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SI-1	Mason	CSIRO	Invitation – Prime Minister’s manufacturing task force	<p>Senator MASON: I understand that. I can certainly say on behalf of the opposition that it is a very full agenda. Dr Clark, by whom were you first approached to join the Prime Minister’s manufacturing task force?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I received a letter of invitation.</p> <p>Senator MASON: When was that?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I could not give you the exact date of the letter but I could go through the records and provide you with that invitation date.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Could you find that out for the committee?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Not a problem.</p> <p>Senator MASON: And when that invitation reached you. That would be great. -----</p>	Page 4, Wednesday 17 October 2012	17/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-2	Mason	CSIRO	Space infrastructure	<p>Senator MASON: You may need to take my next question on notice. Can you provide a list of all the major space infrastructure owned by the CSIRO? Secondly, can you provide a list of any income derived from the 2011-12 financial year?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes, I can provide you that in a comprehensive list, but let me just give you an overview. In terms of the space infrastructure, we have the radioastronomy facilities at Parkes, the Mopra facility at Narrabri and the facilities in Western Australia—the Murchison.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I am happy for you to take it on notice. I do not want to take up the committee’s time, because I know it is very valuable. If you can take both those questions on notice, I would be very grateful.</p> <p>Dr Clark: Not a problem.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Thanks, Dr Clark.</p>	Page 5, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-3	Colbeck	CSIRO	Comcare premiums	<p>Senator COLBECK: Dr Clark and Mr Roy, you told us at the last estimates that you did not think CSIRO had a problem with its workplace culture. Bearing that in mind, is it true that there has been more than a \$3 million or over 250 per cent increase in the organisations Comcare premium for 2012-13, a \$900,000 drop in the bonus or penalty in just this one year, and a \$1.3</p>	Pages 6-7, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>million reversal in the bonus or penalty in the space of the last two years? If those numbers are correct—which I think they are, based on the table that I have—how do you explain those significant changes in the premiums, given that the premiums have been fairly steady at about \$1.4 million to \$1.9 million over the previous three years?</p> <p>Dr Clark: You are correct in that our premium has risen by 0.2 per cent from 0.47 per cent of payroll to 0.67 per cent of payroll. This is against a backdrop of a rise of all agencies combined—a rise of 0.36 per cent in payroll from an average of 1.41 per cent to 1.77 per cent. Whilst, as you pointed out, we have had a significant rise, it has been less in percentage terms than the average. The reasons indicated for that is the number of claims from 2011, around 84.4 per cent, the average lifetime cost per claim increasing from \$14K in 2008 to \$33K for 2011, and a sense of experiencing an increasing potential for claims, particularly based on that increased average amount.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mr Roy: I might be able to help with this and we would be very comfortable to table the explanatory letter that came from Comcare to support the case.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Without having the core numbers to collate that to it makes it a bit difficult—</p> <p>Dr Clark: We are happy to provide, as Mr Roy has outlined, the letter from Comcare.</p>			
SI-4	Colbeck	CSIRO	Comcare report cost	<p>Senator COLBECK: What was the full cost to the CSIRO of the report into this matter by the Comcare investigator, Mr Docker?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I am not quite sure. Do you want the cost of the Comcare investigation and report?</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Roy: My understanding is that we have no direct costs. Whether it flows through our premiums or not I cannot answer. I will have to take that on notice. We do not write a cheque to Comcare, to the best of my knowledge, to conduct this report. Clearly, a number of CSIRO officers have been witnesses and have contributed to the report and we have not costed their time</p>	Page 12, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				to do that piece of work. I cannot be more definitive than that here today, but we do not write a cheque to Comcare for it, to the best of my knowledge.			
SI-5	Colbeck	CSIRO	IMT Division staff termination	<p>Senator COLBECK: I turn to the termination of IMT division staff. You gave us an answer to question BI-8. Are you completely comfortable with that particular answer?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Actually, we sent a letter to Senator Mark Bishop because, in reviewing our response to that question on notice from the May 2012 budget estimate hearings it came to our attention that the answer to BI-8 included an incorrect date. We apologise, it was a typographical error. We have written and corrected that in response to this question. The answer states: Staff identified as potentially redundant were formally notified on 23 June 2011.</p> <p>The correct date on which staff were notified was 23 June 2010. That correction was provided to the chair.</p> <p>CHAIR: And circulated.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: So the advice to staff of anticipated changes was 17 May, and the actual date of notification was 23 June 2010—that is, the following month?</p> <p>Dr Clark: Yes.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I want to go to your answer to question on notice B-145. You say in that statement that the employment of one of the relevant whistleblowers ceased on 4 September 2011. The information I have is that the termination date was actually 4 January 2011.</p> <p>Dr Clark: If you have information, we would be happy to look into that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: My information is that the actual date is 4 January 2011, and the date of 4 September in fact only refers to the date of the final settlement—a very elongated termination payout.</p> <p>Dr Clark: We would be happy to look into that, if you have further information.</p>	Pages 12-13, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-6	Whish-Wilson	CSIRO	Shark tagging	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have questions on great white sharks and European wasps. Starting with great white sharks, are CSIRO still conducting electronic tagging of great white sharks?</p> <p>Dr Clark: We do still undertake tagging of sharks.</p>	Pages 13-14, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Sharks in general. I understand a new shark tagging exercise for different benthic species in marine protected areas, but are you still tagging great white sharks?</p> <p>Dr Clark: I will provide you with additional information on the range of the sharks that we tag, where we do that at our locations around Australia and how we report and record that. I am encouraging our team to develop an app that sends an SMS to your phone if you are within 500 metres of one of our tagged sharks, but we have not quite developed that app yet.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is that where you are heading with this?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: That was not a specific request by the minister in WA!</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: The reason I bring it up is that we hear stories about, for example, surf competitions or a surf lifesaving group being advised of a shark in the vicinity. I wonder if that is a consistent policy of working with, for example, the Western Australian authorities in this case?</p> <p>Dr Clark: As I said, I have been encouraging our team and we have been looking into that—how do we use the wireless communication that we have on the tags to make sure that we can link that in with wireless phones? It is not ready yet, but I have been encouraging our staff to look at that. I would have to give you an update on that outside this committee or at our next meeting on how we are progressing. It is not trivial to do that in a push mechanism.</p>			
SI-7	Whish-Wilson	CSIRO	Great white sharks	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Do you have funding specifically for this or is this an area that has been targeted for potential funding, given the controversy over the potential culling of great white sharks?</p> <p>Dr Clark: You are going specifically to the great white sharks. We do tag more than one species. I would be happy to provide that information on notice.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you. -----</p>	Page 14, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-8	Whish-Wilson	CSIRO	Great white sharks – submission to an inquiry by the Tasmanian	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you. I have another question on great whites. In Tasmania, at the moment we are looking at shark-cage diving. A number of submissions are with the state government about ecotourism and the use of berley and the</p>	Page 14, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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			government	promotion of shark-cage diving. Have you put in a submission on that? Dr Clark: I will take the question on notice.			
SI-9	Whish-Wilson	CSIRO	European wasps – research into controls	Senator WHISH-WILSON: European wasps are a big issue in Tasmania as they are across the country in agriculture, tourism and other areas. Are you aware of any research into biological controls or other controls for European wasps? Dr Clark: I am not a specialist in that area. I would like to get our experts to provide with some information on what we are doing. Senator WHISH-WILSON: They love my grapes, unfortunately! They are a big problem. Recently, we have also looked at trying to get some feedback on the potential ecosystem impacts of European wasps. Has that come across your radar at all in your research? Dr Clark: Let me take both of those. If I understand your question you would like some information on what we are doing, what is happening more generally in that area outside the CSIRO and the ecosystem impacts of the European wasp? Senator WHISH-WILSON: Yes, and if there is any specific funding or any program to deal with them? Dr Clark: And any funding issues; I am happy to take that on notice.	Page 14, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-10	Pratt	CSIRO	ASKAP list of projects	Senator PRATT: When you talk about the time for projects that has already been booked, some of the things you have spoken of that you are looking to research will form part of those projects that have been put aside for research time? Dr Clark: Yes, exactly. When I say 75 per cent is booked, we already have a list of projects that will be undertaken by the ASKAP. Senator PRATT: They would include those kinds of things? Dr Clark: They would include many of those aspects. I would be happy to provide a list of the projects, if you are interested. Senator PRATT: I think that would be desirable. -----	Page 17, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-11	Rhiannon	CSIRO	Industry Group membership	Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. I have now received the responses. I note that in the financial year 2011-12 you estimate that your expenditure on memberships was \$890,711. That is a great deal of money. Could you give us a further breakdown on	Page 16, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>how that was spent and, within the context of this review, your judgement on the benefits that you have received, and what industry groups you no longer will retain membership of?</p> <p>Mr Walker: Your question has a number of parts; I will deal with them sequentially. Firstly, in relation to the specific memberships we would need to take that aspect of the question on notice. I believe the second part of your question, if you would not mind just clarifying for me, was around the value for money—whether that amount of money was justified. It is important for CSIRO to engage closely with all parts of industry. Every one of those membership decisions would be based on assessment by a relatively senior officer of CSIRO that the membership represented value for money, gave access to industry contacts and provided benefit to the organisation. That is fundamental in terms of how we spend our money, so you can make the assumption that each of those, whatever the value, would have that assessment built into it.</p>			
SI-12	Pratt	CSIRO	Pawsey supercomputer	<p>Senator PRATT: What is the timeline for getting the supercomputer up and running and interacting with ASKAP? I note that there is still work to be done in terms of the computing infrastructure on site in the Murchison to filter out some of the noise from the signals that you do not want to receive.</p> <p>Dr Clark: That is exactly right. I can give you the detailed breakdown, but in terms of the Pawsey supercomputer we have let the contract for the supercomputer to Cray and there will be a building at Kensington for that. Sitting at the Murchison itself we have now completed our control room where we will install computers that will do a first filter. The reason you need to do that is that each of those dishes every second will put down the amount of data that we currently see on the US internet, so there needs to be filtering at the site. When SKA comes along there currently are not computers built that can handle the data that it will send down every second, so it is a logistical issue. I would be happy to provide you with the project schedule, giving details and dates.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That would be terrific. -----</p>	Page 18, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-13	Colbeck	CSIRO	IMT Division – letter to Centrelink – notice	<p>Senator COLBECK: I appreciate the committee's time. I need to go back to the issue about the termination of the staff in 2010.</p>	Pages 18 and 19, Wednesday 17	9/01/2013	7/02/2013

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			of termination of staff	<p>There was advice given to the IMT staff on 17 May that anticipated the loss of around 30 positions?</p> <p>Mr Roy: I understand that is accurate. That is what we have said in response to a question.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: No, I do not think we are disputing that. I just want to confirm it. At that point the CSIRO had a clear obligation under section 530 of the Fair Work Act to inform the CEO of Centrelink of that proposed action?</p> <p>Mr Roy: That is correct, and I think where you are probably going is we—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Just before you go there—I have got to be quick—those terminations included library staff?</p> <p>Mr Roy: There were some library staff included in that.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: You are right, I am going there, because the notice of termination did not go to Centrelink until 14 February 2011?</p> <p>Mr Roy: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: There effectively was a breach of the Fair Work Act in that circumstance?</p> <p>Mr Roy: There were obligations under the act. We missed the time line to send it in. We have been transparent about that. We have corrected it subsequently in terms of our policies, but we did miss that—not guideline—obligation under the act to advise the Chief Executive of Centrelink as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: This is not even actually addressed to anybody, it is just a fax to Centrelink. I suppose that is neither here nor there.</p> <p>Mr Roy: But I understand we submitted the advice, albeit late, in the appropriate form once it had been submitted. I understand that is how they do go to Centrelink, but we can clarify that if that is your desire.</p>	October 2012		
SI-14	Colbeck	CSIRO	Comcare report – members of the team following up on recommendations	<p>Senator COLBECK: Can I just ask one final question quickly, Senator? You will take this on notice, I am sure, Dr Clark. You have put a team in place to oversee the actions recommended by Comcare in the improvement notice. Can you let us know who the members of the team are, please?</p> <p>Dr Megan Clark: I will.</p>	Page 19, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-15	Bushby	ANSTO	PETNET – internal	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I have a couple of questions on this before I</p>	Page 20,	9/01/2013	7/02/2013

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			rate of return	<p>move on to the molybdenum manufacturing plant. In the report of the AGCNCO, based on PETNET's own numbers, PETNET was expected to make an internal rate of return of 5.3 per cent in 10 years and 9.2 per cent in 15 years. Are those targets still accurate and, if not, have they changed?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I will take that on notice. Basically, those rates of return change every year because of conditions that are outside of the direct control of people in the market, and they relate to interest rates, long-term government bond rates and so on. It is quite a complicated modelling exercise. We will provide you with the updated rates of return that are anticipated. As indicated, every year this thing is going to move about, and we will be happy to keep people updated.</p>	Wednesday 17 October 2012		
SI-16	Ludlam	ANSTO	Mo-99 facility – business plan and peer review	<p>Senator LUDLAM: The reactor has only been up for a couple of years, so I am not certain why ANSTO is asking for another investment of \$168 million in 2012. What is that actually for and why is it necessary so soon after the new reactor and the molycline has been stood up?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: Firstly, just to clarify, the investments we are making is into core technologies. One is a production of mo-99 from irradiated target plates. There will be a small incremental investment in the process flows from the reactor, but that it not really where the bulk of this funding is going. The facility that we built when we initially established the capability to produce mo-99 using the alkaline process was always envisaged to be an interim step. It was retrofitted into an older facility and it allowed us to implement a technology that had been developed by our colleagues in Argentina. Therefore, the investment that we made in that initial facility was always expected to be replaced with an upgraded capability that would expand our capacity to supply both Australia and, indeed, the global community. When I joined ANSTO that project was called Mega-Moly. It was already on the books and had been discussed for a number of years by the board. At the time, as was alluded to in an early question that we were asked, there was a good deal of discussion about when we should make the follow-on investments. The follow-on investments, which were always envisaged, fit very, very well now with the timing of the shutdown of the Canadian research</p>	Pages 23-24, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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			<p>reactor. The Canadian government has announced over the last 12 to 15 months on a number of occasions that in October 2016, their supply, which is currently 40 per cent the global supply of this critical isotope, will be terminating. So we have really designed, in consultation with government over a very significant period, our project to be able to enter the market ahead of that step change in the availability of the isotope—.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Sorry Dr Paterson, we are a bit short of time. I will try to keep the questions short.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Can I just say quickly that cabinet made the decision on this investment based on a very strong business case and was supported by the central financial agencies on the basis that we think a very strong business case for the plant exists.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Was a cost-benefit analysis done?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The business case was independently reviewed by KPMG and they did a top-down and a bottom-up review. They consulted international experts in the field and the economics of this investment is absolutely sustainable in a fully market-oriented fashion.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: But a formal cost-benefit analysis was not done?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: The cost-benefit analysis was but one element of that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Are the business plan and peer review both public documents?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: Typically one would not provide such a detailed business plan as a public document because there are commercial implications.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So none of it can be put into the public domain?</p> <p>Dr Paterson: I think that the high level capacity of the plant is certainly something that we have been able to talk about.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Perhaps the best response to that, Senator, is that we will take it on notice and see what can be provided to the committee without that going against that commercial-in-confidence.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is useful. -----</p>			
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SI-17	Ryan	Corporate	FOI issue with the Australian Financial Review – legal costs	<p>Senator RYAN: Turning to the FOI issue that has been going on with the <i>Australian Financial Review</i>, to date do you have a cost to the department of pursuing through the courts the FOI legal issue with the <i>Financial Review</i>?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I will defer to my colleague.</p> <p>Ms Weston: As at 16 October—just the other day—we have been advised by our lawyers that the total of all costs and disbursements billed to date, and work in progress and disbursements incurred but not billed, including counsel fees, were \$156,348.36 inclusive of GST.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Is that only legal expenses or is that costs incurred via lawyers—is that a good way to describe it? Or have there been other costs incurred?</p> <p>Ms Weston: That is my understanding of the totality of the costs.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Did you say that is the legal costs?</p> <p>Ms Weston: It is all our costs in relation to this.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Do you have a subset of that which is legal costs—which would be solicitors, solicitors' disbursements and counsel, I would imagine?</p> <p>Ms Weston: We can take that on notice and provide it.</p>	Page 37, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-18	Ryan	Corporate	FOI legal issue – lawyers and hours billed	<p>Senator RYAN: What firm were you using for the legal action?</p> <p>Ms Weston: We are working with Clayton Utz.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: How many lawyers did you have working on this? Do you know how many lawyers they had? Do you have any in house?</p> <p>Ms Weston: I am not sure of the exact total. I can certainly take that on notice. We have some in-house lawyers who have been helping us to progress the litigation.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: How many hours? Have you got an account of the number of hours Clayton Utz have billed you for?</p> <p>Ms Weston: We would have to take that on notice, but I can certainly aim to provide that for you</p>	Page 37, Wednesday 17 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-19	Ryan	Corporate	FOI legal issue – commercial-in-confidence information	<p>Senator RYAN: On what day were Holden, Ford and Toyota informed that the material had been erroneously sent to the <i>AFR</i>—to use, I think, the defence of the department?</p> <p>Ms Weston: They were advised on Saturday the 22nd of September.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Who informed them? Was it by email,</p>	Page 37, Wednesday 17 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>telephone? Ms Weston: There were phone calls made and— Senator RYAN: Pleasant phone calls? Who placed the calls? Mr Lawson: It myself and Mark Durrant. Senator RYAN: There were 39 documents, I understand? Ms Weston: Yes. Senator RYAN: I am going to be careful, and if at any point I cross the line into where you would be uncomfortable answering because of legal action, please feel free to say. I have not been following the case in as much detail as some at the table. How many of the 39 documents contained commercial-in-confidence information? Ms Weston: We might have to take that on notice. There were a variety of documents covering a variety of areas of exemption under the FOI Act. We can certainly take that on notice and provide you with more detail.</p>			
SI-20	Ryan	Manufacturing	Car industry - multiplier effect	<p>Senator RYAN: I will check the words on that and we may end up discussing that again next February. When we are discussing these special deals for Ford and Holden there have been claims that 200,000 car industry jobs would have been at risk without them. Can someone in the department explain to me the 200,000 job claim in the car industry? Mr Durrant: There are around 50,000 people directly employed in the manufacturing of cars. That includes the components and service providers. Those are direct numbers that come from the ABS. I think it is around 46,000 for the last quarter. It varies a little bit around that 50,000 mark. There is an international multiplier effect of about 1 to 5 jobs. We have taken a somewhat conservative approach and determined 200,000 jobs, based on the multiplier and the fact that we have 50,000 jobs. Senator RYAN: You have gone for one in four rather than one in five. Mr Durrant: Yes. Senator RYAN: Does that 200,000 include 30,000 people that might work in the after-car support market? Mr Durrant: No. Senator RYAN: So this is a multiplier about other manufacturing industry.</p>	Pages 41 and 42, Wednesday 17 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>Mr Durrant: That is right. It is just the multiplier purely on the manufacturing of motor vehicles.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I remember working in an industry that used to talk about multipliers a lot. So you do not have any evidence, you are simply applying a multiplier effect to the just under 50,000 people employed directly manufacturing cars, components and, I think you said, after-car. Did you say after-car or support?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: It includes service providers to the toolers.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: In the 50,000, you are not counting those who are after-market support for imported cars. It is only those related to the manufacture.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: That is correct, it is related to the manufacturing.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Have you investigated or undertaken any work investigating the multiplier effect? Some of these multiplier effects—I have done a bit of work on them myself—do not always survive scrutiny.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Yes. Like I said, it is a national figure. It is one that is used around the world by various—</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Car manufacturers?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Car manufacturers use it, but academics also use it. We have not done the multiplier effect ourselves.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Is this multiplier effect challenged?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I think it is a generally accepted one.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I am not familiar off the top of my head with the work, but, for example, in reports the Productivity Commission has done into cars, have they challenged it?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: Not that I am aware of</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Can you give me some references for the multiplier effect that the department uses to reference or footnote it, for want of a better way of putting it.</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I will take that on notice.</p>			
SI-21	Ryan	Manufacturing	Ford job losses	<p>Senator RYAN: I will move on. Prior to the announcement by Ford on 17 July of the 440 job losses, was the government, in this case the minister—I appreciate you will probably have to take this on notice, Senator Lundy—or the department provided with any indication of any kind that Ford was to make an announcement of those job losses?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: We will have to take it on notice. I believe that</p>	Pages 42-43, Wednesday 17 October 2012	5/02/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>Ford notified me of the announcement on the day or the day before.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Would you take notice when you were told—I appreciate you might not have that off the top of your head—who was told, if there was someone other than you in the department, and when they were told. Minister, I would ask you to take on notice when the minister's office, if it was, was provided with such notice, by whom, who was told and when they were told.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: Yes.</p>			
SI-22	Ryan	Manufacturing	Fuel economy of Australian manufactured cars	<p>Senator RYAN: Thank you. Can you tell me what has been the change in the average fuel economy of Australian manufactured cars since the start of the New Car Plan for a Greener Future in 2008?</p> <p>Mr Durrant: I will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: I thought you might. -----</p>	Page 44, Wednesday 17 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-23	Bushby	Corporate	Coffee machines	<p>Senator BUSHBY: What was the department's justification for buying \$15,000 coffee machines. We are in a constrained fiscal environment. We have been hearing questions today about freezes on very worthwhile grants programs. How do you justify spending \$15,000 on a coffee machine and then doing that five times over?</p> <p>Ms Graham: Since 2006 we have had, in Industry House where we have most of our staff, coffee machines in the building. They generate value for employees and, we believe, increased productivity. When the machinery of government change happened and we had 800 staff in Mort Street in Canberra we chose to put coffee machines into that building because it made sense to provide the same amenity to all staff based in Canberra. The machines are fully automated. They have to cope with a fairly large number of staff using them. There is one per floor. The nature of the machine is such that it is heavy duty and it can cope with that load. That therefore reduces maintenance costs.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That may well justify, to some extent, the type of machine but it does not really fully explain—you mentioned productivity—the need to have a coffee machine in the first place. I am quite sure there are very good coffee shops nearby. I am quite sure that a kettle, in most workplaces, seems to suffice and ensure that most people can make themselves a coffee</p>	Page 52, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>in the breaks that they have. That does not really explain the need to have a coffee machine that presumably makes all sorts of varieties of coffee.</p> <p>Ms Graham: There was certainly an analysis undertaken, when they were first put into Industry House, on the benefits associated with having coffee machines in the building.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Was that a formal analysis that was undertaken or—</p> <p>Ms Graham: My understanding is that there was a review undertaken—</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is that something that we can get a copy of?</p> <p>Ms Graham: I will have to take that on notice.</p>			
SI-24	Ryan	AusIndustry	Grant pause script	<p>Senator RYAN: Was there any instruction from either senior officials within the department or from the minister or his office to not communicate the pause to people who are in the application process and consideration stage for whom that process was going to be longer, because we now have delays in it? I think that is a fair way to describe it. Was there an instruction for you to not communicate that pause and that delay to those applicants or indeed any applicants?</p> <p>Ms Butler: I am happy to take that question. No, there was not.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: No, there was not?</p> <p>Ms Butler: No. What we did in AusIndustry was we provided information to our call centres and hotlines on the basis that, if customers or stakeholders rang and inquired as to the status of their program, they would be advised that there was a brief pause while the government was collecting information on programs.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Presumably we have had a script for your call centre?</p> <p>Ms Butler: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Could you provide that on notice, please?</p> <p>Ms Butler: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: It was described as a brief pause, that took place on 28 August. We are now on 17 October. When are you changing the words so it is no longer a 'brief pause'? We are now at seven weeks. The point I am trying to make, Ms Butler, is that I think it is fair to say it is no longer brief. Do you still consider this to be a brief pause?</p>	Pages 58-59, Wednesday 17 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>Ms Butler: We certainly consider it still to be a pause. Senator RYAN: Are you still telling people it is a brief pause? Ms Butler: I would have to check the scripting on that. I would suggest that we may have changed it to 'paused'. I will check that and get the paperwork to you on notice.</p>			
SI-25	Ryan	AusIndustry	SBAS applicants	<p>Senator RYAN: Going to back to the SBAS applicants in particular, when we talked about this in May estimates, I was told that no transitional Commonwealth funding arrangements had been put in place. Is that still the case? There have been no transitional elements put in place? Ms Butler: That is correct. Senator RYAN: We were hoping to have them underway by August, even though the old scheme finished on 30 June. It is now 17 October. Have you been advised yet, at any point, when you can finalise this process by making recommendations to the delegate to make decisions? Ms Butler: No, I haven't been advised. Senator RYAN: So there is no advice within the department. It is not just this one. Ms Butler: No. Senator RYAN: Have you received any contact from recipients of the previous program indicating financial stress—that they might be at risk of falling over, for lack of a better way of putting it? I think it was probably a legitimate expectation of theirs that they would have had an answer by now. Ms Launder: We have had contact with the recipients through the previous program through their final reporting processes that have been taking place over the last couple of months. Through that process some of them have indicated to us that they are winding back some of the services that they are delivering, or changing the nature of the delivery of some of those services. Some of them are looking at losing some of their staff. We have had communication from one particular BEC that they were looking into some alternate restructuring processes for their organisation, and through that process they were referring some of their calls to a neighbouring BEC. Senator RYAN: Have the group that oversees this program and the previous program been keeping records of the feedback you</p>	Pages 59 and 60, Wednesday 17 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>have been getting from previous grant recipients and grant applicants about the impact of this delay when they contact you—you have not contacted them, I appreciate—saying, 'We're looking at restructuring, we're looking at sacking a few people, we're looking at changing our service profile', have you kept records of that?</p> <p>Ms Launder: That was a particular question that was on the final reporting template, so in that respect we do have a record.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: What was the question?</p> <p>Ms Launder: It was just to advise us of the process going forward for them as a BEC. I would like to take on notice the exact question.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Sure. -----</p>			
SI-26	Whish-Wilson	Minister O'Connor	Small Business Commissioner legislative process	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have a quick follow-up question on the federal small business commissioner—perhaps to the minister, if it is possible. I am wondering if any thought was given to a legislative process for this position.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: A legislative process?</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: In terms of an act of parliament?</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: I would have to ask the minister what his thinking was about it.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: We were just concerned that with the allocation and the role—we support it—how it may potentially be cancelled in the future without having gone through this process, whether you see that as being an issue.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: If the opposition were in government, you mean.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: It is a fair point to be worried.</p>	Page 60, Wednesday 17 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-27	Ryan	Minister O'Connor	Small Business Commissioner candidates	<p>Senator RYAN: Can you tell me who was on the decision making panel, the appointment panel for the Small Business Commissioner, or if there was a panel?</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Conducted by?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Dr Russell, myself and Jim Murphy from the Department of the Treasury were the interview panel for that process.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Take me through the process from that point forward.</p>	Pages 60-61, Wednesday 17 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013

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			<p>Mr Pettifer: We provided advice to the minister on the candidates that we thought best met the selection criteria. The final decision then was one for the minister.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: It is appropriate, given that it was announced this morning, that the Small Business Commissioner is Mr Mark Brennan. He will be beginning his employment formally on 2 January 2013. We have been talking about it for a while now and I thought it was important to congratulate him on the record on his appointment.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Fair enough too. Did the minister then interview or meet with the various people you recommended?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: The minister certainly had a discussion with the preferred candidate.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So you recommended one, not many.</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: No, there was more than one, but in the sense of making up his mind about his preferred outcome I know he spoke to the preferred candidate. I do not know whether he had discussions with the others.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Without using names—and I do not know how many people made expressions of interest—how many did you recommend to the minister as meeting the selection criteria?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: We recommended three as strongly meeting the selection criteria.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Can I take it from what you said earlier that Mr Brennan was one of the three?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Senator Lundy, can you take this on notice: we know that Mr Pettifer said that the minister spoke with the successful nominee, but did he speak with or meet with the other two who were strongly recommended? I do not have any idea who they are, for that matter. Mr Pettifer, you only know that he spoke to one?</p> <p>Mr Pettifer: Yes. We did our part of the process. We provided advice to the minister and that was a matter for him to consider. The other candidates would be people who the minister would meet with from time to time. It was not like they were people that he had no awareness of whatsoever.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Senator, can you take on notice whether the</p>			
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				<p>minister spoke with the other two strongly recommended candidates about the role, as he obviously did with Mr Brennan, at any point after he received advice from the department?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I will pass that on to the minister—yes.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Does that qualify as taking it on notice?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I think it does.</p>			
SI-28	Mason	AusIndustry	Operational CRC's	<p>Senator MASON: Ms Baly, can you tell the committee how many operational CRCs there are currently. How many are there?</p> <p>Ms Baly: There are 37.</p> <p>Senator MASON: And how does this compare with the number of operational CRCs at the end of the final full year of the previous, coalition government—the year 2006, I suppose.</p> <p>Ms Baly: The numbers have bounced around a bit. In 2006-07 there were 58 and in 2007-08 there were 58. In 2008-09 there were 48; in 2009-10 there were 50; in 2010-11, 42; and in 2011-12, 44.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Can I ask what proportion of the government's total—</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: They are funded differentially, aren't they?</p> <p>Ms Baly: They are funded differentially, so the number is not necessarily the whole story.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: You cannot divide the budget by the number of—</p> <p>Senator MASON: I am moving there, Minister. No, I accept that they are funded differentially. What proportion of the government's total expenditure on R&D does the CRC program now comprise? Do you know that? And what would it be 2006?</p> <p>Ms Baly: We would have to take that one on notice.</p>	Page 66, Wednesday 17 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-29	Urquhart	Innovation	R&D expenditure	<p>Senator URQUHART: Could you give me some information about the ABS statistics that were released in relation to R&D expenditure in Australia?</p> <p>Ms Baly: I think the officers that put those tables together have probably gone.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: You could take that one on notice then.</p> <p>Ms Baly: We will take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: In relation to that to, could you add to that information on notice how much R&D expenditure has been</p>	Pages 67-68, Wednesday 17 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				in manufacturing in particular, and how that is expected to assist innovation and industry in the pharmaceutical industry? A breakdown of that would be great. Ms Baly: Certainly.			
SI-30	Urquhart	Innovation	R&D Tax Incentive	Senator URQUHART: The registration for the new incentive opened for 2011-12 on 1 July, I understand. How is that registration going and are many companies applying? Ms Baly: I think the officers that look after that program have gone as well. CHAIR: Why have the officers gone? Ms Baly: Because that is part of outcome 1, not outcome 2. CHAIR: We were advised it was part of outcome 2. Ms Baly: Apologies for that. Senator URQUHART: All the questions I have are in relation to that so I may need to put them all on notice. Senator Chris Evans: Maybe we can move on, Chair, and I will see if the officers are out the back. They were allowed to go. CHAIR: See if the officers are available. We would like to have them brought back for this. Senator Chris Evans: We will see if that is easy within the time frame and if it is not we will have to take that on notice; I am sorry.	Page 68, Wednesday 17 October 2012	14/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-31	Mason	AusIndustry	CRC program – underspends in the past 5 financial years	Senator MASON: Ms Baly, have there been any underspends in the program in the past five financial years? Ms Baly: In the CRC program? Senator MASON: Yes. Mr Murfett: I cannot answer all the way back for the five years, but I know that in the last couple of years we have been fully committed and allocated all our funding each year. We allocate a year in advance and we usually allocate the full budget. Senator MASON: Could you check that for the last five years? Mr Murfett: Yes, I will take it on notice.	Page 68, Wednesday 17 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-32	Ryan	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Council of Federal Financial Relations meeting	Senator RYAN: Who makes the final decision about what these national minimum standards will be? Ms Borthwick: The final decision will go to the Standing Committee on Federal Financial Relations through the COAG single national economy reform process. Senator RYAN: Is that the Treasurer's committee?	Page 71, Wednesday 17 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>Ms Borthwick: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: It is due to come online in the first half of next year. Is that supposed to be 1 January?</p> <p>Ms Borthwick: There has been no firm decision made about a start date at this point.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: So would it not be fair to say it is due to come online in the first half of next year, or it is but no date in the first half has been decided?</p> <p>Ms Borthwick: At the moment the aim is to introduce it in the first half of next year.</p> <p>Senator RYAN: Do you know when the next meeting of the Council of Federal Financial Relations is?</p> <p>Ms Borthwick: I do not know. I will just check with Mr Luckhurst.</p> <p>Mr Luckhurst: I am not sure. It is obviously something that is handled through the Treasury portfolio, but we could take that on notice and get you some further information on that.</p>			
SI-33	Nash	Higher Education	Government response to an inquiry into regional and rural access to secondary and tertiary education	<p>Senator NASH: Firstly, can I get a clarification on something which I did not get a chance to ask about last estimates. I am not sure if this is the appropriate place but I cannot see where else to go. There was a Senate committee report on the inquiry into regional and rural access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities that was tabled in 2009. The government response was earlier this year, in March 2012. Can you give me any indication of why it took over two years to get a response to that report?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: I think this might be a question for DEEWR; I am not sure. It is not something I happen to know about. We can take it on notice, if you like, and find the right—</p> <p>Senator NASH: I would prefer to know today or tomorrow.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: We can find out today who the right person is to ask that question of.</p> <p>Senator NASH: If you could. Maybe there is some point tomorrow at which we could—</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS: I think that the trouble that we will have is that, if DEEWR are responsible for leading the response, we will have to get the answer from them. But we will get you what information we can. Your interest is in the reason for the</p>	Pages 72-73, Wednesday 17 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>delay?</p> <p>Senator NASH: Yes, and given it is only eight pages there must be some reason for that.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Sorry, I missed the name.</p> <p>Senator NASH: It is the inquiry into rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities, and it was tabled on 18 December 2009.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We will see what we can find out for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator NASH: That is fine. If it assists, the government response was 13 March 2012, which does seem like an inordinately long period of time.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Does it say who it was tabled by? Was it me or Minister Garrett?</p> <p>Senator NASH: I have not got that information with me, sorry, Minister.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: That is all right.</p> <p>Senator NASH: That would be useful.</p>			
SI-34	Cameron	VET Reform	TAFE system -Liberal and National governments	<p>Senator CAMERON: I will put my last question in these terms. Could you provide this committee with an analysis of what you think the implications are both in productivity terms and economic terms and in social terms of the economic vandalism being perpetrated on the TAFE system by Liberal and National governments in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria? Can you also advise the committee as to the implications of having some of these courses done by private providers who do not provide the appropriate levels of quality assurance that the TAFE system provides?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I will see what we have got. Obviously this is a bit of a moving feast at the moment, particularly somewhere like Queensland where we have not yet had implementation of the draft report's recommendations. We will see what we can get the committee of what we have been able to collect so far. We will provide that to the committee.</p>	Pages 77-78, Wednesday 17 October 2012	22/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-35	Mason	Higher Education	Education Investment Fund commitments	<p>Senator MASON: TAFE is not my area, as you should be aware, Senator Cameron. Universities and research is my area. What is the current balance of the Education Investment Fund?</p> <p>Dr Hart: The current balance, as at 30 June 2012, was \$4.298</p>	Page 78, Wednesday 17 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>billion.</p> <p>Senator MASON: What is the total interest earned so far by the fund and its predecessor?</p> <p>Dr Hart: \$922 million from EIF and, from its predecessor HEEF, \$456 million.</p> <p>Senator MASON: How much of the funds have been committed?</p> <p>Dr Hart: In total, \$4.554 billion.</p> <p>Senator MASON: How much has been spent?</p> <p>Dr Hart: The sum of \$3.108 billion has been spent. So there is \$1.446 billion in future commitments.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Committed but not spent?</p> <p>Dr Hart: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator NASH: Can I ask you to take on notice exactly what the commitment is to and what has been spent?</p> <p>Dr Hart: Absolutely.</p>			
SI-36	Mason	Higher Education	Education and Investment Fund applications	<p>Senator MASON: I did flag before the regional priorities round before the break, so thank you for that background, Dr Hart. The big announcement for universities in last year's federal budget was the announcement that \$500 million from the Education and Investment Fund would be committed to funding projects at regional universities or other regional education providers. Of the 152 expressions of interest received, 40 applicants—that is 13 universities and 27 VET providers—were invited, I understand, to proceed to stage 2. Is that right, Dr Hart?</p> <p>Dr Hart: There were actually 41 invited but only 40 submitted applications. That is correct; it was 27 VET and 13 higher education.</p> <p>Senator MASON: We agree so far; I think that is broadly accepted. Have all 40 applicants who made an expression of interest, in fact, submitted a stage 2 bid by the relevant closing date?</p> <p>Dr Hart: Yes, they did.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Can you provide a list showing the federal electorate in which each of the shortlisted applicants and projects under the regional priorities round are located? Can you do that?</p> <p>Dr Hart: I would have to provide that on notice.</p>	Pages 78-79, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-37	Mason	Higher	Low-SES students	<p>Senator MASON: I understand that. In regards to the</p>	Page 80-81,	15/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				want to know. Mr de Carvalho: All right. We will see what we can provide.			
SI-38	Mason	Higher Education	Higher Education Support	<p>Senator MASON: I am not a great user of the portfolio budget statements, however my staff do look at them. They have pointed out page 92 under program expenses, 3.1, higher education support and the My University website. Do you have that gentlemen?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Page 92 of the DIISRTE of portfolio budget statements?</p> <p>Senator MASON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON: The revised budget for 2011-12 is \$1.241 million.</p> <p>Dr Taylor: 2012-13 is \$1.411 million.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Why does it go down? In 2014-15 it is \$2.55 million—is that right? In forward year 3, 2015-16 it is zero. Why is that?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: In 2014-15 zero?</p> <p>Senator MASON: No, 2015-16. Why is it zero?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Are you on page 92?</p> <p>Senator MASON: Yes. Do you see that?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Why is it zero?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: There has just been no funding allocated in 2015-16.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Is there any reason for that?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: When you think about the development of these websites, they are mainly front-end loaded for the development work that needs to be done. Once they are up and running, they do not take too much. I would expect that this is probably something that we will have to ask for further funding for at the time.</p> <p>Mr Griew: The line that you are pointing to on page 92 is an administered expense item. The total cost of this project would include more than administered expenses; it would include some of Mr da Carvalho's staff time as well and they may well be using data from other sources. If you want a breakdown, I suggest we take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: It may well have been that at the time the</p>	Page 84, Wednesday 17 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				government made the decision, it just said that it would fund it for three years and then fund it again when the time comes. Senator Chris Evans: Senator Mason, we will get you an answer on notice. I can assure you there is no lack of resolve to continue the site and improve it, and it will continue to be funded and supported because—			
SI-39	Mason	Higher Education	My University website	<p>Senator MASON: You have not been dissuaded from the My University website?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: No.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I know there is criticism; I am not saying I agree with it all.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: I think the criticism has dampened.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Is that right?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: And the legitimate criticism is about accuracy of information and more information, and that is fine. But if we waited for everyone to be happy before we put up the site, you and I would be long retired.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I agree with that.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: So we got on with it and there was some criticism but most people got in behind it. We said we would address those concerns and we have been. I think it will be a very useful addition to information for students and my experience with students is that they like it. It is about transparency and providing information to students in the form where are they now gather their information. Producing little booklets and distributing them around offices will not help them at all.</p> <p>Senator MASON: It is complementing the My School website, in a sense.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We will get back to you about the finances. I just wanted to be clear with you that if I am minister we will continue to fund whatever needs to be funded to keep it going.</p> <p>Senator MASON: How much do you think it will cost each year to run?</p> <p>Dr Taylor: As David mentioned, these things are front-loaded. Early on and even in September, we have had to build extra</p>	Page 84-85, Wednesday 17 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>elements onto My University. So it is no bad thing that we have to go away and cost it again for ongoing funding when you do not have to do so much of the upfront build.</p> <p>Senator MASON: It is going to cost something, that is my point.</p> <p>Dr Taylor: Indeed.</p>			
SI-40	Mason	Higher Education	My University website	<p>Senator MASON: All right. How successful has it been? How many views has the website had since the launch?</p> <p>Mr Griew: One million.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Dr Taylor: The number of page views since the release on 9 September was 81,242.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: In total since the launch, over a million.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: We still need to promote the site. I have a 16-year-old who is doing his matriculation this year and I had to physically log into it for him. He had not heard about it. I think we still have a job to do. He is exactly the market, so we still have work to do to make sure the message spreads about it being there, as always with new sites. But we have had a large number of people access it.</p> <p>Senator MASON: How many unique visitors?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Of the one million page views, that is more than 184,000 visits. So each time someone is visiting, they are looking at a lot of pages. They are looking at around five pages.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Is it possible to provide me with information on visits and unique visitors for each month since the launch?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: We can certainly do page views and visits. I have that for you. I am not sure about unique visitors. In April when it was launched, of course you would expect a spike.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Give it to me on notice, just to save time.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Okay. We do have it by page view and visit by month.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Thank you.</p>	Page 85, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-41	Mason	Higher Education	ATAR scores	<p>Senator MASON: I might move to ATAR scores, which I flagged before the break. Again, this is a highly contentious matter.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Not here, senator!</p> <p>Senator MASON: No, but within the broader community. It is</p>	Page 88, Wednesday 17 October 2012	4/02/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>clear that, over the past few years, there has been an increase in admissions of students with an ATAR score below 50. While it is significant in a sense that there are now twice as many students on 40 or less, and 2½ as many between 40 and 50—and I do not want to mislead anyone—in absolute terms these numbers represent only 3.2 per cent of all students, with another 8.6 per cent, though, between 50 and 60 increasing. So they have doubled, but it is from a very low base. I just want to give that as background. In relation to data you provided me in answer BI-233, do we have the information as to what courses students with ATAR scores of 50 or less are being admitted into?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: I am sorry, I missed that.</p> <p>Senator MASON: In relation to the data you provided me in answer to a question on notice, do we have the information about what courses students, with ATAR scores of 50 or below, are being admitted into?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: We do not have that information with us.</p> <p>Dr Taylor: I do not have enrolments; I do have offers.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Offers—that is the start. If you could provide full information on notice, if you have it. If you have offers, I would be interested in that.</p>			
SI-42	Mason	Higher Education	ATAR scores	<p>Senator MASON: What proportion of students get an ATAR of 80 or above?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: Students who are enrolled, because clearly 20 per cent of students get an ATAR—</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: That is exactly the point. Senator, in a sense, it is a mistake in the way you approach the question. I am not trying to correct you, but ATAR is not a score.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I understand what you are saying.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Therefore, if you have more people entering university, the average ATAR of those entering should be lower.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Because it means you are dipping further down.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: Yes, but it is not a mark; it is a percentage of the total taking the examination.</p> <p>Senator MASON: It is a list; I understand.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans: People get fixated on 50, as though it</p>	Page 89, Wednesday 17 October 2012	22/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>were a pass mark when, in fact, it is a proportion. I am sure the average ATAR in 1901 would have been 99—and with no women. Now it will be whatever it is, but that reflects the greater access to university education.</p> <p>Senator MASON: This is an important question. What is the correlation between low ATAR scores and low SES status or being a rural or Indigenous student?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: There is a correlation. We can get you some figures on that, if you like.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Could you do that?</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: It is not necessarily a predictor of academic success. So if you come from—</p> <p>Senator MASON: I accept that.</p> <p>Mr de Carvalho: If you come from a disadvantaged background or a regional area, for example, that is not necessarily an indicator of your ability to achieve.</p> <p>Mr Griew: It is also an incredibly complicated issue because of attempts to scale the ranking across different schools and different socio-economic and geographical areas. You would really want to get an expert piece of input on that from the school education people.</p>			
SI-43	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Independent Youth Allowance – regional - metro breakdown	<p>CHAIR: Thank you very much. The time has expired for this session. Senator Nash, you wanted to put something on notice?</p> <p>Senator NASH: Two very quickly. Thank you very much, Chair. In an answer to a question on notice, which was B137, you very kindly gave me some comparative numbers on dependant youth allowance student numbers. Would you mind taking on notice, if it is possible, to get a regional-metro breakdown of those numbers?</p>	Page 90, Wednesday 17 October 2012	22/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-44	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Regional Income Support Campaign – media buy down	<p>Senator NASH: The second is an answer to a question on notice on the amount of funding that was allocated to the campaign to advertise the government's reverse on the independent youth allowance changes for regional students, which was \$642,000 for a backflip on something that should never have happened in the first place. The media buy was \$487,209. Could you break that media buy down for me into where and when that was?</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you.</p>	Page 91, Wednesday 17 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-45	Cameron	TEQSA	Correspondence to	<p>Senator CAMERON: I do not get wound up. With hundreds of</p>	Pages 93-94,	22/01/2013	7/02/2013

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			TAFE providers	<p>millions of dollars getting ripped out of the TAFE system and those universities that are associated with the TAFE system, that has huge implications, in my view, for the delivery of the quality assurance issues that you are responsible for. Are you going to have a look at the implications of this economic vandalism by these Liberal-National governments on the TAFE system and the implications it would have for quality assurance in the university system?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: What TEQSA will do is look at individual providers to ensure that their quality and their performance continue to meet the threshold standards which is the legislative instrument which is part of what we have to regulate against. I did write to all providers; I do not have the exact date in my head, but it must have been in September or August. In this letter I reminded the CEOs and the vice-chancellors of all of our 173 providers that they had a responsibility to notify TEQSA of material changes to their circumstances, and those include possible impacts on their financial status. I gave examples in the letter of the impacts. I reminded providers that particularly in light of the impact on possibly the international market, the changes to funding in a number of states and territories in regard to vocational education and training where we have a number of providers that are multi-sector providers and so there is the possibility for an impact on dual-sector providers and some of their VET funding is compromised, we are keen to ensure that that will not have any consequential impact on the quality of their higher education provision. In that letter I reminded all CEOs and vice-chancellors that they need to be notifying TEQSA if they felt that the impact of any of the changes in their circumstances, financial or otherwise, would threaten in any way their capacity to meet the threshold standards and that they had a responsibility to notify TEQSA. We are concerned about any impact—whether it is financial, whether it goes to the changing nature of the student body, whether it is the nature of delivery—and it is an issue that we will look at in the process of our regulatory activity.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Could you provide a copy of that letter to the committee?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll: Yes, I am happy to.</p>	Wednesday 17 October 2012		
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SI-46	Cameron	ASQA	Correspondence to TAFE providers	<p>Senator CAMERON: We had Dr Carol Nicoll from TEQSA here in the previous session. She indicated that she has written to universities which are linked to the TAFE system to find if there are any issues arising from these cuts for the quality of TAFE education in the university sector. Have you done a similar thing for the TAFE system or are you planning to do a similar thing?</p> <p>Mr Robinson: I have written to the head of the department in Victoria about the Victorian issues and expressing our concern that it may well affect the quality of the provision in that state. I have received a fairly general response from that person about the matters, but I made it clear that it is an area of concern to us that we are going to keep under notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But can you write directly to each TAFE institution; is that part of your remit?</p> <p>Mr C Robinson: We can provide directions or write to any registered training provider whom we regulate. So in Victoria's case we regulate a little over half of all the providers. As the minister explained before, Victoria did not refer all its powers here to the Commonwealth, to ASQA, so in referring jurisdictions we regulate the institutions that have overseas students or that operate across state borders. But that means all the TAFEs in Victoria come under our jurisdiction.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Wouldn't it be the right thing to do to do the same as Dr Nicoll did and write to the individual TAFE systems, as she has done with the individual universities? If you are only getting a standard response from the department, surely you should go straight to where the action is?</p> <p>Mr C Robinson: In our case, I do not think it is about writing to them as such; it is about scrutinising the quality of what they are offering and ensuring they are meeting the required standards that our act makes provision for. We certainly have got public providers in those states under notice in terms of our concern that that may well lead to impacts that do reduce quality. So they need to be meeting the standards to continue being registered.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Could you provide a copy of the correspondence you have sent to the Victorian TAFE system? I am not sure what the department is there.</p> <p>Mr C Robinson: I can.</p>	Page 99, Wednesday 17 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
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SI-47	Nash	Skills Connect	Apprenticeships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much has been spent on apprenticeship incentives in the last 12 months? b) How much has been spent on apprenticeship incentives since the May budget? c) With the cut to apprenticeship incentives in the May Budget that saw the first incentive provided after 6 months instead of after 3 months, has the Department received any feedback from Australian Apprenticeship Centres as to the impact of this decision? d) How many apprentices have commenced since the May Budget? e) Can the Department provide advice on the breakdown by apprenticeship type, for the flow of apprenticeship incentives? f) How many mature aged apprentices have commenced in the last 12 months? g) How many apprentices are eligible for the Living Away from Home allowance? h) How many apprentices have withdrawn from their apprenticeship within the first 12 months, over the last year? g) Can we have a breakdown by 2012 commencement of the numbers in each of the apprenticeship trades? 	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-48	Nash	AWPA	AWPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) With the transition from Skills Australia to AWPA, how many additional staff have commenced? b) What is the total number of staff now? c) What is the current annual wages bill for AWPA? d) Regarding the National Workforce Development Fund, what has the take up from small business been? e) Do you believe that the 33% contribution required from small business is too great? f) Do you believe that the process of allocating funding, with Industry Skills Councils having initial responsibility for which funding applications progress to the next stage- is working well? g) Have you received any complaints from organisations who believe they have been unfairly excluded early on in the process? h) How much has been allocated to date to industry? 	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>i) Can you provide a breakdown by industry type on where the money has flowed?</p> <p>j) Is the NWDF scheduled to undergo an ANAO audit in the next year?</p>			
SI-49	Nash	AWPA	Registered Training Providers	<p>a) What has been the average time taken from receipt of an application for registration of a Registered Training Organisation, and the registration?</p> <p>b) Since May 2012, how many new Registered Training Providers have been registered?</p> <p>c) How many individual courses have been registered by ASQA to date?</p> <p>d) How many applications for registration of courses have been received by ASQA?</p> <p>e) How many complaints has ASQA received to date regarding the registration process?</p> <p>f) What is the expected time frame in re-registering a business after a change of ownership?</p> <p>g) How many staff does ASQA currently have?</p> <p>h) Can we have a breakdown on the numbers based in each state or territory?</p>	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-50	Bushby	CSIRO	RV Investigator	<p>1. What is the expected date of arrival of the vessel in Tasmania?</p> <p>2. How many Tasmanian businesses are expected to be involved in the fit out of the vessel?</p> <p>3. How much is expected to be spent in Tasmania on the fit out of the vessel?</p> <p>4. How much is expected to be spent in Australia on the fit out of the vessel?</p> <p>5. What will be the main focus of research the vessel will be used for?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-51	Mason	ARC	Discovery program budget	In regards to the Discovery program budget, please provide a breakdown of the funding for FYs 2014-15 and 2015-16 for each scheme under the program: Australian Laureate Fellowships, Discovery Early Career Research Award, Discovery Indigenous, Discovery Projects, Future Fellowships and Super Science Fellowships. Please disaggregate and provide a breakdown of the funding for components of Discovery Projects over the forward estimates.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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SI-52	Mason	ARC	Linkage program budget	In regards to the Linkage program budget, please provide a breakdown of the funding for FYs 2014-15 and 2015-16 for each of the main schemes under the program: Industrial Transformation Research program, ARC Centres of Excellence, Co-funded Centres of Excellence, Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities, Linkage Projects and Special Research Initiatives. Please disaggregate and provide a breakdown of the funding for components of Linkage Projects over the forward estimates.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-53	Mason	Higher Education	HEPPP	For each calendar year since the start of the program, please provide the amount paid to universities per each low-SES student under the HEPP program's Participation component. In each year, how much of that amount (in dollar terms and as a percentage) consisted of indexation?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-54	Mason	International Education Sector	International students	Please provide a copy of any modelling or statistics regarding international students commissioned by the Chaney Review.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-55	Mason	Higher Education	HECS-HELP	What percentage of HECS-HELP debt accumulated over last 10 years by the students has been repaid (please provide a breakdown per each university)? What percentage of HECS-HELP debt accumulated over last 10 years by the students at each university who have not finished their degrees has been repaid (please provide a breakdown per each university)?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-56	Mason	TEQSA	Reporting and regulatory requirements	How many representations from the stakeholders have you received regarding TEQSA's policies and practices relating to reporting and regulatory requirements? In how many instances these representations resulted in the change of TEQSA's policies and practices (please provide a list)? In how many instances TEQSA rejected the stakeholders' representations and decided to continue its policies and practices (please provide a list, including the reasons for each decision)?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-57	Mason	TEQSA	CRICOS registration process	In regards to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registration process: a) How much time does it currently take from the moment an application is lodged by a provider to a decision by TEQSA being communicated to a provider? b) How does this time-frame compare to with the performance	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>of state-based regulators when they were performing the same or analogous function? If there is a difference, what are the reasons?</p> <p>c) What are all the steps that TEQSA takes between the moment of lodgement and the communication of the decision?</p> <p>d) When TEQSA finds problems with an application, does it require the provider to make a new application? If yes, what are the reasons for this policy as opposed to enabling the provider to amend their original application?</p>			
SI-58	Mason	TEQSA	CRICOS registration process	Does TEQSA require that a separate CRICOS number be allocated to each award as defined by the AQF? (for example to an arts degree (AQF Level 7) and to an honours arts degree (AQF Level 8)). Has this been a practice previously under the state-based regulators? If there has been a change from the previous states-based regime, what is TEQSA's policy rationale for this change?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-59	Mason	TEQSA	Accreditation	For an AQF Level 7 qualification (the Bachelor Degree), the AQF Qualification Issuance Policy requires the title to be "Bachelor (Field of study/discipline)". For an AQF Level 8 qualification (the Bachelor Degree with Honours), AQF requires the title to be "Bachelor (Field of study/discipline) (Honours)". Does TEQSA refuse to accredit Level 8 awards that do not contain word "(Honours)"? If yes, can a Level 7 award be accredited that would contain two titles, e.g. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Law"?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-60	Mason	TEQSA	International students	In regards to international students, does TEQSA require that a student can be enrolled full time in one award program only or can an international student be enrolled full time in two award programs at the same time?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-61	Colbeck	Office of the Chief Scientist	Chief Scientist - FV Abel Tasman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Chief Scientist provided any advice to any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary in the Government regarding the issues surrounding the FV Abel Tasman? 2. If so, what was this advice and when was it provided? 3. Has the Chief Scientist been involved in any discussion of these issues with other members of the Forum of Australian 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/11/2012	29/11/2012

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				<p>Chief Scientists?</p> <p>4. What role does or should the Chief Scientist have in issues such as those surrounding the FV Abel Tasman and ensuring relevant Ministers and the public are appropriately informed?</p> <p>5. Can advice be provided to Ministers or the public by the Chief Scientist without being directly requested by the Minister or department?</p>			
SI-62	Colbeck	Office of the Chief Scientist	Chief Scientist - FV Abel Tasman	<p>Did Minister Bourke seek the advice of the Chief Scientist in coming to his original decision regarding the additional requirements to be applied to the FV Abel Tasman:</p> <p>"require the super trawler to adopt worlds-best practice methods to avoid listed species, particularly seals, dolphins and sea birds being killed or injured during its trawling operations". (Burke's media release 4 September)</p> <p>When did the Minister seek this advice?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/11/2012	29/11/2012
SI-63	Colbeck	Office of the Chief Scientist	Chief Scientist – uncertainty	<p>1. In general terms, is uncertainty something scientists deal with as part of their work?</p> <p>2. From a scientific point of view, what is an acceptable level of uncertainty?</p> <p>3. What is the Chief Scientist's opinion on the need to know everything about an entire biological system before commencing utilisation of natural resource?</p> <p>4. How is scientific uncertainty usually managed, particularly in biological systems?</p> <p>5. Did Minister Bourke discuss his concerns regarding "uncertainty about the environmental impacts" of the vessel with the Chief Scientist?</p> <p>6. Did the Chief Scientist offer Minister Bourke any advice regarding the level of "uncertainty about the environmental impacts" of the vessel?</p> <p>7. In the opinion of the Chief Scientist, how does the size of a vessel impact on the certainty or otherwise of its environmental impact?</p> <p>8. In the opinion of the Chief Scientist, how does the ability of a vessel to process fish on board impact on the certainty or otherwise of its environmental impact?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/11/2012	29/11/2012

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				<p>9. In the opinion of the Chief Scientist, how does the freezer storage capacity of a vessel impact on the certainty or otherwise of its environmental impact?</p> <p>10. In the opinion of the Chief Scientist, what is the most important factor in determining the certainty or otherwise of a vessel's environmental impact?</p>			
SI-64	Colbeck	Office of the Chief Scientist	Chief Scientist – expert panel	<p>1. Is input from the Chief Scientist ever sought with regard to the composition or membership of expert panels?</p> <p>2. Under what conditions would input from the Chief Scientist be sought on such matters?</p> <p>3. What would the advice of the Chief Scientist be regarding the make up of an expert panel investigating the environmental impacts of the FV Abel Tasman, particularly:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a) the skills needed</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b) how many people should be on the panel</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c) the selection process?</p> <p>4. Under what conditions would an expert panel of one be appropriate for investigating a biological system?</p> <p>5. Has the Chief Scientist been consulted regarding the Terms of Reference for the expert panel?</p> <p>6. What advice would the Chief Scientist provide regarding the manner in which the expert panel could carry out the assessment of the environmental impact of the FV Abel Tasman?</p> <p>7. Does the Chief Scientist believe that the “uncertainty” of environmental impact can be properly addressed through a literature review?</p> <p>8. If additional research is required to address the “uncertainty”, what particular areas should be researched and over what timeframe?</p> <p>9. If additional research is required, how would this be designed to give a CERTAIN picture of the impact of this vessel in this fishery?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/11/2012	29/11/2012
SI-65	McKenzie	AIATSIS	Carbon Tax	<p>In reference to QON #BI-129, what was the outcome of the carbon tax modelling? Please provide details.</p> <p>Has the carbon tax modelling been in line with costs incurred to</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				date? How has it differed?			
SI-66	McKenzie	Higher Education	Low-SES students	<p>In 2010, to achieve approximate population parity, an additional 88,000 regional and remote students would have to be enrolled at a university. 100,000 low SES students were required to be enrolled for low SES population parity.</p> <p>Why doesn't increasing representation of rural and remote students receive a similar level of policy response to low SES students?</p> <p>Is the department considering any new measures or enhancements to existing measures to increase the number of rural and regional students attending university?</p> <p>Does the department recognise that low SES areas are often also rural and regional areas and that increasing low SES enrolments also means increasing rural and regional enrolments? Please point to the department's policy document/s in relation to this.</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-67	McKenzie	Higher Education	University enrolments	<p>Has the department conducted any research about the number of prospective university students that are lost from the system between application and enrolment? Is there a disproportionately large group from rural and regional areas? What is the government doing to encourage these students to continue on to enrolment?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-68	McKenzie	Higher Education	Regional education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has or would the department consider reprioritising HEPP to incorporate a regional focus? Why or why not? 2. Does the department have any targets for rural and regional student participation in higher education? 3. How does the department's work on regional education link with the work undertaken by Regional Development Australia and the RDA committees? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-69	McKenzie	Science and Research	Research funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department undertaken any research on the proportion of research funding allocated to regional universities? Is the department concerned about this inequity? What steps are being or have been considered to address it? 2. Would the department consider giving research applications from regional areas with regional relevance more weight in relation to ARC and NHMRC funding? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	9/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-70	Bushby	CSIRO	Corrections of evidence -	<p>There was a discussion at the Estimates hearing of 17 October about the obligations that the agencies and officials who appear</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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			accountability	as witnesses at such hearings have to provide accurate answers and to correct the record when an answer that has been provided at any time is false or misleading. What accountability is there within CSIRO when an answer that has been provided is false or misleading – and what action would be taken in this situation, and against whom? What level of personal responsibility would Dr Clark take for any instance of a false or misleading answer from the CSIRO?	2012		
SI-71	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare premium	At the hearing of 17 October, Dr Clark and Mr Roy linked the substantial increases in CSIRO’s Comcare premium and penalty for 2012-13 to an across-the-board rise in Comcare liabilities for government agencies for this financial year. Is this the only reason for each of these rises – or are other factors also responsible in CSIRO’s case? If so, what are each of the other factors?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-72	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare claims	What has been the (i) total number of Comcare claims from CSIRO employees and (ii) the average lifetime cost per claim from CSIRO employees for each of the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-73	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare report – workplace bullying	Reference was made at the Estimates hearing in October to an all-staff email sent from Dr Clark on 16 October in relation to Comcare’s findings of CSIRO’s handling of bullying in the workplace and organisational changes that will be implemented as a result of Comcare’s report. 1. Can CSIRO outline what changes will be made as a result of Comcare’s findings? 2. Can CSIRO outline whether these changes are required because current policies and procedures are not adequate or effective for dealing with workplace bullying or because current policies and procedures were not followed or enforced correctly or a combination thereof?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-74	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare report – workplace bullying	At the Estimates hearing of 28 May 2012, Dr Clark said that she made sure she had the “right expertise” and the “right team” overseeing the organisation’s approach to workplace bullying. 1. How many people make up the team Dr Clark was referring to? 2. What qualifications do these individuals hold, to qualify them to deal with workplace bullying?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>3. In light of Comcare’s report, will this team receive any additional training to deal with workplace bullying?</p> <p>4. In light of Comcare’s report, does Dr Clark now concede that her team’s strategy may not have been the best method of dealing with workplace bullying?</p>			
SI-75	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare report – workplace bullying	Have any disciplinary actions been taken and/or are they being considered for the managers who were responsible for the OH&S breaches that were identified by Comcare? If so, what have these been or what are they likely to be? If not, why not?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-76	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare report – workplace bullying	<p>Questions have previously been asked on notice in relation to an employee who was the subject of the recent Comcare investigation that has prompted changes to CSIRO’s workplace practices.</p> <p>1. Can CSIRO confirm that the employee in question was told by their self-same manager on the 12th August 2010 that their position with the organisation was now surplus to CSIRO’s operational requirements?</p> <p>2. Can CSIRO confirm that on the 11 August 2010, Dr Clark forwarded an email from that employee to the very manager who was the subject of the employee’s complaint?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-77	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare – Notice of Improvement	<p>1. On what date did CSIRO receive Comcare’s Notice of Improvement (relating to the findings of Mr Docker’s investigation) in respect of this case?</p> <p>2. On what date was this Notice of Improvement first displayed in the workplace, in accordance with the terms stipulated in the <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</i>?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-78	Bushby	CSIRO	Correction of evidence	Does CSIRO have any intention of correcting the Hansard record from the Estimates hearing in May in relation to Mr Roy’s comments about Comcare’s report into a former CSIRO employee?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-79	Bushby	CSIRO	Mental Health Plan	In the answer to BI-146, from the last round of Estimates, it is stated that “CSIRO did not make a commitment [in either 2008 or 2009] to introducing a new mental health plan for the organisation”. However, is it true that the organisation released a document on or around that time titled ‘CSIRO’s Psychological Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2009-2011’?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-80	Bushby	CSIRO	Adequate evidence	The answer to BI-143, from the last round of Estimates, talks	Written Question	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				about “adequate evidence”. Please provide more detail about what precisely is meant in the context of that answer by the term “adequate evidence”.	Friday 26 October 2012		
SI-81	Bushby	CSIRO	Mental Health	Given the answer to BI-7 from the last round of Estimates, is CSIRO management’s position that it is not aware of any incidents where CSIRO employees were in a suicidal state as a result of their experience with the organisation – other than for those identified in a letter to Senator Evans in late May 2012? Alternatively, if there are any other cases that fall into this category, please indicate how many there have been in total during and since 2007.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-82	Bushby	CSIRO	Comcare report – review policies and procedures	Following the recent Comcare investigation, Dr Clark has acknowledged that a key part of her response will be to thoroughly review existing policies and procedures. Does that include any commitment from her to revisit past allegations from ex-employees that are either new or might not have been fully examined previously?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-83	Bushby	CSIRO	CSIRO Publishing	How much was spent in total on the administration and activities of CSIRO Publishing for each of the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12? And how much is budgeted to be spent on CSIRO Publishing across each year of the forward estimates?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-84	Bushby	CSIRO	Payments to Journalists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it true that CSIRO paid for the airfares to and from Cape Grim for the journalist Angus Thompson to attend events associated with the launch of the State of the Climate report? If so, was this all that was paid to him – and why would a journalist be paid for something like this by the CSIRO at all? 2. Since 1 December 2007, has any form of payment or benefit been provided to Mr Thompson and/or any other journalist at any other time by the CSIRO – and, if so, to whom, when and for what reason? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	9/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-85	Bushby	Manufacturing	New Car Plan for a Greener Future	Please list details for the committed and uncommitted amounts under each of the Government’s various programs as part of the ‘New Car Plan for a Greener Future’ for each of the financial years from now to 2022-23 inclusive.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	5/02/2013	7/02/2013
SI-86	Bushby	Manufacturing	Ford and Holden deals	Was a trade union member, official or representative ever present at any of the discussions or negotiations between the Government	Written Question Friday 26 October	14/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				and either Ford or Holden prior to the signing of the \$34m and \$215m deals? If so, whom and on what date(s)?	2012		
SI-87	Bushby	Manufacturing	Car industry funding amounts	Various Ministers have said publicly that the cost of Australian taxpayers' contribution to car industry funding amounts to about \$18 per person. This line has also apparently appeared in various talking points written from within the Department. Has anyone within the Department also undertaken, or been asked to undertake, the accompanying calculation of what taxpayers receive for that money – by also comparing the number of cars manufactured by country per capita? If so, please provide a listing of the Department's findings.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-88	Bushby	Manufacturing	Ford and Holden contracts	At the time of the Estimates hearing in May 2012, the contract with Holden for its \$215m package from the Federal Government still hadn't been finalised. Has it subsequently been finalised – and, if so, on what date? Are there any provisions in the contract either for this deal with Holden or the \$34m deal with Ford that relate to potential recovery of money?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-89	Bushby	Manufacturing	Ford and Holden job losses	As part of the Government's negotiations with Holden and Ford over their special new packages this year of \$215m and \$34m respectively, did either or both of those companies raise the possibility in any way that they anticipated there may be job losses within their businesses during the remainder of 2012?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-90	Bushby	Manufacturing	Talking points – visit to Ford	Was there a set of talking points prepared within the Department for the Prime Minister, Minister Carr and/or the Member for Calwell for their visit to Ford's Broadmeadows facility in January? If so, is it correct that they contained references to the Opposition's approach to the car industry?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-91	Bushby	Manufacturing	Ford job losses	Prior to the specific announcement by Ford of 17 July 2012 of 440 job losses at the company, was the Government and/or Department provided with any indication of any kind that job losses at the company were impending? And, if so, who was told and when?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-92	Bushby	Manufacturing	Industry Update Unit	Did the Department's Industry Update Unit at any stage formally identify that hundreds of jobs were at risk at Ford? And, if so, on what date did it first identify this? Has the Industry Update Unit at any time this year formally identified that jobs are under threat at Holden – and, if so, on	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				what dates?			
SI-93	Bushby	Manufacturing	Automotive Transformation Scheme	What is the percentage breakdown of how much of the Automotive Transformation Scheme funding that has been spent over the life of the program so far has been directed to (a) the three car manufacturers and (b) other companies?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-94	Bushby	Manufacturing	Steve Bracks	How many days' worth of work has Steve Bracks undertaken for the Government in 2011 and in 2012 so far, and how much has he been paid for each of these two years? What have been his travel costs for each of these two years? Has he accompanied either Minister Carr or Combet on any of their visits overseas - and, if so, which ones?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	14/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-95	Bushby	Manufacturing	Automotive New Markets Initiative	On what date did the assessment of applications for grants through the Automotive New Markets Initiative commence? How many applications for grants through that program have been received to date - and what is the breakdown of those numbers down by state and territory? How many applications for grants through that program have been (a) approved and (b) rejected to date; what is the breakdown of those numbers by state and territory; and what has been the total amount of funding committed to all of the approved grants?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-96	Bushby	Manufacturing	ALCOA package	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On what date did deliberations begin on the Government's \$42m package for Alcoa that was announced publicly in June 2012, and why? 2. What was the nature and extent of the Department's work on the package – and on what date did that work commence? 3. How was the figure of \$42m specifically determined? And how will that spending specifically be broken down? 4. When was the contract signed, and how many different milestones are included in it for Alcoa to meet? 5. Is it a staggered payment, or a lump sum – and on what date is the final payment scheduled to be made? 6. What are, and where can the public see, the criteria for this deal and the requirements with which Alcoa needs to comply in spending the money? 7. On what date was the contract signed? 8. Was a formal cost benefit analysis undertaken for the Alcoa deal? If so, on what date did work on that analysis begin 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				and on what date was it completed?			
SI-97	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have been the total costs incurred by the Department on the work of the Prime Minister's Manufacturing Taskforce? 2. And how much has been spent on this exercise across the Government as a whole? 3. How many ASL within the Department have worked on this project since it began? 4. Who decided on the Terms of Reference for the Taskforce? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	5/02/2013	7/02/2013
SI-98	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department's definition of a small business, in terms of employee numbers? And what is therefore the Department's calculation of what percentage of manufacturing businesses in Australia are therefore small businesses? 2. How many businesses did the Taskforce directly visit as part of its deliberations? And, of these, how many had (a) 31-50 employees and (b) 30 employees or less? In which cities and/or towns did the Taskforce directly visit businesses? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	9/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-99	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Recommendation 18 in the report of the non-government members of the Taskforce been rejected? And, if so, why? 2. How many copies of the report of the non-government members were printed – and at what cost? 3. Was the graphic design work on the report undertaken within the Department? And, if so, how many ASL and how many hours were spent working on it? 4. Which Department was responsible for the printing of the report, and how much in total did the printing cost? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	5/02/2013	7/02/2013
SI-100	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are all the staff who have been working on the so-called Innovation and Industry Statement exactly the same people within the Department who have been working on the Prime Minister's Manufacturing Taskforce – or are they different people, and have different ASL numbers been assigned to each of these two activities? 2. How many ASL have worked on each of the two projects to date? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	5/02/2013	7/02/2013
SI-101	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing	Was any work commissioned for – and/or provided to – the	Written Question	5/02/2013	7/02/2013

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			Taskforce	Taskforce on the impact of the introduction and operation of the Fair Work Act on manufacturing employment in Australia? If so, by whom, when and in what form(s)? If not, why not?	Friday 26 October 2012		
SI-102	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Taskforce seek – and/or was it provided with – a submission from the Productivity Commission? If it did not seek one, why not? 2. How many formal submissions did the Taskforce receive – and, of those, how many were from non-government individuals and organisations? 3. What is the reason that submissions are not made available publicly? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	14/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-103	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How was the membership decided – and who made the offers to each of the people chosen to be members, how and when? 2. Was remuneration or benefits of any kind given to any of the members of the Taskforce – and, if so, in what form? 3. How many people declined the invitation to be members of the Taskforce? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	5/02/2013	7/02/2013
SI-104	Bushby	Manufacturing	PM's Manufacturing Taskforce	How much has been spent in total on the travel undertaken for the Taskforce's work by the government members, the non-government members and the public servants involved?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	5/02/2013	7/02/2013
SI-105	Bushby	AusIndustry	Clean Technology Programs	<p>For each of the (a) Clean Technology Investment Program, (b) Clean Technology Innovation Program and (c) Clean Technology Food and Foundries Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many applications have been received to date, and how many remain unassessed? 2. Up to and including 22 October 2012: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) For those claims for which the assessment and approval/rejection processes had been fully finalised by that date, what was the average number of days between lodgement of applications and the formal notification of (a) approval or (b) rejection? (ii) For those claims that remained unfinalised at that date, what was the average number of days for which those claims had been on hand in the 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	9/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>Department? What was the longest number of days for which any of those unassessed applications had been held by the Department?</p> <p>3. What forms of recourse (of any) have been offered to those applicants who were affected by the nearly two-month freeze on assessments from early September?</p> <p>4. What sort of information was uploaded to the Department's various websites, and/or communicated through public notices or advertisements, to provide official advice of the freeze – including to warn potential applicants that funding decisions were on hold?</p> <p>5. From the applications that have been approved so far, what is the average anticipated reduction in CO2 emissions across those projects?</p> <p>6. Across those applications that were approved prior to 31 July 2012, has the funding ratios for any of them been retrospectively altered in accordance with the changes suddenly announced by Minister Combet on that day?</p> <p>7. What is the Department's understanding of, and what feedback is it receiving and seeking about, how long it is typically taking for applicants (and how much it is typically costing them) to compile their applications for grants under these programs?</p> <p>8. Where the funding is devoted to the acquisition of new equipment, is there any specific requirement, or incentive, in these programs for the purchase of local content?</p> <p>9. What type of assessments (if any) are undertaken in relation to additionality? Is it a condition of grant approval that these have to be activities that would not have been undertaken, in a business-as-usual style, without the grant?</p> <p>10. Is it correct that Department of Industry staff from across Australia who are working on the delivery of the various clean technology programs travelled to Sydney on at least one occasion for briefings and/or training? If so, how many officers travelled to Sydney and when; over how many days were these sessions held; who conducted the sessions; and what was the total financial cost?</p> <p>11. Did all of the non-Sydney based staff travel there and back</p>			
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				<p>on airline flights?</p> <p>12. In addition to these sessions in Sydney, have any other forms of briefings and/or training been conducted for staff working on these programs? If so, what and when; over how many days were these sessions held; who conducted the sessions; and what was the total financial cost?</p> <p>13. What are the circumstances (if any) under which the grant agreements through these programs can be renegotiated? What happens, for instance, in the event that project proponents say to the Department and/or the Government that the nature or scope of the project needs to be changed? Or that additional financing is required?</p> <p>14. Has any applicant for funding under these programs so far been asked to withdraw and/or redraft their application – and, if so, how many and why? And what are the rights of review and appeal for those whose applications are unsuccessful?</p> <p>15. Under the Clean Technology Investment Program, 30% of the assessment for smaller grants is based on subjective merit assessments and around 40% of the assessment for larger grants is based on subjective merit assessments. How do these percentages compare with the level of objectively and subjectively-based merit criteria typically used for other programs delivered by AusIndustry?</p> <p>16. Can the Department confirm there has been no occasion when any Government MP or any member of ALP staff has been involved in any form of discussion with the relevant officials ahead of – and in relation to – a decision involving any of the applications for assistance under these programs?</p>			
SI-106	Bushby	NMI	Climate change and emissions reporting	<p>1. Is it correct that the NMI has been asked to help the Department of Climate Change and the Climate Change Authority with various services and technical help in relation to climate change and emissions reporting? If so, please detail exactly when this work started in each case, and precisely what it entails.</p> <p>2. Has NMI undertaken any previous work on climate change (including emissions reporting) – and, if so, on what and when?</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				3. How many ASL at NMI have been deployed to work on these collaborations with the Department of Climate Change and the Climate Change Authority – and have they been drawn from existing resources or are they surplus?			
SI-107	Bushby	Enterprise Connect	Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre	In the Estimates hearing in May 2012, there was a discussion about the resources allocated to the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre. Has the Department subsequently determined how the \$29.8 million allocated to the Centre will specifically be spent – and, if so, how?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-108	Bushby	Corporate	Comcare premium	Has there been a change in the Department's Comcare premium for 2012-13 and/or to its bonus or penalty? And, if so, what have been the amounts of these changes – and what are the reasons for them?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-109	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	What was the number of total staff in the Department at each of (a) 10 May 2011 and (b) 8 May 2012? And what is the number now?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	12/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-110	Bushby	Innovation	Centre for Excellence in Public Sector Design	What is the current remuneration for the CEO of the Centre for Excellence in Public Sector Design?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-111	Bushby	Innovation	ASL – public sector innovation	How many ASL in the Department are currently working specifically on public sector innovation?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-112	Bushby	Corporate	MOG costs	What has been the full, overall cost of transitioning from DIISR to DIISRTE? And is any work on that transition still continuing?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-113	Bushby	Corporate	Restructure costs	Will any further costs now be incurred as a result of the internal restructure that has recently been announced by Dr Russell – and, if so, what is the Department's calculation of what they will be?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-114	Bushby	AusIndustry	Cooperative Research Centres	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department still expect that a public announcement about the successful Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) proposals in the 15th round will still be made in early December, and that the original allocation of money to the program for this financial year will not be reduced? 2. Which of the existing CRCs are scheduled to have their funding cease in 2012-13? 3. How many of those CRCs which are scheduled to have their funding end in 2012-13 have indicated that they are seeking continued support from the Government (whether as a CRC 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	17/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				or in another form) beyond June next year? 4. Historically, in what month of the preceding year have CRCs that will not be extended been officially informed of the non-extension?			
SI-115	Bushby	Science and Research	National Maths, Science Education and Industry Advisor	1. What is the basic purpose of the newly-advertised National Maths & Science Education & Industry Advisor position? And how will it differ, in practical day-to-day terms, from the Chief Scientist's role? 2. Who will sit on the selection panel for this position? 3. Does the salary range include travel? And, if not, what is the Department's estimate of how much will be spent on this person's travel, or at least how regularly they will be travelling and where? 4. Is it a new position within the public service, funded by new money? Or has it been financed by savings - and, if so, from which specific part of the organisation?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-116	Bushby	Questacon	Science Centres Letter	On 13 August 2012, a letter from Questacon addressed to "Colleagues and Friends" stated that the organisation had "led the development of several initiatives to build capability in the science sector internationally, including a specific focus on developing science centres in Southern Africa and South East Asia". What are the full details of these initiatives, and what has been their total financial cost?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-117	Bushby	Science and Research	SKA project	What is the Department's assessment of the total financial cost to the Government of funding Australia's administration of the SKA project? And how will they be reflected in future Budget papers? Will they appear in the form of various line items, or be part of a broader Budget allocation?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-118	Bushby	eBusiness	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-119	Bushby	Corporate	Protective Security Policy Framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-120	McKenzie	Corporate	Electricity costs	1. For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the	Written Question Friday 26 October	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>total cost?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What does this cost work out to per employee? 3. What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax? 4. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs? 5. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had? 	2012		
SI-121	McKenzie	ARC	Grants pause	<p>REF: Researchers' warnings over funding freeze (<i>The Australian</i>, 10 October 2012)</p> <p>The Australian reported last week that the Australian Research Council has confirmed that all funding announcements are on hold as the Gillard government seeks budget cuts. Proposed partnerships with industry are looking less certain and leading to instability in the Australia's research environment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is the government delaying valuable research that could drive our productivity and improve our economy? 2. If the outcome is a withdrawal by industry from partnerships, won't the long-term damage be worse than if the research grants continued to go ahead? 3. When will universities get certainty for their research projects? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-122	Waters	CSIRO	Groundwater – APPEA advertisements	<p>In September 2012, APPEA ran television ads suggesting that CSG is proven safe for the long term future of groundwater, and cited support from CSIRO. CSIRO then issued media statements rejecting the misrepresentation of CSIRO's position on CSG. The ads were withdrawn.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has CSIRO communicated with APPEA regarding the ads requesting a public correction or retraction of the claim? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please describe the nature and content of those communications. 2. Has CSIRO made a complaint to the ACCC for false and misleading conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, why not? 3. Is CSIRO aware of any action being taken against APPEA 	Written Question Wednesday 31 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>as a result of these ads?</p> <p>4. Has CSIRO been asked to support or join any such actions?</p> <p>5. Does APPEA have any commercial dealings with CSIRO?</p> <p>6. Do any APPEA members have any commercial dealings with CSIRO? Please provide details.</p>			
SI-123	Macdonald	CSIRO	CSIRO Interactive House	<p>The CSIRO interactive House initiative includes an interactive website, http://www.csiro.au/in-the-house/, and printed pamphlets/cards explaining the program and detailing the CSIRO's research.</p> <p>1. What is the cost-to-date of developing this marketing program and building the website?</p> <p>2. What is the cost-to-date for printing and publishing hard-copy advertising and other materials for the program?</p> <p>3. What is the expected duration of the program?</p> <p>4. What is the projected cost across this time frame?</p>	Written Question Transferred from DCCEE 31 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-124	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Youth Allowance	<p>1. In QoN AI-166, can the department please provide a further breakdown of these figures to demonstrate the number of students from regional areas in their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th years of university accessing Independent youth allowance, living away from home? (please break down into the ASGC-RA map). If this information is not available for the timeframe specified can it be provided for as many prior years as possible?</p> <p>2. Can the same information be provided for regional areas receiving dependent Youth allowance, living away from home?</p> <p>3. Please advise the overall number of regional/rural students who are in their first, second, third, fourth and fifth year of university in 2011 and/or 12?</p> <p>4. Can this information also be expressed as a percentage of the total number of students from all areas who are in their first, second, third, fourth and fifth year of university in 2011 and/or 2012?</p>	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-125	Nash	Higher Education	Student relocations	Can the Department advise of the number of students relocating from metropolitan areas to regional universities for study, if possible in each of the last 4 years or if not available for this timeframe for as many prior years as possible?	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	17/01/2013	7/02/2013

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SI-126	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Youth Allowance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding your answers to QoN AI-168 and QoN AI-169: Can you please clarify why this information is not readily available? 2. Can you provide this information for a shorter time frame? The last 3 years, or at the very least in the last financial year. 3. Can the department clarify: were there no applications for independent youth allowance rejected in this period due to the parental income test? 4. Can the department provide details of the number of students who have had their application for Independent youth allowance, living away from home, rejected since January 2012 due to the parental income test? 	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	15/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-127	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Relocation and Start up scholarships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department provide a breakdown on the number of students receiving relocation scholarships in 2010, 2011 and 2012? (based on ASGC-RA classifications) 2. Can the same information be provided in relation to student start up scholarships? 3. Can the Department provide the total expenditure on relocation scholarships in each of the last 3 years, and if possible further breakdown this information into the total expenditure in each of the last 3 years based on ASGC-RA classifications? 4. Can the same information be provided in relation to student start up scholarships? 5. Can the department advise how many students classified, for purposes of the scholarship, as independent and living away from home, have received the relocation scholarship in each of the last 3 years? 6. Can the Department also provide the total expenditure on relocation scholarships for students classified as independent and living away from home? 	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-128	Nash	Tertiary Quality and Student Support	Independent Youth Allowance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many students have successfully qualified for Independent Youth Allowance Living away from home since 1 January 2012? Can this information be broken down into ASGC-RA classifications? 2. How many students have successfully qualified for Dependent Youth Allowance Living away from home since 	Written Question Thursday 25 October 2012	11/02/2013 Correction rec'd 15/03/2013	28/02/2013 Correction tabled 16/05/2013

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				1 January 2012?			
SI-129	Sinodinos	AWPA	National Workforce Development Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the total expenditure to date from the National Workforce Development Fund? 2. Has the take up of the NWDF been to expectations? 3. How many small businesses have received funding? 4. Has DEEWR received any feedback to indicate that the 33% of reciprocal funding required from small businesses is too high and therefore preventing some from applying? 5. What date does DEEWR expect to make the announcement of successful tenders? 6. Is there an expectation for more specialist contracts this time around? 7. How much time will providers have before the transition stage is due to begin? 	Written Question Transferred from DEEWR 1 November 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-130	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 Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-131	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 3. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-132	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? 3. How many contract staff department/agency were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? What is the average length of their employment period? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-133	Bushby	Corporate	Staffing	Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			
SI-134	Bushby	Corporate	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please detail how the department/agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? (ii) What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? (iii) How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced? How will this impact on the Department/agency? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? (iv) How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why. What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? (v) How will printing costs be reduced? Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not? How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-135	Bushby	Corporate	Recruitment Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-12? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. 2. How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? Please 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media.			
SI-136	Bushby	Corporate	Printing costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? 2. How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online? 3. Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost? 4. How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? 5. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-137	Bushby	Corporate	Graduate Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 2. Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 3. How much is estimated to be spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training is to be provided, why and the estimated cost for each. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-138	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 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 Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 5. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>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>			
SI-139	Bushby	Corporate	Government Advertising	<p>1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12?</p> <p>2. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or 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 that was undertaken in 2011-12.</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-140	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>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	4/02/2013 Revised answer received 11/06/2013	7/02/2013 Revised answer tabled 27/06/2013

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				<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. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>6. 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>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
SI-141	Bushby	Corporate	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? 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 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? 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 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	4/02/2013 Revised answer received 11/06/2013	7/02/2013 Revised answer tabled 27/06/2013
SI-142	Bushby	Corporate	Board Appointments	List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	22/01/2013	7/02/2013

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SI-143	Bushby	Corporate	Board Appointments	List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011-12. What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011-12?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-144	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/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? 3. How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? 4. How many requests were denied and how many were granted? 5. Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? 6. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 7. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? 8. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? 9. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? 10. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-145	Bushby	Corporate	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. 2. 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, accommodate and any other expenses. 3. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	7/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				financial year to date?			
SI-146	Bushby	Corporate	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location. 2. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. 3. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 4. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-147	Bushby	Corporate	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews are being undertaken? • What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? • Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? • What reviews are planned? • When will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	17/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-148	Bushby	Corporate	Reviews	<p>For 2011-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Reviews were undertaken? • Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? • Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? • Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? • What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? • For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-149	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, 	Written Question Friday 26 October	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	2012		
SI-150	Bushby	Corporate	Consultancies	How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? 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.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-151	Bushby	Corporate	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What is 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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Which agency or agencies provided these services? ▪ What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? ▪ What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Which agency or agencies provided these services? ▪ What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? ▪ What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	23/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-152	Bushby	Corporate	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2011-12?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Which agency or agencies provided these services? ▪ What was the estimated budget to provide these 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>services for the year 2011-12?</p> <p>2. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2011-12?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Which agency or agencies provided these services? ▪ What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12? 			
SI-153	Bushby	Corporate	Social Media	<p>1. 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 May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks) ▪ If no, will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? <p>3. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	4/02/2013	7/02/2013
SI-154	Bushby	Corporate	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-155	Bushby	Corporate	Coffee Machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>2. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>3. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>4. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken? Where does the</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	4/02/2013	7/02/2013

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				funding for maintenance come from?			
SI-156	Bushby	Corporate	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • 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). • 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). • 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). • 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). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • 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). • 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). • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 			
SI-157	Bushby	Corporate	Contractors	<p>For 2011-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • 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). • 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). • 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). • 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). • Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). • 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). • Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. • What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 			
SI-158	Bushby	Corporate	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. 3. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 4. Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-159	Bushby	Corporate	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports were commissioned by the Government in your department/agency in 2011-12? 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? Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	4/02/2013 Revised answer received 11/06/2013	7/02/2013 Revised answer tabled 11/06/2013
SI-160	Bushby	Corporate	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency 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</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	30/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>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 the Government intending to respond to these reports? 			
SI-161	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 Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-162	Bushby	Corporate	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For 2011-12, did the department/agency pay 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/was 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? • Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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SI-163	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 are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-164	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) in 2011-12? 2. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-165	Bushby	Corporate	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. ▪ What is the cost for this financial year to date? 4. What was the 2011-12 cost for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TV subscriptions ▪ Newspaper subscriptions ▪ Magazine subscriptions 5. Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-166	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 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013

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				<p>total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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 the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			
SI-167	Bushby	Corporate	Travel Costs	<p>1. For 2011-12, 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).</p> <p>2. For 2011-12, 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).</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	4/02/2013 Revised answer received 11/06/2013	7/02/2013 Revised answer tabled 11/06/2013
SI-168	Bushby	Corporate	Legal costs	<p>1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	17/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services from private firms for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 			
SI-169	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 provide a list of each service and costs. 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. 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. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	17/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-170	Bushby	Corporate	Education expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a change to the department/agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details. 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. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-171	Bushby	Corporate	Education expenses	For 2011-12, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency.	Written Question Friday 26 October	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				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.	2012		
SI-172	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> <ol 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 form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.			
SI-173	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 2011-12:</p> <ol 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 form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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SI-174	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> <ol 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 form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-175	Bushby	Corporate	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October	3/01/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>2011-12:</p> <ol 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 form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	2012		
SI-176	Bushby	Corporate	Paid Parental Leave	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				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.			
SI-177	Bushby	Corporate	Paid Parental Leave	For 2011-12 to date 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.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-178	Bushby	Corporate	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 3. For this financial year to date, how much has been 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. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-179	Bushby	Corporate	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For 2011-12, 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. 2. For 2011-12, 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. 3. For 2011-12, how much has been 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 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				attended and their classification.			
SI-180	Bushby	Corporate	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How cars are owned by each department/agency? • Where is the car/s located? • What is the car/s used for? • What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? • How far did each car travel this financial year to date? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-181	Bushby	Corporate	Corporate Cars	For 2011-12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How cars are owned by each department/agency? • Where is the car/s located? • What is the car/s used for? • What was the cost of each car? • How far did each car travel? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-182	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 Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-183	Bushby	Corporate	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-184	Bushby	Corporate	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 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 Friday 26 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013

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SI-185	Bushby	Corporate	Credit Cards	For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-186	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) 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 Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012): 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 Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-187	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, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12. 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12. 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011-12, provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/01/2013	7/02/2013

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SI-188	Bushby	Corporate	Electricity Purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012). 2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12? 3. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-189	Bushby	Corporate	Briefings or costings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any briefings or costings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are briefings or costings requests commissioned? • What briefings or costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing or costings. • Have any briefings or costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings or costings were and why it could not proceed. • How long is spent undertaking briefings or costings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 2. Have any briefings or costings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are briefings or costings requests commissioned? • What briefings or costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing or costings. • Have any briefings or costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings or costings were and why it could not proceed. • How long is spent undertaking briefings or costings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-190	Bushby	Corporate	Briefings or costings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were any briefings or costings provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are briefings or costings requests commissioned? • What briefings or costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing or costings. • Have any briefings or costings request been unable to 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings or costings were and why it could not proceed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long is spent undertaking briefings or costings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. <p>2. Were any briefings or costings provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are briefings or costings requests commissioned? • What briefings or costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing or costings. • Have any briefings or costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details details of what the briefings or costings were and why it could not proceed. • How long is spent undertaking briefings or costings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 			
SI-191	Bushby	Corporate	Shredders	<p>1. Did the department/agencies purchase any shredders in 2011-12? 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.</p> <p>2. Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? 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.</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013
SI-192	Bushby	Corporate	Office Locations	<p>1. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Department/Agency; b) Location; c) Leased or Owned; d) Size; e) Number of Staff at each location and classification; f) If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g) If owned, the value of the building; 	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	4/02/2013	7/02/2013

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				<p>h) Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</p> <p>i) Type of functions and work undertaken.</p>			
SI-193	Bushby	Corporate	Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>a. By Department or agency:</p> <p>i. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>ii. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>iii. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p>	Written Question Friday 26 October 2012	30/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-194	Mason	ARC	Industrial Transformation Research Program funding	<p>Senator MASON: In regard to the Industrial Transformation Research Program, the original announcement was for \$250 million—is that right?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: A little less than that, but, yes, that is about right.</p> <p>Senator MASON: I think it has been subsequently reduced to \$236 million. Is that right?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: I think the correct amount was always the \$236 million and the other amount, or the difference, is the appropriation into the department to administer the program.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Okay. The appropriation to administer the grant itself; I understand. Was that \$236 million over the forward estimates or some other time frame?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: It was over the forward estimates.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Can you tell me how that amount was going to be spread over the duration of the program year by year?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: I will take that on notice because there is some detail in there and it is over a number of years.</p> <p>Senator MASON: You cannot give the committee a rough indicator?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: A rough indication would be approximately equally over that time.</p> <p>Senator MASON: Equally?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: As a rough indication.</p> <p>Senator MASON: It has been formed out of the existing ARC Linkage program's funding?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: That is correct.</p>	Pages 25 and 26, Wednesday 17 October 2012	21/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				<p>Senator MASON: Therefore, in the ARC budget it was not listed as a line item but the money set aside for it would be included under the overall Linkage budget. Is that right?</p> <p>Prof. Byrne: I think that would be correct, yes.</p>			
SI-195	Colbeck	AusIndustry	Staff assessing applications and processing grants	<p>Senator COLBECK: Firstly, can I get the number of staff currently employed in AusIndustry?</p> <p>Ms Butler: The staff number in AusIndustry as at 31 August 2012 was 478.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Roughly how many of them would be involved in or spend most of their time processing or assessing applications for grants?</p> <p>Ms Butler: The majority.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: Can you give me some idea of what percentage that might be—are we talking 50, 60, 70 or 80 per cent?</p> <p>Ms Butler: As you know, we have a variety of programs. Some of them are competitive granting programs and some of them are entitlement programs. I would say around 80 per cent of our staff would be involved in the administration of the programs within AusIndustry.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: What about staff who spend most of their time processing or assessing applications for grants specifically—all of that 80 per cent?</p> <p>Ms Butler: It would not be all of that 80 per cent. We have a significant number of staff working on the R&D tax incentive. Between 60 and 80 staff are working on that. I could take this on notice for you and give you the breakdown of staff working on the various programs.</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I do not want to spend too much time on it but I am trying to get a sense of what percentage of the staff would be working on assessing and processing applications for grants. You cannot give me any?</p> <p>Mr Sexton: It is difficult to break up the various activities that people in AusIndustry would do. We deliver programs from go to woe. There is the education role that our staff undertake to assist companies and businesses—</p> <p>Senator COLBECK: I know but I am asking something quite specific about processing and/or assessing applications for grants.</p>	Pages 45 and 46, Wednesday 17 October 2012	14/12/2012	7/02/2013

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				Ms Butler: I would need to make a bit of an estimate around that but, in terms of processing and assessing grants, of the 478, I would say possibly half of those would be involved in that. I would have to try and confirm that on notice.			
SI-196	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Comments made on <i>Science Show</i> , ABC radio	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Thank you, Professor Chubb, for agreeing to appear for this extra estimates hearing given that you were unavailable at the last estimates. Firstly, I wonder whether your attention has been drawn to the comments that were made on the Science Show on ABC radio on Saturday by Robyn Williams and Dr Stephan Lewandowsky. I am asking in the context of the comments you have made publicly and to this committee about the importance of civility in the climate change debate. On that show a link was drawn between climate change sceptics, paedophiles, drug traffickers and people responsible for causing asbestosis. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: No.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Could you take on notice those comments and provide us with any comments you may have as to the appropriateness of that in that context?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: Sure, I am happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am not sure Robyn Williams is a scientist. I am not sure whether Professor Chubb should be asked to comment on every piece of ABC commentary, or commentary on any channel. If you are prepared to take it on notice, Professor Chubb, that is fine, but I do not think your job is to be the shot gun for bad behaviour on any channel or on any media outlet. That is my position, that it is not your job. If you want to comment on it that is fine, but I do not think it is an appropriate question.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: The context of the question was the comments that Professor Chubb had made previously.</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: I do agree with civility in public debate.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: That is right and that is the context of my question.</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: I did not hear those comments.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: I will not go into it if you are not aware of it. If you could have a look into it, that would be appreciated.</p>	Page 2, Monday 26 November 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-197	Bushby	Office of the	Minister Combat's	Senator BUSHBY: Are you aware whether, up to and including	Page 6, Monday	11/02/2013	28/02/2013

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	Chief Scientist	speech	<p>2010, there were 34 consecutive years with global temperatures above the 20th century average? Prof. Chubb: How many centuries ago? Senator BUSHBY: In this century. Senator CAMERON: You should not let others write these questions for you. Senator BUSHBY: Up to and including 2010 were there 34 consecutive years—so that is the 34 years preceding—with temperatures above the 20th century average? Prof. Chubb: Were there 34 consecutive years? Senator BUSHBY: Yes. CHAIR: Once again— Senator BUSHBY: Once again, this quote comes from the speech I was referring to—the one I will table for the professor to comment on. There was a claim in there that, up to and including 2010, there were 34 consecutive years with global temperatures above the 20th century average. Senator CAMERON: Whose speech was it? Senator BUSHBY: Minister Combet's. Senator CAMERON: Minister Combet's speech. There you go. Prof. Chubb: No, I am not aware of that. Senator BUSHBY: Please take that on notice. I will be providing that speech. Senator LUNDY: To clarify: are you taking all these quotes from that speech, Senator Bushby? Senator BUSHBY: Some of them. In fact, there will be one more and that is it. I have some other things I want to explore. Senator LUNDY: You are asking the Chief Scientist to verify quotes from that speech? You have not, however, provided the speech or the context. Senator BUSHBY: The particular things I am asking the Chief Scientist about were put forward as scientific fact. Senator LUNDY: A better way might be to provide the speech and put the questions on notice. Senator BUSHBY: That is what I have undertaken to do. I had been hoping the professor might have been aware of some of these facts. But, if he is not, I am happy for him to take them on notice.</p>	26 November 2012		
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SI-198	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Minister Combet's speech	<p>Senator BUSHBY: There is only one more question that arises out of Minister Combet's speech. Has each decade since the 1940s in Australia been warmer than the preceding decade?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I am happy to take that on notice because I would like to use Minister Combet's speech as a reference and just view the facts as you have described.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: This is not in reference to any quote. Does the warming effect of carbon dioxide incrementally rise or fall with increasing concentration of it in the atmosphere?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: Does the concentration of CO2 rise or fall?</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Does the warming effect of carbon dioxide incrementally rise or fall with increasing concentration of it in the atmosphere?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: Before you answer, Professor Chubb, I think this falls into the category of quizzing the Chief Scientist about matters of scientific fact. In this case it may or may not be a fact that you are describing. You are asking for verification, so I think it falls into the category of quizzing the Chief Scientist. I am happy to take that question on notice, because I am not sure where it has come from or what point you are trying to make.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: It is a scientific fact. The point I am trying to make is a matter for me.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If it is a fact, it is a fact.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Exactly. I want to know on notice.</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: The minister has advised that she has taken it on notice.</p>	Page 7, Monday 26 November 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-199	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Effects of sea level rises	<p>Senator BUSHBY: Professor, we have previously asked you on a number of occasions about sea level rises. What scientific evidence is there that rising seas will inundate homes in places like Torquay and Anglesea in Victoria, or devastate the Great Ocean Road, by 2050?</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I will take that on notice on behalf of the minister.</p>	Page 7, Monday 26 November 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013
SI-200	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Carbon tax/price	<p>Senator BUSHBY: The question was: Are claims that failing to implement the government's carbon tax would precipitate the loss of the Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu and the Australian snowfields accurate and provable?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: A point of order! I think it is appropriate if</p>	Page 8, Monday 26 November 2012	11/02/2013	28/02/2013

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				<p>Senator Bushby is quoting from some document or quoting someone that both the document and the person is identified. I do not think it is fair to Professor Chubb.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: To short-circuit that, I am not quoting from anybody. They are general claims that I read and I have seen on a number of different publications—</p> <p>Senator Lundy: I am happy to take that on notice.</p>			
SI-201	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Atmospheric interaction	<p>Senator BUSHBY: This goes back to something that a retired NASA scientist told me a couple of years ago. I have no idea whether or not it is true, but you may be able to assist me. He suggested that—and it may well be depending on whether you are in the troposphere or which level of the atmosphere you are in—there is very little interaction between the atmosphere in the Southern Hemisphere and the atmosphere in the Northern Hemisphere. Is that something that you have any knowledge about?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: No, not really.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Is that something you could take on notice? I would be quite interested in the answer to that—if he was right or if he was wrong.</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: Yes, we can do that.</p>	Page 9, Monday 26 November 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-202	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Calcification rates for coral on the Great Barrier Reef	<p>Senator BUSHBY: What does the scientific evidence show about calcification rates for coral on the Great Barrier Reef? Has that rate been more or less pronounced at any other time over the last 400 years?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: I do not know.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: Yes.</p>	Page 9, Monday 26 November 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-203	Bushby	Office of the Chief Scientist	Staff qualifications	<p>Senator BUSHBY: I will move on then. What are the current staffing numbers in the Office of the Chief Scientist?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: Twelve.</p> <p>Senator BUSHBY: How many of those staff are tertiary qualified in at least one science discipline? How many have postgraduate qualifications in at least one science discipline?</p> <p>Prof. Chubb: I will take it on notice.</p>	Page 11, Monday 26 November 2012	3/01/2013	7/02/2013
SI-204	McKenzie	/	Regional education, skills and jobs plans	<p>Have the plans been updated to reflect the impact of the carbon tax, especially for impacted areas such as Gippsland? DEEWR's website also says that "The Plans are living and responsive</p>	Transferred to DEEWR on 31 October 2012	Refer to Education, Employment	n/a

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			<p>documents that will be revisited throughout their implementation to ensure they respond to emergent issues and opportunities or changing community or government priorities in regional Australia.”</p> <p>Please provide some Victorian examples of how the plans have been updated to reflect changing circumstance since being first drafted.</p> <p>Please outline how achievements against the plans are measured and list some of the achievements resulting from work undertaken to implement the plans in Victoria. Please include specific examples relevant to Loddon-Mallee.</p> <p>What funding do RESJ coordinators have to implement projects to attain RESJ goals?</p> <p>Please outline the RESJ Coordinators consultation with the community in developing the Loddon-Mallee RESJ Plan.</p> <p>The Loddon-Mallee RESJ references ‘further work’ to assist communities to prepare for the implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.</p> <p>How exactly do the Victorian RESJ Coordinators work with the Regional Employment Coordinators? Please provide an example including Loddon-Mallee and Bendigo-Ballarat.</p>		and Workplace Relations Committee's index	
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