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T26	ACCC	Conroy	N/A – Written Question on Notice	On 19 March 2004, the ACCC has issued a competition notice to Telstra relating to the pricing of its broadband internet services. The ACCC has announced that it has decided not to withdraw the competition notice and that it is in the process of gathering evidence from Telstra's competitors. Can you advise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the ACCC has reached a decision on this matter and the outcome of the inquiry by the ACCC?</li> <li>• If no decision has been reached, when will a final</li> </ul>	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>

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				decision be made?	
T27	Treasury	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	Given the increased use of the off-market share buyback provisions by listed companies to reduce share capital whilst simultaneously providing shareholders with a tax advantage pursuant to section 159GZZZQ of the Income Tax Assessment Act, should this provision be treated as a tax expenditure? If so, what was the value of the tax expenditure for the 2003-04?	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T28	Treasury	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	Does the Treasury have any estimate of the projected cost of the concessionary tax treatment of off-market share buybacks in light of recent announcements by large Australian companies such as BHP, Telstra and Westpac?	<b>Answer received 1/2/05</b>
T29_ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	For the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii) 2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, did the Department include in its annual report a report on outcomes achieved for clients from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds?  If not, for the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii) 2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, did the Department otherwise publish a report on outcomes achieved for clients from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds? (If yes, please supply report)	<b>Answer received 3/2/05 4/5/05</b>

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T30ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>For the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii) 2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, did the department budget for costs associated with developing culturally responsive and accessible services?</p> <p>For the 2003-2004 financial year, how much did the department budget for this purpose?</p>	<b>Answer received</b> <b>3/2/05</b> <b>4/5/05</b>
T31ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>For the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii) 2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, how many Departmental programs or services were delivered via an intermediary service provider, such as another level of government or a non-government organisation?</p> <p>Of these, in each financial year how many did the funding conditions in contracts specify relevant access and equity accountabilities (for example, collection and reporting of information on client characteristics)?</p>	<b>Answer received</b> <b>3/2/05</b> <b>4/5/05</b>



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T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT				<p>For each of these, is the provision a standard clause? If so, can the Department please supply the clause?</p> <p>If there is no standard provision, is a copy of the provision available for each of these? Are the provisions subsequently audited? If yes, what were the results? (Please supply).</p>	
T32ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>Can the Department provide a current list of each community information publication it publishes in English as at a) the current date (2, December 2004) or if this is unavailable b) 30 June, 2004 (and take from then to 2 December 2004 On Notice) or if this is unavailable c) 1 January 2004 (and take from then to 2 December 2004 On Notice) or if this is unavailable d) the last date for which they were available (specify date and take from then to 2 December 2004 On Notice)?</p> <p>For the above list, what publications are translated into languages other than English and for each, what languages are they translated into?</p> <p>For the above list, how many copies were printed?</p> <p>For the above list, what was the total cost of each document in translation, publication, printing and distribution?</p>	<b>Answer received</b> <b>3/2/05</b> <b>4/5/05</b>
T33ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC	Treasury department and all agencies under	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on	For each language other than English that the Department has identified employees with fluency, can the Department provide how employees were fluent? For each language other than	<b>Answer received</b> <b>3/2/05</b>

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T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury portfolio		Notice	<p>English, how many were identified as being fluent?</p> <p>Of these employees, what efforts has the department made to identify the language proficiency of these employees? For each language other than English, how many were identified as having proficiency?</p> <p>Of these employees, how many has the Department identified as possessing accredited language skills to either translator or interpreter standard? For each language other than English, how many were identified as having accreditation at the a) translator and b) interpreter level?</p> <p>Of these employees, how many has the Department funded in whole or in part accreditation of language skills to either a) translator and b) interpreter level?</p>	<b>4/5/05</b>
T34ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How much did the department spend engaging language a) translator and b) interpreter level in each of the financial years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?	<b>Answer received</b> <b>3/2/05</b> <b>4/5/05</b>

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T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB					
T35ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How many times did the department engage an a) translator and b) interpreter in each of the following years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?	<b>Answer received</b> <b>3/2/05</b> <b>4/5/05</b>
T36ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	For each language in which a) a translator and b) an interpreter was engaged, how many engagements occurred in each of the following years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?  What was the total cost of those engagements by language for a) translators and b) interpreters in each of the following years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?	<b>Answer received</b> <b>3/2/05</b> <b>4/5/05</b>

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T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT					
T37ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>For each of the financial years i) 1995-96, ii) 1996-97, iii) 1997-98, iv) 1998-99, v) 1999-00, vi) 2000-01, vii) 2001-02, viii) 2002-03, ix) 2003-04 how much was spent in advertising or advertorial in the ethnic press?</p> <p>For each of the above years, could the Department please specify each title, in which advertising was bought, the language of that title and the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each title.</p>	<b>Answer received 3/2/05 4/5/05</b>
T38ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC	Treasury department and all agencies under	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on	For each of the financial years i) 1995-96, ii) 1996-97, iii) 1997-98, iv) 1998-99, v) 1999-00, vi) 2000-01, vii) 2001-02, viii) 2002-03, ix) 2003-04 how much was spent in advertising and or	<b>Answer received 3/2/05</b>

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T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury portfolio		Notice	advertisorials on ethnic radio? For each financial year, could the Department please specify which station, broadcast language and how much was spent on each language at each station?	<b>4/5/05</b>
T39ato T59_Treas T60_ASIC T61_ABS T62_ACCC T63_APRA T64_PC T65_NCC T66_AOFM T67_SCT T68_CAMAC T69_AASB T70_TP T71_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How many incidents of fraud were detected against the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident: a) What was the subject of the fraud in each instance? b) What was the value of the fraud? c) Which administrative unit was the subject of the fraud? d) was anyone charged with the fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)? e) Was anyone convicted of the fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)? f) Were any of the defrauded items or was any of the defrauded money recovered?	<b>Answer received 3/2/05</b>

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T40ato	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	( <i>See:</i> T25)	<b>Answer received 3/2/05</b>
T41ato T46_Treas T47_ASIC T48_ABS T49_ACCC T50_APRA T51_PC T52_NCC T53_AOFM T54_SCT T55_CAMAC T56_AASB T57_TP T58_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	What efforts has the Department made to identify employees from a non-English Speaking background and what languages they are fluent in?  What proportion of the Department’s personnel have a non-English speaking background?	<b>Answer received 15/2/05 4/5/05</b>
T42ato T59_Treas T60_ASIC T61_ABS T62_ACCC T63_APRA T64_PC	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How many break-ins were there on Departmental property in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident: a) what was the location and the cost of damage associated with each break in? b) What was the cost of damage conducted during each break in? c) What was the subject of theft in each break in?	<b>Answer received 15/2/05</b>

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T65_NCC T66_AOFM T67_SCT T68_CAMAC T69_AASB T70_TP T71_IGOT				d) What was the cost of any theft associated with each break in? e) was anyone charged with the break in (specify if they were employed by the Department)? f) was anyone convicted of the break in (specify if they were employed by the Department)?	
T43ato T59_Treas T60_ASIC T61_ABS T62_ACCC T63_APRA T64_PC T65_NCC T66_AOFM T67_SCT T68_CAMAC T69_AASB T70_TP T71_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How many thefts of departmental property occurred in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident: a) What was stolen in each instance? b) What was the value of the stolen item/s? c) Where was it stolen from? d) was anyone charged with the theft (specify if they were employed by the Department)? e) Was anyone convicted of the theft (specify if they were employed by the Department)? f) Were any of the items recovered?	<b>Answer received 15/2/05</b>
T44ato T59_Treas T60_ASIC T61_ABS T62_ACCC	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How many incidents of loss (excluding theft, accident, breakage and vandalism) of departmental property were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident: a) What was the loss in each instance?	<b>Answer received 17/2/05</b>

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T63_APRA T64_PC T65_NCC T66_AOFM T67_SCT T68_CAMAC T69_AASB T70_TP T71_IGOT				b) What was the value of the loss? c) Which administrative unit lost the property? d) Were any of the lost item/s recovered? e) Was anyone disciplined over the loss?	
T45ato T59_Treas T60_ASIC T61_ABS T62_ACCC T63_APRA T64_PC T65_NCC T66_AOFM T67_SCT T68_CAMAC T69_AASB T70_TP T71_IGOT	Treasury department and all agencies under Treasury portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written Question on Notice	How many vehicular accidents in which departmental vehicles (including vehicles leased by the department) were involved were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident: a) What was the value of the damage? b) Which administrative unit was the vehicle attached to? c) Was anyone charged over the accident (specify charges)?	<b>Answer received 17/2/05</b>
T72	Treasury	Stott Despoja	N/A – Written Question on	What percentage of families does the Government estimate will benefit from its pre-election policy to provide 30% tax rebate?	<b>Answer received 4/5/05</b>



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T72	Treasury	Stott Despoja	N/A – Written Question on Notice	Will there be a means test or an income cap placed on the 30% rebate?	<b>Answer received 4/5/05</b>
T72	Treasury	Stott Despoja	N/A – Written Question on Notice	Will the 30% rebate disproportionately benefit wealthier families at the expense of low income families? Please provide evidence for response.	<b>Answer received 4/5/05</b>
T73	ACCC	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	I refer to the story in the Australian Financial Review of 30 November 2004 titled 'ACCC case load sharply lower'. Does the ACCC have established criteria by which decisions to litigate perceived breaches of the Trade Practices Act are made? If so, can this criteria be provided?	<b>Answer received 4/5/05</b>
T74	Treasury	Murray	N/A – Written Question on Notice	<p>With reference to the Explanatory Memorandum to Schedule 9 of the New Business Tax System (Integrity and Other Measures) Act 1999, which stated:</p> <p><i>"Financial impact:</i> The financial impact of this measure is part of the estimate for the measures limiting indexation of cost bases of CGT assets in this Bill, CGT concessions for individuals, trusts and other entities, and abolishing averaging for individuals. The provisions relating to the abolishing of averaging are to be included in a later Bill.</p> <p>The financial impact of these measures is set out in the following</p>	<b>Answer received 4/5/05</b>

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				<p>table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1010 408 1859 501"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1010 408 1182 453">2000-2001</td> <td data-bbox="1182 408 1355 453">2001-2002</td> <td data-bbox="1355 408 1527 453">2002-2003</td> <td data-bbox="1527 408 1700 453">2003-2004</td> <td data-bbox="1700 408 1859 453">2004-2005</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1010 453 1182 501">\$130m</td> <td data-bbox="1182 453 1355 501">\$170m</td> <td data-bbox="1355 453 1527 501">\$90m</td> <td data-bbox="1527 453 1700 501">\$30m</td> <td data-bbox="1700 453 1859 501">-\$70m</td> </tr> </table> <p>Can Treasury confirm whether these estimates and calculations turned out to be accurate? What was the actual result, or the nearest estimate to the actual result, and can Treasury please provide reasons for the differences between the original estimates and the actual outcome?</p>	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	\$130m	\$170m	\$90m	\$30m	-\$70m	
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