

INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES PORTFOLIO
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2006-07

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SI-1	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p>Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund</p> <p>Mr Peel—There were 31 grantees representing 232 local government authorities. They received their payments on a staged basis. The payments are based on milestones that they achieve in their projects, and these payments are often tailored to the particular grant.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Could you supply on notice the details of the grantees and the payment schedule for each grantee.</p> <p>Mr Peel—The payments are generally 50 per cent upfront, 30 per cent on receipt and acceptance by AusIndustry of a satisfactory progress report, and 20 per cent on finalisation of the project and receipt of an audited financial statement.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—I repeat: could you supply on notice the list of the grantees and the payment schedule—the amounts and the dates the payments were made under this program.</p> <p>Mr Peel—Yes, I can do that.</p>	E5	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-2	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p>Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund</p> <p>Mr Peel—The program is of two years duration; it is funded for two years. But individual projects may be shorter than two years, for example. That 30 per cent milestone could be a different date, depending on the nature of the project. We expect to spend all the money by the end of 2006-07.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Could you also let us know what the term of each of the project periods is.</p> <p>Mr Peel—I will take that on notice.</p>	E6	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-3	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p>Government departments – payment of small business invoices</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Do you have data on which government departments are doing better and which government departments are</p>	E8	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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				<p>doing worse?</p> <p>Ms Weston—I do not have it with me. There are only a couple of departments and agencies that are not paying on time. We like them to pay at least 90 per cent of their payments on time.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Which ones are they?</p> <p>Ms Weston—Can I take that on notice and provide that to you?</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Yes. I would appreciate it if you would provide the committee with the results of your survey.</p> <p>Ms Weston—It would be the last survey, which would have been to December 2005.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can we have the previous one for comparison?</p>				
SI-4	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Small business field officers – workload</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—If you are collecting statistics, can you give us some details of the highest and the lowest number of contacts?</p> <p>Mr Peel—We could. We get regular reports from them on their workload. If I could take that on notice, I could provide it to you.</p>	E12	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-5	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Supported Skills program – no. of applications</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—How many applications were there in the last year?</p> <p>Mr Jones—In the last financial year, in fact, there were none.</p> <p>Senator CARR—And the previous year?</p> <p>Mr Jones—I will have to check. It was small number—maybe three or four.</p>	E14	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-6	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Invest Australia – independent evaluation</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—I will come back to the specifics while we are waiting for that document to be copied. Can you advise me on the nature of any independent evaluation of the effectiveness of Invest Australia in actually attracting investment?</p> <p>Mr Jones—Yes. There was an evaluation last year by the Allen Consulting Group.</p>	E14-E15	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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				<p>Senator CARR—Has that been published?</p> <p>Mr Jones—Not yet. We are in the process of finalising that for publication at the moment, and I would expect that to be publicly available within weeks.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Obviously when it has been published, can I get a copy, please, or can a copy be provided to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Jones—Certainly.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Is that the only form of evaluation that you have?</p> <p>Mr Jones—That is the most recent external evaluation. There was an earlier evaluation, in 2001, so the program as a whole is regularly reviewed.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Is that an internal evaluation?</p> <p>Mr Jones—No. That is publicly available as well.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Can I have a copy of that, please, to update my knowledge?</p> <p>Mr Jones—Certainly.</p>				
SI-7	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Strategic Investment Coordination – investment incentive projects</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—Are you aware of any alternative offers that were being put to Pulp and Paper?</p> <p>Mr Jones—There was an alternative location for that investment, yes.</p> <p>Senator CARR—What was the site in question? Are you able to tell me that?</p> <p>Mr Jones—I am not sure whether the alternative site in that case was public. It may be commercially sensitive information to the company.</p> <p>Senator CARR—I see. Do you think that is commercial in confidence?</p> <p>Mr Jones—In that case, I think it is.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Can you check that for me? The reason I am asking is, because in my experience in this portfolio, many manufacturers have drawn my attention to the subsidy levels that are available from foreign governments and it is a bone of considerable contention.</p>	E16	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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SI-8	Brandis	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>ACIS application document</i></p> <p>CHAIR—May we see a sample of the document, please—not filled out for any particular recipient, but a sample of the standard document in blank?</p> <p>Mr Peel—The ACIS application document?</p> <p>CHAIR—The document that you say is the ground of the obligation of confidentiality.</p> <p>Mr Peel—I do not have one with me.</p> <p>CHAIR—I did not imagine you would, but may we see one, please? Will you take that on notice, please?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I will.</p>	E20	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-9	Brandis	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>ACIS program – prohibition on disclosure</i></p> <p>CHAIR—But unless the Commonwealth assumes that obligation by way of some sort of contractual undertaking or covenant to the payee of the benefit, there is no obligation to keep that payment confidential; and the disbursement of public moneys ought ordinarily to be transparent. If the Commonwealth has undertaken a contractual obligation to maintain the confidentiality of a payment to a particular payee, what I am wondering is: what is the statutory source, if there is one, requiring the Commonwealth to disburse the moneys under the old scheme in that manner? If there is not a statutory source requiring the Commonwealth only to pay these moneys on the undertaking of entering into a confidentiality agreement with the payee, I wonder why the Commonwealth did that?</p> <p>Mr Peel—I will have to take legal advice on that.</p> <p>CHAIR—Would you identify, if there is one, the statutory source governing this—what you have called the ‘application document’. If there is not a statutory source for it, can you tell us what the source of the document is? Because if it is merely a decision within the department, I am at a little bit of a loss to see why the expenditure of public money should be concealed in this manner.</p>	E20	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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SI-10	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>ACIS - funding assessment for Mitsubishi</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—When will the next assessment be for funding for Mitsubishi? Mr P Clarke—This is the next assessment by the secretary? Senator CARR—Yes. Mr P Clarke—It may be at the end of this year and it may be at the end of next year. I would have to look at the document. I do not have the document with me. Senator CARR—Will you take that on notice, as to the interval? Mr P Clarke—Yes.</p>	E23	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-11	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>ACIS program</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—Are there any companies that have received funding under ACIS that have become ineligible or have stopped receiving funding over the life of the program? Mr Peel—There would be a range of companies that have stopped receiving funding under the program because they have gone out of business or for whatever other reason, but not in relation to the major car manufacturers. Senator CARR—Obviously not in relation to the major car manufacturers. Do you have a list of those companies in the component industry? Mr Peel—I do not, but I could get it for you on notice. Senator CARR—Thank you.</p>	E23	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-12	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Manufacturing industry statement - submissions</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—I am told there are 44 submissions. Is that the total number of submissions that were received? Mr Paterson—I indicate that it is very much a work in progress, but we can provide a formal response to that in terms of the actual final number of submissions. Senator CARR—Thank you.</p>	E26	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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				<p>Mr Paterson—Because it is a matter on which we are providing advice to government at the present time, there are no conclusions reached in relation to it.</p> <p>Senator CARR—But you can tell me the number of submissions you have received?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—Yes.</p>				
SI-13	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Manufacturing industry statement – company consultations</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—How many were there, then?</p> <p>Mr Mackey—About 20 companies were invited and took part in each of the consultations.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Can you provide us with a list of those companies?</p> <p>Mr Mackey—I do not have that list with me.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Could you take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Mackey—Yes.</p> <p>Senator CARR—Thank you. Could I ask—</p> <p>Mr Paterson—We take the question on notice, including whether we are in a position to provide that detail to you.</p>	E27	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-14	Carr	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Employment in the manufacturing industry</i></p> <p>Senator CARR—In terms of the statements I have seen and the paper the minister published in July, I do not recall seeing any figures about employment in manufacturing. Can you confirm the decline in employment and manufacturing in the last five years?</p> <p>Mr Paterson—We will take that on notice.</p>	E28	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-15	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund - applications</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Thirty applications have been received. Four have been approved. Have any applicants been told their project will not be approved?</p> <p>Mr Peel—Yes.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—How many?</p>	E31	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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				Mr Peel —We will have to take that on notice.				
SI-16	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p>Gas to liquids projects - Qatar</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is it a vertically integrated project in Qatar with production straight to liquefaction?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—I cannot answer that in a precise way. I would need to take that question on notice if you wish to have further advice.</p>	E33	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-17	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p>Renewal of retention leases</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Which fields come up for retention lease or production licence renewal in the next two years?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—There is probably quite a list of them. If you bear with us, we might be able to give you some information in relation to that. Just off the top of my head, a number of the Gorgon leases come up for retention decisions in the next two years, but I cannot give you the list of them.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—If you could supply that on notice, I would appreciate that.</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—We will do that.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—If I could just go back to our original issue of the number of retention leases that will come up in the near future, my colleague Mr Stone has just identified that we have—</p> <p>Mr Stone—Twenty two retention leases that are due in the next two years.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can you tell us which ones they are?</p> <p>Mr Hartwell—We can tell you which ones; it would take some time to go through those now.</p>	E35	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-18	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p>Uranium Industry Framework Steering Group report</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can this committee have a copy of the document?</p>	E36	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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				<p>Mr Hartwell—That is a decision for the minister.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Given that it is effectively in the public domain I would think, I would ask that you request that of the minister.</p>				
SI-19	O'Brien	Tourism Australia	1/11/06	<p><i>Tourism Australia – My Australia campaign</i></p> <p>ACTING CHAIR—How do you monitor the effectiveness of that?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—Each of those initiatives are quite separate, but that particular case has a website connection. Yahoo 7 My Australia is the connection. What we will do is monitor people going on that site to see how they go through that site. Once they are in that site, they then spread out to other regional destinations. So it is not just that story. It actually gets them into a broader range of experiences that they can actually look at and tap into through that website.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—So how much is it costing?</p> <p>Mr Buckley—I will have to come back to you on the exact numbers. The partnership itself at this stage is close to a \$2 million partnership, but I would probably prefer to come back to you with some specific numbers on that specific initiative. I do not have those numbers. It is actually still being rolled out as an initiative. There are some other options we could take.</p>	E39	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-20	O'Brien	Tourism Australia	1/11/06	<p><i>Tourism Australia – Key performance indicators (KPIs)</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Can the committee be supplied with a copy of those KPIs? It is something that we have talked about, but it would be good to have your targets in front of us so that we can assess them in the knowledge of what the targets are and judge them down the track.</p> <p>Mr Buckley—We can supply those.</p>	E41	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-21	O'Brien	DITR	1/11/06	<p><i>Tourism White Paper – interim evaluation</i></p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—.....The interim evaluation of the tourism white paper was to be completed by the end of this year. What progress has been made? Are we nearly at that point?</p>	E43	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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				<p>Mr Noonan—That is a matter for the department. Yes, we are on track to achieve that interim evaluation by the end of the year.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Is the evaluation to be made public?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—I think that would be a matter for the minister to decide, once it has been completed.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Will it be shared with industry?</p> <p>Mr Noonan—The development of the framework that is being used has been subject to consultation with industry, but, again, I would say that distribution arrangements have not been addressed because we have not finished the job yet.</p> <p>Senator O'BRIEN—Could you take that on notice and see if you can give us an answer.</p> <p>Mr Noonan—Yes.</p>				

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Invest Australia						
SI-22	Carr	DITR	Please provide Invest Australia expenses in 2005-06; and estimates for 2006-07; 2007-08; 2008-09; and 2009-10 – broken down into Departmental and Administered appropriations.	1/11/06	1/11/06	Answer provided in Hansard at E30 & E44
SI-23	Carr	DITR	What has been committed or spent in 2006-07 and over forward years?	1/11/06	1/11/06	Answer provided in Hansard at E44
SI-24	Carr	DITR	How many offices are there and where are they located?	1/11/06	1/11/06	Answer provided in Hansard at E44

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SI-25	Carr	DITR	How much rent is paid on office accommodation?	1/11/06	1/11/06	Answer provided in Hansard at E44
SI-26	Carr	DITR	Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels within Invest Australia since 2000-01 to the present? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include breakdown of Axiss Australia within this • Provide staff numbers by location 	1/11/06	1/11/06	Answer provided in Hansard at E44 & E45
SI-27	Carr	DITR	Please provide estimates of staffing levels over the forward estimates period? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include breakdown of Axiss Australia within this • Provide staff numbers by location 	1/11/06	1/11/06	Answer provided in Hansard at E45
Ionospheric Prediction Service						
SI-28	Carr	DITR	For the Ionospheric Prediction Service provide the amounts contributed by the Commonwealth for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2004-05; • 2005-06; • Projected contributions for 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10. 	31/01/07	31/01/07	
Australian Building Codes Board – Accessible housing						
SI-29	Carr	DITR	The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) decided at its November 2005 meeting that the final Accessible Housing Report should be referred to relevant State and Territory bodies through ABCB Board members, which occurred early this year. What timelines have been set to reach a decision on the release of the Accessible Housing Report in part or whole, particularly given that the public discussion of the report was part of the research brief for this report and that the research should not be allowed to become out of date?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
Australian Building Codes Board – Disability Access standards						
SI-30	Carr	DITR	In light of the recent government response to Senate Question No. 2443, that “Amendments to the BCA arising from a Premises Standard would follow the usual amendment process established by the ABCB”, what is the usual amendment process and the timeline of that process?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-31	Carr	DITR	Given that the terms of reference for the Building Access Policy Committee (BAPC) indicate that ABCB will publish BAPC recommendations for changes to the BCA, when is the BAPC additional advice to the ABCB going to be published (i.e. the BAPC advice provided subsequent to BAPC recommendations published for public comment in January 2004) ?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-32	Carr	DITR	What is the main reason for delay in the government making a decision on a Premises	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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			Standard?			
SI-33	Carr	DITR	Has any of the \$200,000 that has been set aside by the ABCB in its budget for the 2006-07 financial year as a contingency in relation to the Premises Standard been spent and, if so, on what? If not, are there indications as to whether and on what it is likely to be spent?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-34	Carr	DITR	What was the content of the human rights update paper in relation to development of the proposed Premises Standard which was noted by the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General in July 2006? Has the Standing Committee received any further updates and, if so, what is their content?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
China Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations						
SI-35	Carr	DITR	What involvement has the Department had in preparation for, or conduct of, negotiations for the China FTA?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-36	Carr	DITR	Has the Department conducted or commissioned any research into if (or how) the current TCF / Auto tariff and industry arrangements could be altered? Has there been any policy development work undertaken in this regard?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-37	Carr	DITR	Does the Department have a view of what the likely impact would be if these programs were altered as part of the implementation of the China FTA? If so, what impact would the Department expect any changes to have?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-38	Carr	DITR	Is the Department aware of any work being done on this issue by any other Department or by external agencies? If so, please provide details.	31/01/07	31/01/07	
Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP) Scheme						
SI-39	Carr	DITR	Budget Paper Number 2 (p. 36), states that: <i>"The Government will introduce a new investment vehicle called an early stage venture capital limited partnership (ESVCLP) which will, from 1 July 2006, progressively replace the existing pooled development funds (PDF) arrangements."</i> Has the Department drafted (or been involved in drafting) any legislation for ESVCLP scheme as yet?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-40	Carr	DITR	During Budget Estimates in May, the Department advised Senator Campbell that it expected legislation to be in place within the 2006-07 financial year. Is this still the expectation? Please provide any updated information that is available about the expected timeframe.	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-41	Carr	DITR	Is the statement in Budget Paper 2 that the ESVCLP will "progressively replace" existing arrangements from 1 July 2006 now out of date? If not, what "progress" has been made to date in replacing the existing arrangements, from the perspective of investors?	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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SI-42	Carr	DITR	Has there been a delay in developing the legislation? If so, why?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-43	Carr	DITR	What is the procedure likely to be for an entity that wishes to establish an ESVCLP in the near future? Is it possible to do this prior to legislation being passed?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
LPG Rebate Scheme						
SI-44	Carr	DITR	Is there any updated information relating to the estimated number of vehicles in each of the categories (LPG conversion, new LPG vehicles) that are expected to attract the subsidy in the years 2006-07 to 2013-14, as presented in table format in a letter dated 4 September 2006 from Mr Beeston to the Secretary of the Australia's Future Oil Supply and Alternative Transport Fuels Inquiry? If so, please provide details.	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-45	Carr	DITR	How many persons annually apply for LPG conversion licences in different states and territories?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-46	Carr	DITR	Since the <i>LPG Vehicle Scheme</i> was announced in August, how many applications have been received for the rebate to date, nationally and for each state and territory?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-47	Carr	DITR	What is the current value of the grants approved to date, nationally and for each state and territory?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-48	Carr	DITR	How many kilometres would a car have to travel every year to make the conversion financially viable based on the average cost of a LPG unit?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-49	Carr	DITR	Has the cost of installing an LPG unit increased since the scheme was announced?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-50	Carr	DITR	Since the introduction of the scheme, have any LPG installers been found to have simply added the cost of the rebate to the cost of the conversion? If so, how many and what has been done about it.	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-51	Carr	DITR	What is the average waiting time for an LPG conversion?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-52	Carr	DITR	An advertising budget of \$3 million dollars was initially allocated. Has all of that been spent? If so, will additional funds be spent on advertising?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-53	Carr	DITR	Would you agree that only 3 to 4 per cent of Australian cars will have access to this scheme? If not, what is the Department's estimate and what is it based on?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-54	Carr	DITR	When developing the scheme was any consideration given to other methods of delivering the rebate? If so, why was the decision made to provide the rebate to drivers after the LPG conversion?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-55	Carr	DITR	Was any consideration given to having drivers lodge an application for the rebate, which would instead go to the LPG converter, who would in turn take the rebate out of the cost of conversion – therefore making the scheme more accessible to lower income earners?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-56	Carr	DITR	Original estimates from the Department had 28,800 conversions estimated in the scheme's first year. Has that figure been revised? If so, please provide the new estimate. If not, how has the	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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			delay in getting LPG units installed been taken into account?			
SI-57	Carr	DITR	Given that LPG is currently an attractive option for motorists because of its price, why is an excise being introduced in 2011 which will make it more expensive and instead of expanding the LPG industry, could do the opposite?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-58	Carr	DITR	Has the Department undertaken or commissioned any modelling been undertaken of the impact of introducing the excise on the LPG industry? If so, what did this modelling find?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
Release of National Manufacturing Forum Report: "Strategic Actions to Boost Australian Manufacturing"						
SI-59	Carr	DITR	Is the Department aware of the release of a report by the National Manufacturing Forum (NMF), "Strategic Actions to Boost Australian Manufacturing"?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-60	Carr	DITR	What does the Department identify as key issues arising from this document?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-61	Carr	DITR	How is the NMF report being taken into account in preparing the 2007 'Global Integration' Industry Statement?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-62	Carr	DITR	How does the work of the NMF differ to that being done by the Department for the Industry Statement?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-63	Carr	DITR	What will be the relationship between the NMF document and the Industry Statement when the latter is completed?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-64	Carr	DITR	It appears that the Commonwealth was the only stakeholder not part of the NMF. Why did the Commonwealth choose not to participate?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-65	Carr	DITR	Has the Department or Minister received a briefing from the NMF?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-66	Carr	DITR	What was the agenda and outcomes of this briefing?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
TCFUA Report on TCF SIP Structural Adjustment Package						
SI-67	Carr	DITR	Is the Department aware of the TCFUA's report on the TCF SIP Structural Adjustment Package, released in October?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-68	Carr	DITR	What is the Department's view of the report?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-69	Carr	DITR	The program has been underspent each year – by over \$14 million in 2005-06 according to the figures provided during the hearing. How does the Department explain this underspend?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-70	Carr	DITR	Exactly how much has gone to the three constituencies identified in the SAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrenched workers; • Communities; and Firms?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-71	Carr	DITR	What is the profile of recipients over the forward estimates?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-72	Carr	DITR	How exactly does TCF SAP provide support for "communities", as compared to retrenched workers or firms, who are easily identified?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-73	Carr	DITR	Is the Department aware of the low recognition of the TCF SAP within the Job Network?	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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			What is the Department's explanation for why this is the case?			
SI-74	Carr	DITR	Does the Department brief Job Network staff on this program?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-75	Carr	DITR	Are people who would be eligible for assistance under the TCF SAP referred to Job Network from Centrelink? If so, what steps has the Department taken to ensure that Centrelink officers are aware of the program and are in a position to identify people who would be eligible and ensure they are aware of their entitlements?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-76	Carr	DITR	Does the Department monitor the performance of the Job Network and/or Centrelink (if appropriate) in administering this program? If not, why not? If so, please provide details of how does the monitoring process operate?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-77	Carr	DITR	What is the Department's view of the TCFUA's suggestion that the SAP be administered through an independent, community based entity? Would such a move have the potential to improve information flows and ensure appropriate counselling, training and employment support is provided to all TCF workers?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-78	Carr	DITR	Has the Department or Minister received a briefing from the TCFUA on the report? If so, what were the agenda and outcomes of this briefing?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-79	Carr	DITR	What (if any) corrective actions are being put in place to address the concerns raised by the TCFUA?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
APEC 2007						
SI-80	Evans/ Sherry	DITR	Please indicate the total funding allocated to the department for APEC 2007 related purposes, please also indicate how this funding is broken down by financial year.	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-81	Evans/ Sherry	DITR	What is the purpose of the funding listed in response to question one and what are the department's activities in regard to APEC 2007?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
Annual Reports						
SI-82	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	With regard to each agencies (and the department itself) that fall inside the department's portfolio, could the department indicate 1. What date the agency's 2005-06 Annual Report was tabled before parliament?	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-83	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	2. If the annual report was not tabled by 31 October 2006, could the department indicate: a. When the report was tabled, or if it remains untabled what date the report is expected to be tabled by. b. Whether the agency's own legislation provides an alternative timeframe for its annual report. If so, could the department provide: i. A description and reference to the relevant provision and legislation. ii. An explanation of why the agency cannot meet the general timeframe set out	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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			<p>in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Requirements for Annual Reports, and so requires an alternative timeframe?</p> <p>c. Whether the agency was granted an extension under section subsections 34C(4) - (7) of the <i>Acts Interpretation Act 1901</i>? If so, could the department provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The date for finalizing the report as set out in the extension. ii. The reason given for granting the extension. iii. The date that the Minister tabled in Parliament a statement explaining why an extension was granted. iv. A copy of the Minister's statement. <p>d. Where the agency's legislation doesn't provide for an alternative timeframe (as per question b) nor was the agency granted an extension (as per question c) could the department provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Explanation for why the Annual Report was tabled outside the timeframe set by DPM&C despite there being no provision for alternative timeframe set out in the agency's legislation nor there being any formal extension granted. ii. Details of any other arrangement in place for the tabling of the agency's Annual Report." 			
Possible Parliamentary Questions						
SI-84	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	<p>With regard to the preparation of Possible Parliament Questions briefs or other such documents intended to brief Minister's on an issue specifically for Question Time, could the department/agency provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of such briefs prepared in each of the last three financial years (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06). 	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-85	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The number of staff who are responsible for coordinating such briefs and the salary level they are engaged at. 	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-86	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The name of internal unit/team that those staff belong to and a description of its other responsibilities. 	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-87	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The total budget associated with the unit/team referred to in response to part 3. 	31/01/07	31/01/07	
Legal Services expenditure						
SI-88	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What sum did the department spend during 2005-2006 on external <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. barristers and 	31/01/07	31/01/07	

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			b. solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).			
SI-89	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	2. What sum did the department spend on internal legal services.	31/01/07	31/01/07	
SI-90	Ludwig	DITR and agencies	3. What is the department's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.	31/01/07	31/01/07	
ABCB – Accessible Housing Report						
SI-91	McLucas	DITR	What is the Government doing with the findings and recommendations of the Accessible Housing Report which relate to the increasing and urgent problem of people wanting to remain in their homes and neighbourhoods but their housing is unsuitable for in-home support without expensive alterations?	31/01/07	31/01/07	Transferred to DITR from FaCSIA on 23/11/06