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SR1	Ronaldson	RET – Tourism Division	National Tourism Alliance Meeting regarding the PMC	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Thank you. I wonder whether you can confirm the accuracy of the NTA minutes from this meeting which clearly state twice that the government had no plans to increase the passenger movement charge and mentioned this on page 4 and page 3 of those minutes. Can we confirm that that is what the minister said at that meeting?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I am unable to confirm that at present.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Parliamentary Secretary?</p> <p>Senator Feeney: No, I am afraid I cannot assist you either.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Are you aware of any endeavours to contact the NTA if there are any concerns about the content of those minutes?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: We can assume that they are an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I am not making any assumptions one way or the other.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Ms Madden is not in the building?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: No, she is not; she is interstate.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Okay. The NTA minutes quite clearly twice state that there were no proposals to increase the passenger movement charge. Given, I am sure, these were distributed widely to the minister and others, I am working on the basis that it is an accurate reflection of the discussions.</p> <p>In the lead-up to the budget there was significant talk around Parliament House about budget leaks, including those that the government was going to increase the PMC. Indeed, those rumours were validated on budget night. Are you aware that the NTA wrote to the minister to confirm his advice given at that meeting, and that he responded in a letter of 17 April?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I am advised that, yes, we have sighted that correspondence.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Did that correspondence make reference to the undertaking given by the minister at that meeting, that you are aware of?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I do not have the correspondence in front of me but—</p>	Page 3-5 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR2	Ronaldson	RET – Tourism Division	Modelling on increasing the PMC by the University of NSW	<p>Senator RONALDSON: I am sure the industry is going to be very interested to hear your comment that increasing the passenger movement charge is unremarkable. On 15 March Tourism Research Australia, TRA, received a report they commissioned from the University of New South Wales which modelled the impact of a remarkably coincidental hypothetical 20 per cent increase in the PMC and apparently noted the positive impact the tax would have on tourism. Who commissioned this modelling and when?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: We are happy to speak to you and elaborate on the modelling's findings but, to answer your specific question, I will ask Dr Jago, who is the director of TRA, if he is able to advise you on that process.</p>	Page5-6 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR3	Ronaldson	RET – Tourism Division	Minister’s involvement in the PMC modelling	<p>Senator RONALDSON: It just seems remarkable to me that TRA received a report that had been finalised in March 2011 and they remarkably received it in March 2012, just prior to a budget announcement of an increase in the passenger movement charge. Is this just a remarkable coincidence or was this a release to justify a decision that was going to be made by the government in the budget despite an undertaking having been given on 2 March to the industry that there would not be any increase in the charge?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I suggest it is an unremarkable coincidence in that the passenger movement charge, as your line of questioning indicates, is an element of the industry that attracts great interest, and rightly so. The fact that research was commissioned on it contemporarily means nothing in particular.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: But it was finalised in early 2011. Don't you find it remarkable, Mr Clarke, to reverse your words, that it mysteriously appeared in March 2012 just prior to a budget announcement?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: No.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Not a remarkable coincidence?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: No.</p>	Page 6 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR4	Xenophon	Tourism Australia	Cooperative Marketing Partnership with Crowne	<p>Senator XENOPHON: But one of your Australian industry partners would be Crown, for instance.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: What does that sort of partnership involve?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: It will be a cooperative marketing partnership with a campaign to attract people generally.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Insofar that it is a cooperative marketing partnership, it would involve the use of some funds from Tourism Australia as part of that cooperative campaign, as it is with, say, airlines and other industry representatives.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: Absolutely. We run a partnership model. We very much try and leverage the money that we spend with partners all around the world, including, as I said, airlines, distribution partners—wholesalers, retailers and online sellers in the market—and, yes, the Australian industry, of which Crown would be a part.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Would you be able to specify—you can take this on notice—how much would be targeted for that sort of industry partnership with Crown, for instance?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But there would be funds allocated, presumably, because as with all industry partners you would allocate some funds to deal with that.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: Sure. I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Because there is that industry partnership with Crown and the fact that Mr Dixon, a board member of Tourism Australia, is also a board member of Crown, how do you deal with any potential conflicts? I am not suggesting that they have not been dealt with; I just want to be satisfied that these matters are dealt with. For instance, does Mr Dixon absent himself from any discussions in respect of industry partnerships with Crown?</p>	Page 8 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR5	Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	Northern Trust Open Golf Tournament	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Isn't that remarkably similar to a comment made by the minister on 2 March to the NTO, Secretary? I will put the rest of these matters on notice. Can I just go back to question on notice No. 2091, regarding the Northern Trust Open Golf Tournament.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Is this from the most recent Senate estimates hearings?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: No, it is a question on notice, not from estimates. It was asked on 20 August. Can I just clarify: any expenditure of funds in sponsorship for this presumably would have been taxpayer funds; they would not have been funds raised by individuals to pay for sponsorship and hospitality et cetera? Were they taxpayer's funds?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: Yes, the Northern Trust Open was part of—</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: You may well do that—and I do not know who was there. This might be completely appropriate. But taxpayer funds, as we have heard today, are scarce. I do not think the taxpayer is prepared to accept that Tourism Australia have flown people over to the States for this sponsorship, at substantial cost, under a cloud of secrecy regarding who enjoyed this taxpayer hospitality. I am afraid a plea of 'It's private' doesn't cut the mustard. I know you would not do it but, quite frankly, in this situation someone could ring one of their mates up and say: 'Listen, there is a nice junket going over in the States for an open tournament. Come along!' Their mate might ask, 'Will they know it is me?' and you could just say, 'No, some bozo at Senate estimates will ask who you were and I'll just say no it's a privacy issue.'</p> <p>Are you not prepared to provide those on the basis of public interest immunity? What claim are you making? Because, quite frankly, a bland statement about privacy in my view is not appropriate. Are you claiming some reason for not providing the names of those alleged VIPs who attended this function at taxpayer's expense?</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: With respect, we did not fly anyone over there.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: There was hospitality. Taxpayer's funds were used.</p> <p>Mr McEvoy: I would just like to correct the record, though, because we did not fly anyone there; it was an amount of about \$11,700, which was part of a bigger advertising deal. We received legal advice around privacy. We will review that for you. But that is the advice that I have, so today I am not prepared to change our view on that.</p>	Page 9-10 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR6	Milne	RET – Energy Division	Contract for closure – contingency reserves	<p>Senator MILNE: I want to ask a question in relation to contracts for closure. In previous committees it was explained that that was to be funded by a contingency reserve and that provisions had been made to fund contracts for closure. I understand why the size of that reserve was not revealed when the negotiations were taking place but, now that has collapsed, can you tell the committee how much was set aside for contracts for closure in the contingency reserve?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: No, I feel I am not in a position to do that without consultation with Treasury and Finance for responsibility in that area. The matter is of course a matter that was part of cabinet consideration. I understand the point of the question quite clearly, but I do not feel able to respond off the bat to that without further advice. So I would need to take that on notice, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: So you are not saying that you do not know; it is just that you are not in a position to say whether you are in a position to reveal it?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Correct. I do know the answer, of course, but I—</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Take it on notice, please, and we will come back to that.</p>	Page 11 18.10.11	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR7	Milne	RET – Energy Division	Contract for closure – linkage to the EU Scheme	<p>Senator MILNE: ...My next question is in relation to the contracts for closure and the announcement of the linkage to the EU scheme. Can you tell me whether there was any negotiation with the coal-fired generators after the announcement of the EU scheme and before the contracts for closure was announced as having terminated as a policy position?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Negotiation in the sense of a policy or logical or commercial linkage between those two announcements? Is that the point of the question?</p> <p>Senator MILNE: What I am trying to say is that clearly the linkage to the EU and the changing of the floor price arrangements was a material change. The negotiations for contracts for closure were taking place in a scenario where it was expected the floor price was there and there was no linking. When that change occurred were those companies who had been talking to the government about contracts for closure given an opportunity to recalibrate their position in light of that change before contracts for closure was declared to be null and void?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I want to make sure that I give you the most complete and accurate answer. I have just confirmed what I had understood to be the case. The answer is no, we did not seek revised proposals. The assessment on the contract for closure bids was made on the basis of policy as it currently existed regarding the floor price. The decision to not proceed with any contracts was on that basis. When it was known to the government but not to industry that a potential policy change was under consideration, we tested the materiality of that with our commercial advisers and judged that it would not make a difference to the outcome of the contract negotiation.</p>	Page 11-12 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR8	Cormann	RET –Energy Division	Renewable Energy Target	<p>Senator CORMANN: Are you confident that you are on track to achieve the 20 per cent Renewable Energy Target for 2020? In some quarters there seems to be some discussion that it might be difficult, if not impossible, to get there. Can you give us a bit of an update as to where you think that is all at?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: The Renewable Energy Target is administered by climate change department, it is not administered by this department. So once again we take a keen interest in it as it relates to the electricity market and energy intensive industries—</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: I am interested in your interest.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: We are very interested in it, yes.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: So how much new capacity by type of renewable energy is under construction now?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: We have observed, looking at what is on the record and in the pipeline, that the RET has stimulated a tremendous growth of wind energy and most of the take-up has been in wind, talking on the large-scale part.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You cannot be more scientific for us on that? Are you saying that you are just an interested bystander looking at it, or have you got some figures around it?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I have got copious analysis. I do not have it in front of me. I am very happy to provide that, or Mr Morling could.</p>	Page 15 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>Mr Morling: We will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: You not have that at the top of your mind.</p> <p>Mr Morling: The other thing we would mention is that the Climate Change Authority is undertaking a review of the Renewable Energy Target.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I would refer you, and perhaps we could provide this as part of our response on notice, to our principal source of our analytical information on this, the Australian Energy Market Operator, in regard to the NEM, all the grid bar WA and NT, who track very closely the new build, the build that is announced and in the pipeline, and how much energy is actually dispatched from that new build. The AEMO data is our principal mechanism of tracking current and immediate future developments.</p> <p>Senator CORMANN: But I assume you would be providing advice to the Minister for Resources and Energy on how the government is tracking in terms of meeting the 20 per cent Renewable Energy Target by 2020.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: We are providing advice on that, yes. We are relying on AEMO in tracking the build and the regulator in the climate change department for tracking the actual performance of the renewable energy certificate market.</p>			
SR9	Siewert	Geoscience Australia	Bremer Basin	<p>Senator SIEWERT:I am interested in the Bremer Basin off the coast of Western Australia. Did Geoscience Australia nominate that particular area for acreage release?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: I will just consult with my colleague. We may have that knowledge here.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Thanks.</p> <p>Dr Pigram: Yes, we did.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How long ago did you nominate it? I know it was a while ago, but when did you first nominate it?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: We might take it on notice for you. We think it was 2006, but we will verify that for you. [<i>Answered later on in the hearing - page 21 – no need to respond</i>]</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: At the time, were you aware the ecological values or potential ecological and marine values of that particular area?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: In what way, Senator?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: As I understand it, there are some pretty unique canyons there that have some unique ecosystems associated with them and, in particular, an association with whales and particular sperm whales as well. Were you aware of that information at the time?</p> <p>Dr Pigram: We were certainly aware of the canyons, because we used them as part of the geological investigation. We can take on notice whether we had information in relation to the ecological significance of the canyons.</p>	Page 19 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR10	Siewert	RET – Resources Division	Number of nominations for acreage release	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. I may have to come back with questions on notice once I have seen the information that has been taken on notice. Can I go to the process for this year. As I understand from the discussion that we had last estimates, nominations closed at the end of August and I am wondering how many nominations Geoscience Australia made to the process and how many overall you received.</p> <p>Dr Pigram: I am not sure I can tell you exactly how many we nominated. Let me just check with my colleagues.</p> <p>Dr J Johnson: Geoscience Australia nominated one area: the Sorell Basin.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I will ask, but I do not know if I will get an answer. Can I ask which area that was?</p> <p>Dr J Johnson: In the Sorell Basin, west of Tasmania.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. How many were received?</p> <p>Mr Squire: I would like to take that question on notice and provide the exact number. From my recollection, it is in the order of 50 to 60 nominations. But I would like to take that one on notice to be 100 per cent sure.</p>	Page 20 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR11	Siewert	RET – Resources Division	Surrendered acreage releases	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Have there been any areas over the last period of time where you have had leases surrendered?</p> <p>Mr Squire: Yes. Can I clarify your question. Are you seeking clarification as to whether any of the areas nominated for 2013 have been subject to previous releases? Again that is a difficult question for me to answer at this stage because we have not finalised the short list.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. That is interesting to know but if you could also take it on notice. Also: have there been any that have been not put on the list yet, renominated, but have been surrendered? Does that make sense?</p> <p>Mr Squire: Sorry, I am lost.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Has there been any acreage—that anybody has taken up that they have in 2013 from the past—that they have now surrendered?</p> <p>Mr Squire: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you tell us which areas they were?</p> <p>Mr Squire: I will take that on notice. For clarity, what time period are you seeking the information from?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: For completeness, can you give me the last three years?</p> <p>Mr Squire: Certainly.</p>	Page 21 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR12	Cameron	NOPSEMA	Lord Cullen Report recommendations	<p>Senator CAMERON: Let's come back to the question of the legislation and how it is operating. As I understand it, the genesis of this legislation was following the Piper Alpha tragedy in the UK?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: The concept of a performance based regime for regulating the safety of workers at facilities in the offshore industry had its genesis following the Cullen inquiry into the Piper Alpha regime.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: As a result of that investigation there was a mass of recommendations, including enforcement and workforce involvement.</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Yes. There was a substantial report by Lord Cullen. It contained a mass of recommendations, and I would have to take on notice the contents of each—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am not going to ask you about the contents in great detail. But one of the recommendations was that there had to be a voice for offshore workers in the health and safety of their installations, is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: I would have to take the specific wording of the recommendation on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You are not sure about 'having a voice'?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: I am not saying that. You referred to it specifically—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: This was the genesis, but you are not aware of some of the basics.</p> <p>CHAIR: Wait a minute.</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Can I clarify?</p> <p>CHAIR: You should, Ms Cutler, because you said something different.</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Yes. I am saying that I am not aware of the specific wording of the Cullen report. The principle of workforce involvement is one that is deeply enshrined in the legislation that I am responsible for administering.</p>	Page 22 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR13	Cameron	NOPSEMA	Consultant access to Stena Clyde	<p>Senator CAMERON: How long did it take to get that delegate onsite?</p> <p>Ms Constable: Once the request was made, consideration was given. In the meantime, the company—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So NOPSEMA immediately granted access. Is that what you are saying?</p> <p>Ms Constable: No, I did not say that. When there is any sort of incident on a facility, the regulator will very carefully consider the circumstances of what has occurred and action will then be taken appropriately about the timing of entry for any person going onto that facility. That goes to the whole regime itself in a performance based regime, making sure that the safety of all workers is considered before anybody else enters that facility. A subsequent request was made to the company. It was considered that new people could come onto the facility and entry was granted.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I understand the unions had to go to Fair Work Australia to gain access. Why was that?</p>	Page 22-23 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>Ms Constable: A request was made to Fair Work Australia, but a number of things were happening parallel. There were requests made to the regulator, to the company and directly to Fair Work Australia. The delegate got what he was looking for: an entry to the facility.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: When was the first request made, to your knowledge?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Can I answer that one? This is a specific request under clause 35 of schedule 3 of the act, which is a request by a health and safety representative at a facility for consulting assistance. On 30 August the ACTU-MUA first raised it in a teleconference with us. On 30 August the MUA forwarded an email of a request made to Stena Drilling to access the facility earlier. On 31 August we requested clarity by email as to whether the forwarding of an email address to another party was in fact a request of us. On 1 September we received a request from a health and safety representative at the facility for access by consultants. On 5 September the same individual wrote back to us, saying that he now no longer required a response to his request because he had been away for a few days and the consultants had visited the facility in his absence. The consultants were representatives, I believe, of the ACTU and one of the unions.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the timeframe associated with these requests.</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Certainly.</p>			
SR14	Cameron	NOPSEMA	Absence of a Health & Safety Representative	<p>Senator CAMERON: What if there is no health and safety representative on the facility? How does a union access the site?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: The health and safety representative may or may not be a union member. We do not know that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is not what I am asking. I am asking: what if there is no health and safety representative?</p> <p>Ms Constable: There is always a health and safety representative on a facility. I cannot think of a single example where that has not been the case.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So that is a guaranteed proposition? They will always be there?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: For normally attended facilities.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is it a requirement that someone has to be a health and safety rep?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: It is strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Cutler: If no-one wants to do it, that is a separate issue.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That is the question I am putting to you. What happens then—if no-one wants to do it or if no-one feels capable of doing it?</p>	Page 23-24 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>Ms Constable: This is not a circumstance that occurs in Australia. Every company, every facility, takes—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: No. You have said that already. I do not need to be told that again. Are you saying that this circumstance cannot occur? What Ms Cutler has spoken about is if there is no-one willing to do it. What happens then?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: It is not a circumstance that we have come across.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Sure, but is it possible for that circumstance to happen?</p> <p>Ms Constable: You are putting a hypothetical question here—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: No, it is not hypothetical; it is a reality that there are some workshops around the country where we do not have health and safety representatives. So it is a possibility that a health and safety representative may not be on an offshore site, isn't it? That is logical, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I understand the logic of your question. The officers have advised that it has never happened in the industry.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That does not matter.</p> <p>Mr Clarke: Therefore, the validity of your question is acknowledged as a potential—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can I ask you then to give me some advice as to what would happen if no-one volunteered to be a health and safety representative, how would union health and safety people and the union official access the site?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: We will take it on notice.</p>			
SR15	Cameron	RET – Resources Division	NOPSEMA Advisory Board	<p>Senator CAMERON: Is there a governing body for the NOPSEMA Act?</p> <p>Ms Constable: There is an advisory board to NOPSEMA. There is also another entity that has been established, a tripartite group, that is made up of NOPSEMA, industry and a trade union representative. That is a constructive dialogue that occurs on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But the advisory group is under the act, is it?</p> <p>Ms Constable: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who is the union representative on the—</p> <p>Ms Constable: There is not a union representative.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: There is not a union representative on that?</p> <p>Ms Constable: No, there is not.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is there any reason for that?</p> <p>Ms Constable: There is not a representative that is nominated on that particular advisory board.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who nominates?</p> <p>Ms Constable: Usually the minister nominates.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: There is no union representative on this advisory council?</p>	Page 24-25 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>Ms Cutler: There is no industry representative.</p> <p>Mr Squire: If I could add to Ms Constable's responses: the selection of membership for membership of the NOPSEMA board is on the basis of the skills, knowledge and experience of various individuals. Currently, there are a range of people on the board with industry background. I understand that there is an individual with some workforce representation background. There are also people—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What does that mean? Is that a union represented? By the ACTU?</p> <p>Mr Squire: The nomination for that—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you take it on notice and give me advice as to the make-up of the advisory board, what the process was for the advisory board to be established and what the strengths, weaknesses and qualifications are of each person on that advisory board? Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Squire: Certainly.</p>			
SR16	Cameron	NOPSEMA	Consulting assistant access to investigate facilities	<p>Senator CAMERON: There must be some issues there. In terms of a union accessing one of these sites, if the health and safety representative nominates the health and safety officer from a union to come on board, does that then require the operator of the site to provide access through helicopters or however access is gained to the site?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: The operator may do that. I do not believe there are any coercive powers in the legislation to require the operator to give access to the site at a particular time.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: There is another weakness in the act. If there is only one access to the site and that is a helicopter and the operator says no, because helicopters cannot just be chartered and land on an offshore processing facility, can they—</p> <p>Ms Cutler: Unless you are the police.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So if an operator says: 'No, I don't want the union representative here, so you are not getting access to the helicopter that flies people out here,' how do we overcome that?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: To date, there has only been one request for consulting assistance. I am not familiar with what other access arrangements—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am asking you a practical question about the operation of the act: how a consultant can actually get from the shore to an offshore-processing facility. And, say, Stena Clyde or any other operator says, 'You are not accessing the company transport,' how do you do it?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: The best of my knowledge is that there is no compulsion, as I said, on the company so we cannot—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes, you said that. How then does the act operate for a consultant to be there for the health and safety representative if the company says 'no'?</p>	Page 25 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>Mr Clarke: I understand, again, the terms of your question. As officers have advised, it has not happened but respect that it could. Therefore, we will have to take on notice what would be the policy or regulatory response in such a case.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Have you never considered this issue?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: On the question of a consultant, there has been one request made to NOPSEMA for appointment of a consultant under clause 35. We are not aware—it does not mean it does not exist; there may have been a multiplicity of arrangements that have taken place between HSRs, their facility operator and a whole range of consultants. To date we have had only one request in 7½ years since 1 January 2005 under clause 35--</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Sure, but when—</p> <p>Ms Cutler: and in that case there was no problem because the operator of the facility had provided—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes, Ms Cutler, but I am not interested in that really because you have said that two or three times now. You should not keep repeating the same answer, please. I have limited time. So, do you concede that the operator can actually impede the proper operation of the act if they do not allow a union access to their transport?</p> <p>Mr Clarke: I think what the officer has acknowledged is that the people at the table right now have not experienced or contemplated that scenario. We recognise the validity of the question. We will take it on notice.</p>			
SR17	Cameron	NOPSEMA	Health & Safety Representative engagement policy	<p>Senator CAMERON: Other than the production of a health and safety handbook, what actions does NOPSEMA undertake to support the role of the HSRs? Can you take that on notice because I have run out time? Does NOPSEMA have a formal HSR engagement policy?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: We have a very formal policy built into our inspections that the first—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: No, I am not asking about inspections. I am asking about a general engagement policy with health and safety representatives.</p> <p>Ms Cutler: It is a specific requirement that all inspections commence with a meeting between the inspectors and the health and safety representatives on the facility.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So that is an inspection. Is that the only engagement you have with them?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: We have a number of other engagements.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So can you take it on notice and can you provide me with details of all engagements, formal engagements and the policy within NOPSEMA for engagement with HS representatives?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: I am very happy to provide the background details to our 223 meetings with HSRs over the last 1½ years.</p>	Page 26 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. Can you also advise me then of the outcome of these 230-odd meetings? What changes did you make to policy? What advice have you been given during these meetings and what practical steps did you take to implement issues arising out of that engagement? In the UK, I understand that there is an annual HSR conference. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: In the UK I believe there is a workforce involvement forum that has active involvement by health and safety representatives.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: And the union movement?</p> <p>Ms Cutler: And a range of other people. I am not specifically across the exact details.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you check for me and give me details of what that engagement is in the UK?</p>			
SR18	Cameron	NOPSEMA	Health & Safety Representatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health and safety Representatives play a vital role in promoting and improving safety in the offshore petroleum and gas industry, just as they do in every other industry in Australia. Section 35 of the OPGGS Act provides HSRs with the “entitlement” to access support and advice in their workplace from a consultant, which may include an officer or officers of a trade union. <p>Under what conditions does NOPSEMA believe HSRs can access support and advice in their workplace?</p> <p>What are the provisions of s.35 that authorise NOPSEMA to require detailed written advice as to the qualifications, expertise and experience of the parties proposed as consultants and insist on a written explanation from HSRs of the proposed scope of the assistance to be provided by the consultant?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Why has NOPSEMA imposed conditions on HSR’s access to the advice and support of consultants that on their face, exceed the statute? 3. Is there a formal process that NOSPEMA must follow when it is engaging with stakeholders? 4. How often is stakeholder engagement undertaken? 5. Is there a mechanism for feedback from external parties on the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement? If so, how are these dealt with internally as part of improving stakeholder engagement? If not, why not? 6. In respect to stakeholder engagement does NOPSEMA consider unions to be relevant stakeholders that should be engaged for consultations? If not, why? 	Written - received on 18.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>7. Can NOPSEMA provide a list of the unions that have been consulted by NOPSEMA for the purposes of stakeholder consultations, including the number of times that each union has been contacted?</p> <p>8. In relation to the Montara incident investigation, how many HSRs were interviewed during this investigation? How many HSRs were available to be interviewed? How many were present on the day of the incident?</p> <p>9. In relation to the Varanus Island explosion, how many HSRs were interviewed during the investigation? How many HSRs were available to be interviewed? How many were present on the day of the incident?</p> <p>10. Given that many of the offshore facility operators in the Australian offshore oil and gas industry have their origins in the Americas, in Asia and Europe, where quite different safety and labour relations cultures exist, what steps has NOPSEMA taken to ensure that HSRs, members of health and safety committees and indeed any worker on a facility under NOPSEMA's jurisdiction can have confidence, in keeping with Australian culture and practice, that they can raise OHS issues without any threat to their employment, to their promotion or to fair shift options, in circumstances where there is ample evidence that workers in the offshore oil and gas industry have been and are discriminated against for raising OHS issues?</p> <p>11. What data has NOPSEMA made available to the industry - that is, to operators, employers and trade unions - about conformity in Safety Cases with Australian OHS standards in key areas such as accommodation, union and workforce consultation, as included in harmonised OHS law, and if such an audit that would deliver such information has not been undertaken, will NOPSEMA undertake to complete such an audit and make that information available to all stakeholders?</p> <p>12. What training packages and skills sets are accepted by NOPSEMA auditors to satisfy themselves that workers on offshore facilities have the appropriate skill levels to perform at a technical and safety standard of work that ensures that the operator is complying with its OHS duty of care?</p> <p>13. Why has NOPSEMA advised that it does not intend to license occupations that are required by the model OHS law and regulations to be licensed. If NOPSEMA does not intend to be an occupational license issuing agency, where should workers who work in occupations required by the model regulations to be licensed obtain such a license?</p>			
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				<p>b) Is NOPSEMA opposed to strengthening its ties with Safe Work Australia?</p> <p>c) Many national agencies develop agreements which articulate how they will work together to achieve their particular objectives. Do you believe the performance of NOPSEMA could be improved by the two agencies entering into a Memorandum of Agreement?</p> <p>18. The National Review into Model Occupational Health and Safety Laws – Second Report to the Workplace Relations Ministerial Council January 2009 stated at page 111:</p> <p><i>“There is considerable evidence that the effective participation of workers and the representation of their interests in OHS are crucial elements in improving health and safety performance at the workplace. This representation occurs through the use of health and safety representatives (HSRs), elected by workers to represent them in relation to OHS.”</i></p> <p>a) Other than the production of a HSR Handbook, what actions does NOPSEMA undertake to support the role of HSRs?</p> <p>b) Does NOPSEMA have a formal HSR engagement policy?</p> <p>c) If not, why not?</p> <p>d) Is NOPSEMA willing to develop a HSR engagement policy?</p> <p>e) If so, is NOPSEMA prepared to develop such a policy in conjunction with union stakeholders?</p> <p>f) In some jurisdictions, the Regulators organise an annual HSR conference. Why doesn't NOPSEMA do this?</p> <p>g) Is NOPSEMA prepared to organise an annual HSR conference</p>			
SR19	Boswell	RET – Energy Division	Cost of Electricity	<p>1. The two Commonwealth greenhouse measures that impact on the price of electricity are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the carbon tax; and • the Renewable Energy Target (RET) <p>As far as the direct effects on electricity prices are concerned, the carbon tax in its present form is estimated to cost around \$8 billion a year, and the RET by some estimates will cost \$5 billion a year by 2020. Could you indicate what these two measures mean to the cost of electricity to your members and what kind of impact they might entail for their on-going business operations?</p> <p>2. There are four different types of measures in place designed to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions. These are:</p>	Written - received on 18.10.12 Transferred to DCCEE on 14.11.12	Refer to the Environment and Communications Committee's index	n/a

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the carbon tax; • the Renewable Energy Target (RET); • direct budgetary expenditures, including the new Clean Energy fund; and • standards on a range of products. <p>As far as the direct effects on electricity prices are concerned, the carbon tax, which in its present form is estimated to cost around \$8 billion a year, and the RET – some estimates place that at a \$5 billion a year cost by 2020 - are the main policies. Clearly, no policy formulation approach is worthwhile unless the government is aware of its costs in terms of regulatory and budgetary measures. That being the case, could you indicate the aggregate level of costings for these measures combined, say, as of the current year and in 2020?</p> <p>3. Do you agree with the Minister for Resources Mr Ferguson that the RET represents “a bonus to the renewable sector of the order of another \$20 to \$30 billion in Commonwealth Government support”? (<i>Address to Carbon Capture and Storage Symposium, Melbourne. November 2010</i>)</p> <p>4. Who bears the cost of this industry subsidy? It is the electricity consumer isn't it?</p> <p>5. Are you aware of research by the NSW regulator, IPART that has found that some low income households, especially in regional areas, are paying around 13% of their income on electricity?</p> <p>6. What compensation has the Federal Government made available to electricity consumers to meet the costs of electricity due to the RET?</p> <p>7. Do you agree with the Productivity Commission and the Rudd Government's Strategic Review of Climate Change Policies that a Renewable Energy Target, when operating with an emissions trading scheme, 'will not encourage any additional greenhouse gas abatement'? In other words, the RET is an industry subsidy not an environmental measure?</p> <p>8. In summary, isn't it true therefore that 1) the RET is an industry subsidy measure not an environmental measure, 2) that the cost is borne by electricity consumers and 3) that electricity price increase disproportionately affect low income Australians and especially those in regional areas?</p>			
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SR20	Eggleston	Tourism Australia	Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After attending Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE) in Perth in June 2012, Mr John Alwyn Jones used his blog and profile as a 'travel industry writer' and issued a national media release regarding ATE. The WA hotel industry donated over \$1 million free accommodation to guests of Tourism Australia. Mr Alwyn Jones was a very large recipient of this TA sponsored support. Why was Mr Alwyn Jones invited to participate? 2. Who made the decision/offer? 3. Apart from being a self-promoting consultant, Mr Jones does not appear to have any tangible media ties. What are his credentials? 4. What benefit did his attendance bring to the event and to the industry in general? 	Written – received on 19.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR21	Bushby	Tourism Australia	Tasmania's Island Heritage listed as the 15th National Landscape	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the reasons locations such as Launceston, the Tamar Valley, Penguin and Burnie were not included as part of the recently announced 15th National Landscape known as 'Tasmania's Island Heritage'? 2. Does the Department/Tourism Australia Do believe their omission could be a marketing disadvantage for those places or a deterrent to tourists visiting the state? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR22	Bushby	RET – Resources Division	Mining in the Arthur Pieman region	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department been approached by the Tasmanian Government, the National Tarkine Coalition or any other organisation/s in relation to possible negotiations regarding mining in the Arthur Pieman region? 2. Is the Department concerned, or has the Department provided any advice or developed any papers of any kind in relation to the potential for campaigns based on environmental issues to derail otherwise sustainable projects which comply with EPBC requirements? 3. How many mining exploration leases and licences are currently in place in the Arthur Pieman Region. Please detail: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) exploration easements b) exploration licences c) retention licences d) mining leases (Please include company names where applicable.) 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR23	Wright	Tourism Australia	Australia's National Landscapes Program	<p>Australia's National Landscapes Program was launched in December 2006, and since the launch, there are now 15 National Landscapes: Australian Alps, Australia's Coastal Wilderness, Australia's Green Cauldron, Australia's Red Centre, Australia's Timeless North, Flinders Ranges, Great Barrier Reef, Greater Blue Mountains, Great Ocean Road, Great South West Edge, Kangaroo Island, Tasmania's Island Heritage, The Kimberley, Ningaloo – Shark Bay, and the Wet Tropics.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What criteria were used to select these environments as "Australia's National Landscapes"? 2. This initiative "aims to achieve conservation, social and economic outcomes for Australia and its regions", how are these outcomes measured, and what are the key performance indicators for this program? 3. The program aims to achieve these outcomes "via the promotion of superlative nature based tourism experiences." What key experiences have been identified for promotional use for each of the 15 National Landscapes? 4. What has been the total cost of the National Landscapes Program per financial year since its launch in 2006? And what is the cost of implementing the program over forward estimates? 5. How is the National Landscapes Program Budget divided amongst the 15 National Landscapes? What has been the total amount spent per landscape under the National Landscapes Program budget, per financial year? And what will the costs be per landscape over forward estimates? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR24	Wright	RET – Resources Division	Offshore Oil & Gas Exploration – Kangaroo Island	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 15 October 2012, Bight Petroleum submitted a referral under the EPBC Act to explore for oil and gas off the west coast of Kangaroo Island. The company is also required to submit an Environment Plan under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act (OPGGS), to the new national regulator NOPSEMA. As part of the Environment Plan, operators are required to consult with stakeholders. NOPSEMA guidance states that sufficient information and time scale must be provided for informed consultation and operators must demonstrate how relevant feedback is taken into account. Bight Petroleum's EPBC referral documentation contains a cursory response to significant concerns raised by the Kangaroo Island council and residents. Is this the kind of approach the department was envisaging when it put in place the new NOPSEMA regime? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

			<p>2. As part of the Environment Plan operators are required to submit to NOPSEMA, operators are required to demonstrate that they have reduced environmental risks to as low as reasonably practicable. Bight Petroleum intends to undertake seismic surveys off the west coast of Kangaroo Island between January and May next year. This is one of only three areas in Australian waters where blue whales are known to feed. Blue whales will likely be present in the area at that time, along with many other protected whale species, such as sperm whales which also feed in that area. January till May is also the period of busiest activity for the southern blue fin tuna fishery in the region. It is very hard to see how this could be deemed to be reducing the risk to the environment to as low as reasonably practicable. What guidance and advice is NOPSEMA required to seek from wildlife and other environmental experts (both inside and outside government) in relation to these kinds of matters when assessing Environmental Plans?</p> <p>3. Can the department clarify what advice it sought, from wildlife and other environmental experts both inside and outside government, before releasing the lease areas off Kangaroo Island back in the 2010 acreage release, given that this area is known to be significant for a whole range of listed marine species and given the importance of this area to local communities for fishing and ecotourism?</p> <p>4. Can the department clarify what public consultation processes it undertook before releasing EPP41 and EPP42 in the 2010 acreage release? In particular, please detail any consultation undertaken with Kangaroo Island community.</p> <p>5. Can the department clarify the decision-making processes which led to lease areas EPP41 and EPP42 being granted to Bight Petroleum in the middle of the public consultation process for the South-West Marine Reserve Network?</p> <p>6. Similarly, can the department clarify what advice it sought, from wildlife and other environmental experts both inside and outside government, before releasing this year in the 2012 acreage release the lease area off Robe, SA, known as S12-4, which is currently open for bidding by oil and gas companies? This lease area covers the entire central section of the Bonney Upwelling area, another of the 3 blue whale feeding sites in Australian waters (the other two being KI and Perth Canyon), and is also important for a whole range of listed marine species.</p>			
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				<p>7. Recent acreage releases have seen a steady expansion in the number of important whale habitat areas being opened up for oil and gas exploration. Is the Department considering any reforms to the current regulatory system around offshore petroleum which would:</p> <p>a. require the sensitivities of marine environments and local communities to be fully understood and assessed prior to areas being released for exploration; and</p> <p>b. give local communities a say in the acreage release process?</p>			
SR25	Ronaldson	Tourism Australia	TA Sponsorship of Northern Trust Open golf tournament	<p>1. The written answer to Questions on Notice no. 2091, question 4, states that “TA provided airfares and one night accommodation for participants who were not local to the event”. However, in <i>Proof Hansard</i>, 18 October 2012, p. 10, Tourism Australia (TA) states twice that “we did not fly anyone over there” and “I would just like to correct the record, though, because we did not fly anyone there”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did TA provide airfares for participants who were not local to the event? • If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Why did TA state to the Committee that it “did not fly anyone over there”? – How many participants not local to the event did TA provide airfares and one night’s accommodation for? Please provide the total cost and a complete breakdown of the costs associated with providing “airfares and one night accommodation for participants who were not local to the event”. – Can TA provide the details of each airfare (e.g. where from and to) and what class each was at? Can TA provide the names of those who received airfares? – What was the name and location of the accommodation for each of these participants not local to the event, as well as any accommodation provided by TA for those local to the event? What was the star-rating of this accommodation? What were the names of the guests who received this accommodation? – What was the benefit of TA paying for the costs of accommodation and travel for individuals who were not local to this event? • If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Why did TA state to the Committee that it “did not fly anyone over there”? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many participants not local to the event did TA provide airfares and one night's accommodation for? Please provide the total cost and a complete breakdown of the costs associated with providing "airfares and one night accommodation for participants who were not local to the event". - Can TA provide the details of each airfare (e.g. where from and to) and what class each was at? Can TA provide the names of those who received airfares? - What was the name and location of the accommodation for each of these participants not local to the event, as well as any accommodation provided by TA for those local to the event? What was the star-rating of this accommodation? What were the names of the guests who received this accommodation? - What was the benefit of TA paying for the costs of accommodation and travel for individuals who were not local to this event? - If not, why did TA state in its written answers to Questions on Notice no. 2091 that "TA provided airfares"? <p>2. The written answer to Questions on Notice no. 2091, question 5, states that "the cost of travel, accommodation, food and other expenses for Tourism Australia guests...was \$11,749.41".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did these travel expenses consist of? • Can TA provide a breakdown of the costs of these travel expenses? <p>3. In Proof Hansard, 18 October 2012, pp. 10-11, TA again refused to provide the names of the individuals funded by TA to attend the Northern Trust Open event at taxpayer expense. TA did not claim any public interest immunity in refusing to provide this information to the Committee, as required under Resolution 8 agreed to by the Senate. TA again refused to provide this information on privacy grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will TA now provide the names on these individuals funded by TA? • If not, why not? Should not TA be accountable for the expenditure of taxpayer funds and on what basis does TA believe they can expend taxpayer funds without saying exactly what and who it was spent on? • Were TA funded VIPs part of the overall sponsorship package? If these TA VIPs were part of the overall sponsorship, then shouldn't their names be released? Otherwise, shouldn't these guests have paid for themselves? <p>4. With respect to the cost of TA's sponsorship of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament.</p>			
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the overall cost of sponsorship expended by TA for the Northern Trust Open held from 14 February to 19 February 2012? • Can TA provide a complete breakdown of the costs of sponsorship (e.g. individual costs of airfares, food, etc)? • Can TA provide a complete breakdown of what benefits they received from this sponsorship (e.g. full-page advertisements, etc)? • If TA cannot, or will not, provide the aforementioned information, why not? <p>5. The written answer to Questions on Notice no. 2091, question 3(c), mentions a VIP trip provided by Tourism Victoria and “Down Under Endeavours (a Chicago based specialist tour operator)”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any Australian-based tourism companies that could have provided this trip? Were any such companies approached by TA? If not, why not? • Did TA promote to Australian small business their “sponsorship” of a US PGA tournament? If not, why not? • Why did TA choose to sponsor the Northern Trust Open as opposed to sponsoring a US Champions Tour event or any other high profile Australian tournament? • Was there a reason why Australian small businesses were not provided with an opportunity to promote their business/companies and to offer incentives and prizes as part of the VIP trip to Australia for international golf fans? • Were Golf Australia approached to provide their expertise on golf participation given that TA wants to encourage US travellers to play on Australian golf courses? If not, why not? • Why is it that the sponsorship package until today has not been given any promotion through Australian media outlets to inform taxpayers, golf fans and small business enterprises in Australia about this promotion? <p>6. With respect to further details regarding TA’s sponsorship of the Northern Trust Open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can TA confirm the total amount of people it expended funds on, in any capacity, to attend this event? • Why was it necessary for 18 TA VIPs to attend this event? • Could the event have been run with a lower number of guests funded by TA attending the event? 			
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				<p>7. There is a media release produced by the Northern Trust Open organisers entitled ‘Northern Trust Open announces official partnership with Tourism Australia’, which states that “Tourism Australia will be the official sponsor...and 18 Tourism Australia VIPs will participate in an exclusive clinic with a PGA TOUR professional...”. The written answer to Questions on Notice no. 2091, question 2(b), states that “the clinic...was not a Tourism Australia sponsored event...attendance by Tourism Australia’s guests was not mandatory and not officially recorded. Unofficial records indicate ten Tourism Australia guests participated in the clinic.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do the Northern Trust Open organisers state that 18 Tourism Australia VIPs would participate in the event whereas the answer to the Question on Notice indicates that attendance was not compulsory and only attended by 10 VIPs? Who is correct and why is there a discrepancy in the information set out by TA and the Northern Trust Open organisers? • Why would the Northern Trust Open organisers mention the golf clinic as part of TA’s sponsorship? Was this event actually part of TA’s sponsorship and/or was it provided as a consequence of the sponsorship? Who initiated this event? • Is TA certain that only 10 VIPs attended this golf clinic and not a greater number? • Was any Australian PGA tour professional and/or any young Australian golfer offered the opportunity to participate in, or facilitate, this golf clinic? If not, why not? • Did any of TA’s VIP guests participate in the Pro-Am? If so, what was TA’s cost for the Pro-Am event fees? <p>8. With respect to previous and future sponsorship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did TA have a partnership with the Northern Trust Open prior to 2012? Can TA provide details of this sponsorship, total costs and a breakdown of costs? • Does TA intend to sponsor the Northern Trust Open, or any similar US golf tournament, again in the future? • Whose idea in TA was it to sponsor this year’s event? 			
SR26	McKenzie	RET – Corporate Services Division	Departmental Electricity Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost? 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? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>4. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?</p> <p>5. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?</p>			
SR27	Edwards	Tourism Australia	Future tourism investment in the Asian region	<p>1. Can the Department provide a breakdown of how the \$37.5 million will be spent in Asia on marketing activities referred to in question on notice BR26 (May Budget Estimates 2012)</p> <p>2. How much will be spent under the Asia Marketing Fund?</p> <p>3. What is the difference between the two pools of money in terms of what kinds of activities can be funded under each of them?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR28	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Staffing	<p>1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>4. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>5. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>6. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>7. How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>8. How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>9. How many contract staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? What classification were these staff? What is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>10. 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.</p> <p>11. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR29	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Departmental Efficiencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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). 2. In addition, please provide the following detail: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? b) What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? c) 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? d) 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? e) 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 – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR30	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	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? 2. Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. 3. 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? 4. Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR31	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	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? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 			
SR32	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Graduate Recruitment & Training	<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 – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR33	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Government Advertising	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <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 Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12? 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 Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. 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. 			
SR34	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Hospitality & Entertainment	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 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. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 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. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 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. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 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. 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<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> <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 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. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 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. 			
SR35	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members for 2011-12. 2. What was the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio for 2011-12? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR36	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	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? How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? 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? 3. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				4. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?			
SR37	Bushby	RET – Resources Division	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <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. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 3. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <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, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. 3. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR38	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For this financial year to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>g) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>h) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>2. For 2011-12:</p> <p>a) How many Reviews were undertaken?</p> <p>b) Where all reviews have, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>d) Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>e) What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>f) For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded?</p>			
SR39	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Consultancies	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <p>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</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> <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <p>1. 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.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR40	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Media Monitoring	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <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> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <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> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <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> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What was the estimated budget to provide these 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> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12?</p>			
SR41	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	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 issue.</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks)</p> <p>b) If no, will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				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)			
SR42	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Internet	1. 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 – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR43	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Staff Amenities & Coffee Machines	<p>1. What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.</p> <p>2. 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>3. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>5. 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 funding for maintenance come from?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR44	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

			<p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>For 2011-12:</p> <p>1. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>3. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>4. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>5. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>6. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>7. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
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				<p>8. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>9. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>10. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
SR45	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Grants	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <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. <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <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 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. 2. Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR46	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Commissioned Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? b) 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? 2. 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 Reference and Committee members. 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>			
SR47	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>1. 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> <p>a) 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)</p> <p>b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p> <p>2. 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> <p>a) 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)</p> <p>b) 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?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p> <p>d) Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR48	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Stationary Requirements	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <p>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?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>2011-12 Financial Year</p> <p>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?</p> <p>2. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?</p>			
SR49	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Media Subscriptions	<p>1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)</p> <p>a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</p> <p>b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)</p> <p>a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p> <p>b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)</p> <p>a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</p> <p>b) What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>4. What was the 2011-12 cost for:</p> <p>a) TV subscriptions</p> <p>b) Newspaper subscriptions</p> <p>c) Magazine subscriptions</p> <p>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.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR50	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Travel Costs	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <p>1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<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> <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <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>			
SR51	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Legal Costs	<p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <p>1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services within the department/agency for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>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.</p> <p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>			
SR52	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Education Expenses	<p>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.</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p> <p>3. For 2011-12, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR53	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Executive Coaching & Leadership Training	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged 2. For each service purchased from 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) 3. 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 <p>2011-12 Financial Year to Date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12: 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
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SR54	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Media Training	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR55	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Paid Parental Leave	<p>1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>3. 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.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR56	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Training for Portfolio Minister & Parliamentary Secretary	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <p>1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>2. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been 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.</p> <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 attended and their classification.</p>			
SR57	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Corporate Cars	<p>1. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):</p> <p>a) How cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. For 2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <p>a) How cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What was the cost of each car?</p> <p>e) How far did each car travel?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR58	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Taxi Costs	<p>Financial Year to Date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? <p>2011-12 Financial Year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. <p>What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR59	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. 2. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 3. 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 – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR60	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	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. 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>4. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012):</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5. 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.</p> <p>6. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>			
SR61	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Electricity Purchasing	<p>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).</p> <p>2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?</p> <p>3. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR62	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Briefings or Costing for the Australian Greens & Independents	<p>1. Have any briefings or costings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings or costings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings or costings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing or costings.</p> <p>c) Have any briefings or costings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings or costings were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>d) 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> <p>2. Have any briefings or costings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

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SR63	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	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 – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR64	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Protective Security Policy Framework	<p>1. 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.</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR65	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	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; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken. 	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR66	Bushby	RET – Corporate Services Division	Media & Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <p>a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p>	Written – received on 26.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013
SR67	Waters	RET – Corporate Services Division	Departmental Meetings associated with coal mining	<p>1. Itemise all meetings in the last 18 months between the Department and representatives or lobbyists or agents for the following companies or individuals:</p> <p>a. Adani</p> <p>b. Mineralogy</p> <p>c. GVK</p> <p>d. Hancock</p> <p>e. Clive Palmer</p> <p>f. Gina Rhinehart</p> <p>At which any of the following matters were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – proposed coal mines in the Galilee Basin and all related infrastructure and approval processes (ie rail lines, port expansion, shipping, dredging, dumping) – The Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment and associated work (including the voluntary cumulative impact assessment) <p>2. Identify any notes taken at those meetings by Departmental officials.</p> <p>3. Identify all briefing materials prepared by the Department prior to the event.</p> <p>4. Identify any documents tabled or circulated at those meetings.</p> <p>5. Itemise all events or trips attended Departmental staff hosted or paid for by the entities/ individuals listed in question 1 above in the last 18 months.</p> <p>a. Identify any briefing documents provided to the Minister in relation to those events or trips.</p>	Written – received on 31.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

				<p>b. Identify any trips taken by Departmental staff in the last 18 months to India or China to meet with representatives or agents of Adani, GVK or Chinese companies investing in or having expressed interest in investing in coal mines in the Galilee Basin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Describe the nature of the meetings, events or activities attended. - Identify who attended these meetings or events or activities - Indicate the cost of these trips to the Commonwealth - Describe all outcomes or agreements arising from these trips - Identify and table all documents produced as a result of or as part of these trips, including meeting notes <p>6. With regard to the Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Itemise all meetings held with representatives of the coal industry relating to the Strategic Assessment, including participants, dates and location. b. Identify any notes taken by departmental staff at those meetings c. Identify any documents tabled or circulated at those meetings d. Identify any briefing materials provided to the Minister in preparation for or as a result of those meetings e. Describe any action points agreed at those meetings <p>7. Please table copies of all documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. prepared in response to the various 2012 UNESCO and WH Committee Reports into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and threats associated with coastal port developments b. prepared in response to the announcement of a Strategic Assessment for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. 			
SR68	Colbeck	ARENA	Solar Flagships Grant Recipient	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Fotowatio Renewable Ventures been granted a Commonwealth Grant to complete its Royalla Station Solar Farm project? 2. If so, which grant scheme was the funding provided through and what was the assessment and approval process for this project? 	Written – received on 31.10.12	7/12/2012	7/2/2013

SR69	Bushby	RET – Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Division	Renewable Energy Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much grant funding has been committed to renewable energy projects in Australia since the election of the Government in 2007? 2. How much of this is for solar? 3. How much of this is for geothermal energy? 4. Of these committed funds, how much has actually been received by grant recipients? 5. Of the \$100m announced in the 2009 Budget to establish ACRE, how much has been received by industry? 6. Can the department provide a breakdown by project? 7. How much has gone to R&D? 	Written – received on 31.10.12	Transferred from DSEWPaC (Environment and Communications Committee) on 5.11.12 Answered 7/12/2012	7/2/2013
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