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Additional Estimates 2004-2005 - February 2005
Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio as at 9 May 2005

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W159-05	OEA	3	Marshall	Can the OEA provide what the numerical increase is in the number of active AWAs in the Commonwealth Public Service?
W160-05	OEA	3	Marshall	Please provide information on the trends in the percentage of AWAs that contain the following provisions: (a) paid maternity leave (b) the right for an employee to request part-time work (c) job sharing (d) home based work (e) family responsibilities (f) paid family leave (g) unpaid family leave
W161-05	OEA	4	Marshall	Please provide the number of AWAs that have been approved since the last estimates (a) for people under the ages of 21 and 15, (b) Give the monthly breakdowns of the last six months, and (c) Identify them by industry sector.
W162-05	OEA	5/6	Marshall	Please provide a list of the industries so far that have agreed to participate in the three-year longitudinal study of AWAs. Once finalised please provide a list of the participants for this study to the Committee. OEA to provide a copy of the prospectus document which has been made available to organisations contemplating participation in the study
W163-05	OEA	8	Marshall	Please disaggregate in approximate terms the split of resources in your business units between the two broad activities – (a) filing and approval (b) advice and assistance.
W164-05	OEA	8/9	Marshall	In regards to OEA advertising – (a) what is the level of paid advertising engaged in by OEA (b) what did the advertisements promote (c) what was their purpose (d) how many ads were there and over what period of time (e) what media was used (f) how much did it cost, in a state breakdown, of the nine press ads placed in Victoria leading up to the introduction of common rule declarations on 1 January. Please provide the total and a disaggregated cost and provide details on when exactly these ads were placed and how much they cost.
W165-05	OEA	9	Marshall	Please provide a state breakdown of the number of AWAs approved for trainees under the Australian traineeship system for calendar years 2002, 2003, 2004 and also aggregated for those three calendar year by State.
W166-05	OEA	10	Marshall	Please provide to the Committee the additional expenditure required in the OEA processing division and regional offices to cater for the increase in the number of AWAs being lodged.
W167-05	OEA	13	Campbell	With regard to employers operating AWAs please provide details on what percentage of employers employed – (a) fewer than 20 employees (b) fewer than 100 employees (c) between 100 and 500 employees (d) more than 500 employees
W168-05	OEA	15	Campbell	Please provide the number of AWAs that have taken longer than a six month period for approval.
W169-05	OEA	17/18	Marshall	In regards to Mr Hamberger – (a) apart from any accrued leave entitlements, did he receive any other moneys upon his resignation (b) what were his travel expenses for the last year and overall while he occupied the position

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				(c) was he provided with a corporate credit card (d) provide a list of his accommodation expenses (e) did he have a food and beverage allowance and if so how was that accounted for
W170-05	OEA	18	Marshall	Please provide details of Mr McIlwain's employment package to the Committee.
W171-05	Corporate	17	Marshall	Please provide to the Committee details of all consultancies in place for the current financial year including – (a) total cost (b) breakdown of the cost of each consultancy (c) consultant engaged (d) purpose or task for which consultant engaged
W172-05	FMG	19	Collins	Please provide a copy of the OEA MoU.
W173-05	Corporate	23	Collins	Page 112 of the Annual Report states that over the year 664 briefs were submitted to the Minister, with an average rating of 3.7 satisfactory target met. Could you tell me what the performance is under that measure to date? Also to date how many briefs were submitted to the Minister and was the target met?
W174-05	Corporate (PPC Branch)	32	Collins	What were the printing arrangements for the department's 2003-2004 annual report?
W175-05	Corporate	Written	Carr	Please provide a table listing details of all consultancies for the 2003/04 financial year, for the department and all associated agencies. Please include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The costs for all completed consultancies, both budgeted and actual; The costs for ongoing consultancies, both budgeted and for the current financial year; The total costs for all consultancies, both the amount expended in the current financial year, and the total budgeted value of all consultancies running in the current financial year; The nature and purpose of the consultancy; The method by which the contract was let; The name and details of the company and/or individual who is carrying out, or carried out, the contract.
W176-05	Corporate	Written	Crossin	Can you tell us how many staff DEWR now have servicing Indigenous communities in the area of CDEP? And how many are Indigenous?
W177-05	Corporate	Written	Crossin	Have DEWR done any analysis of these figures such that they may be able to offer a reason for this decline in Indigenous employment in the APS?
W178-05	2	22	Collins	Within WRP and WRL at the team/section level (a) how many officers are there (b) where are they in the different branches (c) what, if any, changes have occurred to that level of resourcing in recent times.
W179-05	2	23	Collins	How many current cases has the present Minister intervened in?
W180-05	2	24 & 26	Collins	Could the department advise how many pieces of legislation has the government announced, or are public knowledge, but which are not presently on the public list.
W181-05	2	24	Collins	Could the department provide a list of pieces of legislation intended for reintroduction that the department is currently working on, including a description of the topics and the legislative history of the bills?
W182-05	2	25	Collins	What have been the trends in staffing figures for WRL in the eight years?
W183-05	2	27 & 28	Collins	Could the department provide information on the nature of consultation to date in relation to the government's reform agenda - (a) has the department facilitated in any consultative reforms (b) has there been meetings with employers or employer groups, unions, or union groups? If so, how many organisations have been involved, and what is the nature of these organisations? (c) what level of resourcing has been attached?

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W184-05		28	Collins	Have there been any specific forums convened by the Minister on the reform agenda?
W185-05	2	31	Acting Chair	Has the ILO complained in any way to Australia in the last two years what we are contravening any of the conventions to which we are a signatory, either formally or verbally at meetings that have been attended by government representatives?
W186-05	2	31	Collins	Is the Minister able to make available to the Committee the Government's response to the ILO in regard to a complaint made by the ACTU that the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill may breach the freedom of association conventions?
W187-05	2	32	Collins	How many cases in the Australian Industrial Relations Commission did the Commonwealth intervene in from 2003-2005?
W188-05	2	32 & 33	Collins	Can the department provide the committee with a list of all the current matters?
W189-05	2	35 & 36	Allison	Could the department provide the committee with a copy of the commercial contract. Could the department also provide a copy of the arrangements and deeds put in place with the Ansett administrators.
W190-05	2	36	Allison	How does the 30/70 split of payments to SEES and the employees respectively fit with the last distribution by the Administrators of \$10m to the Commonwealth and \$16m to workers?
W191-05	2	37	Allison	Can the department provide a copy of the assessment made of the value of the Ansett assets?
W192-05	2	39 & 40	Allison	(a) Can the department advise at what point did it become apparent that asset realisation would be higher than the original estimation by KordaMentha? (b) What was the original estimate? (c) What is the up-to-date figure on the realisation of assets? (d) What is the value of the assets yet to be realised? (e) Approximately what percentage of the assets has now been sold?
W193-05	2	40	Allison	Is the department able to provide a copy of reports provided by KordaMentha?
W194-05	2	43	Allison	Is the department able to provide SEES' monthly breakdown of work undertaken by the commonwealth?
W195-05	2	44	Allison	Can the Department provide copies of any and all determinations made in relation to SEESA and the air passenger ticket levy?
W196-05	2	44	Allison	The Auditor-General's report in 2004 into the scheme says that around 9.500 employees are waiting for payment of entitlements for redundancy in excess of eight weeks: (a) Have any of these workers received any further payments since that report was handed down? (b) How many workers are still awaiting payment of entitlements for redundancy pay in excess of eight weeks? (c) What is the total sum that the workers are still owed? (d) What consideration has been given to speeding up those payments, and when can they expect to receive their money?
W197-05	2	Written	Murray	The following Question on Notice to the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations was first lodged on 11/06/04 in the previous parliament. It is now number 50 with the new notice-given date as 16/11/04 (the first day of the new parliament): (1) Can a table be provided of all unfair dismissal applications under federal and state law for the 1996 calendar year for each state and territory, showing the number of applications under federal law, state law, and the total. (2) Can a table be provided of all unfair dismissal applications under federal and state law for the 2003 calendar year for each of the states and territories, showing the number of applications under federal law, state law, and the total. (3) Can a table be provided showing the number and percentage change of applications for the 2003 calendar year against the 1996 calendar year for each of state and territory, broken down by whether the applications were lodged under federal or state law.

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				(4) Can a breakdown be provided showing the same information shown in (1) to (3) above in relation to small business (classified as 20 or fewer employees). (5) Can an estimate be provided of the numbers of small businesses that fall under state and federal workplace relations law separately, for each state and territory. (6) Can an estimate be provided of the numbers of small business employees that fall under state and federal workplace relations law separately, for each state and territory.
				Questions: (1) Has an answer to this question been completed and sent to the Minister for approval? (2) If so, when? (3) Please give detailed reasons for the length of time taken to answer this question. (4) When will this question be answered? (5) Are you aware that the Draft Senate Forward Legislation Program shows that the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004 is due in the Sittings Week 2: 7 to 10 March 2005? (6) Are you aware that failure to answer this question fully may put the Senate in the position of needing to defer consideration of this Bill until those questions are answered in full?
W198-05	1	Written	Wong	Could we have data on the number of recipients breached within the 12 month period they go off incapacitated payments, over the last two years?
W199-05	1	67	Wong	Can the department table the script developed for the DSP rapid connection and reconnection initiative? If there are discrepancies with the script provided by Centrelink can an explanation be provided?
W200-05	1	72	Wong	Can the department provide a breakdown of the \$1.3 million provided for the DSP Pilot?
W201-05	1	73	Wong	Can the department provide a timeline of decisions in relation to the increase from \$303,000 to 1.3 million for the DSP Pilot?
W202-05	1	76	Webber	Can the department provide advice in relation to the Perth business PVS Workbind distributing information in relation to graduated job network subsidies or job placement subsidies?
W203-05	1	80	Webber	Can the department provide additional data on where people with disabilities are being matched to skills shortages and how many people from DSP are filling the skills shortages?
W204-05	1	86	Wong	(a) Can the department provide historical statistics on applications for workplace modifications under the DSP Pilot? (b) Can figures be provided on the numbers of applications for workplace modifications lodged on a financial yearly basis for the past two financial years by Job Network providers, Job Network specialist providers and Disability Open Employment Services?
W205-05	1	90	Wong	Can the Department provide details of funding and savings in relation to the rationalisation of services from Centrelink.
W206-05	1	91/92	Wong	Can the Department advise details of TEGC Association's application for funding through the Employment Innovation Fund and provide information why the application was unsuccessful.
W207-05	1	92	Wong	Can the Department advise what proportion of parents attending a participation interview were assisted with a referral to a return to work program a JET program, child care, rehabilitation, Job Network or education and training or other?
W208-05	1	92	Wong	Can the Department provide information regarding employment outcomes for parents in the period since the introduction of Australians Working Together (AWT), compared with data for the period prior to the introduction of AWT. In particular: (a) what is the number of sustained exits of parenting payments due to earnings in each of the years 2001-2004 inclusive?; (b) what were the number of parenting payment clients with earnings and average earnings by age of youngest child for

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				both sole and partnered parenting payment recipients for the years 2002-2004 inclusive?
W209-05	1	94	Wong	Language, Literacy and Numeracy Supplement Can the Department provide details of the number of grants provided since commencement of the payment?
W210-05	1	98/99	Wong	Can the Department provide details of what proportion of \$365million is spent on the various components of administering Job Network?
W211-05	1	105	Wong	Job Network IT expenditure Can the Department provide the forecast expenditure for 2004-05 and expenditure to date on: (a) systems development; (b) maintenance and production support.
W212-05	1	107	Wong	Can the Department provide information to illustrate current and historical Work for the Dole participation rates of Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) recipients?
W213-05	1	107	Wong	Please provide the expenditure on Work for the Dole training credits for the financial year 2003/04.
W214-05	1	109	Wong	Can the Department data on the amount spent on disability open employment for the financial year 2001 onwards?
W215-05	1	Written	Crossin	The Australian of 22 nd December 2004 carried an article 'Mentors plan for jobless blacks' (p. 6). Aboriginal teenagers were to be teamed up with 'consultants' hired by the government. Successful tenderers were supposed to be announced for the first stage of the \$13.1m program in January 2005. Did this happen and if so is there a list of those successful broken down by the 14 locations which were to be in the first areas to get this program?
W216-05	1	Written	Crossin	Can you give us an update overall on where this Indigenous Youth Employment program is at, beyond just the ones successfully tendering to be the consultants? How many consultants are there for instance and what ratio will there be of mentor to 'pupil'?
W217-05	1	Written	Crossin	The Northern Territory News of 29 th December (p.8) ran an article 'Huge Grant for jobs Research' – between CSIRO, NT Govt and Charles Darwin University a grant was made to enable research into small, community based employment projects in remote Aboriginal communities. Researchers will work with the private sector, government and Indigenous people to look at culturally appropriate employment opportunities. Are DEWR aware of this or other similar projects which would seem to offer hope of real alternatives for Indigenous people?
W218-05	1	Written	Harradine	Is it correct that most lone mothers are dependent on benefits for an average of 12 years, partly because they lack formal education and work experience? What is the Department doing to help these women improve their education and training for work so that they can come off government payments, for their own wellbeing and that of their children?
W219-05	1	Written	Murray	Please provide annual data on the numbers of recipients, and expenditure on, workforce age income support payments, from 1995 to the present (for example, this would cover Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance (for non-students) and the Sickness Allowance)
W220-05	1	Written	Murray	Please provide annual data for the last three years on expenditure on, and numbers of participants in, the Government's labour market programs for jobless people including: Job Network (with separate data on Intensive Assistance/Intensive Support/Customised Assistance respectively), specialist programs for people with disabilities (data for each program), and specialist programs such as Transition to Work and JET for parents and carers.
W221-05	1	Written	Wong	(1) (a) Can trend data be provided showing, from 1999, the number of persons claiming Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) for more than one year; and (b) can this data also be broken down by: (i) state, and (ii) DEWR labour market region?

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				(2) (a) Can trend data be provided showing, from 1999, the number of persons claiming Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) for more than 2 years; and (b) can this data also be broken down by: (i) state, and (ii) DEWR labour market region?
				(3) (a) Can trend data be provided showing, from 1999, the number of persons claiming Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) for more than 5 years; and (b) can this data also be broken down by: (i) state, and (ii) DEWR labour market region?
W222-05	1	Written	Wong	Can we have figures on overall numbers of NSA and YA incapacitated in 2003-04, and to March 2005, plus a additional breakdown by age and gender for the periods listed?
W223-05	1	Written	Wong	Can we have the figures of recipients that were newly granted NSA and YA incapacitated in each of the last three financial years?
W224-05	1	Written	Wong	Could we have data on type of "flexible" or "partial" Preparing for Work Agreements (PFWA's) granted to clients on who have exited from NSA and YA incapacitated payments for each of the last two financial years, based upon the work capacity as assessed using the bands available to Centrelink?
W225-05	1	Written	Wong	Could we have data for people over the last two financial years about the length of time a person was on NSA and YA incapacitated before they were exited from the payment?
W226-05	1	Written	Wong	Can we have details of the numbers of medical certificates that were not accepted by Centrelink from customers seeking an activity test exemption, of currently on an activity test exemption?
W227-05	1	Written	Wong	Could we have information on the number of recipients in the last financial year who move from a full activity test exemption to the normal activity test requirements for NSA or YA?
W228-05	1	Written	Wong	Could we be provided with an explanation range of support services available to those on NSA and YA incapacitated and after they are placed on full activity test for NSA and YA?
W229-05	1	Written	Wong	Could we have a breakdown of the types of incapacity or health problems experienced by recipients on NSA and YA incapacitated.(eg mental health conditions) for the last two financial years?
W230-05	1	Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of jobseekers who obtained (a) Intensive Support, and (b) Intensive Support Customised Assistance through 2004 according to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - duration of unemployment (<1 year, 1-2 yrs, 2-3 yrs, 3 yrs plus) - age and sex - indigenous, CALD and disability and sole parent status, including the number on DSP - educational attainment - state - disadvantage category (highly disadvantaged/other).
W231-05	1	Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown, according to the above characteristics, of the following outcomes for Intensive Support and Intensive Support Customised Assistance through 2004: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the % who were in full time (a) unsubsidised and (b) subsidised employment three months after leaving Customised Assistance - the same for part time employment - the % who attracted an (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment within 12 months after commencing Customised Assistance - the % of Intensive Support recipients generally who attracted an (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment through the year - the % of Intensive Support recipients who attracted an Intermediate (a) interim and (b) final outcome payment through the year.
W232-05	1	Written	Wong	Please provide the overall expenditure on Job Seeker Accounts through

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				2004 (broken down by funds spent during Customised Assistance and other); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the proportion of Customised Assistance recipients who attracted Job Seeker Account expenditure - the average Job Seeker Account expenditure by providers on those Intensive Support Customised Assistance recipients, broken down according to type of expenditure (e.g. vocational training, other education and training, wage subsidies, tools and equipment etc, additional interviews, other professional assistance, relocation, transport (eg fares), and other) - data on primary outcomes for these jobseekers broken down by type of Job Seeker Account expenditure (as above).
W233-05	1	Written	Wong	How many people were required to undertake Mutual Obligation in 2004? Of these, how many: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - commenced mutual obligation activities - did not commence mutual obligation activities and were breached - were breached and reinstated without penalty - commenced and undertook part time employment - commenced and undertook voluntary work - commenced and undertook education or training - commenced and undertook WfD.
W234-05	1	Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of jobseekers who participated in WfD through 2004 according to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - duration of unemployment (<1 year, 1-2 yrs, 2-3 yrs, 3 yrs plus) - age and sex - indigenous, CALD and disability and sole parent status, including the number on DSP - educational attainment - state
W235-05	1	Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown, according to the above characteristics, of the following outcomes for Work for the Dole through 2004: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the % of jobseekers who were in full time unsubsidised employment three months after leaving Work for the Dole - the same for part time employment.
W236-05	1	Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown of the type of work/project performed by WfD participants in 2004, and the above employment outcomes data by type of work performed.
W237-05	1	Written	Wong	What is the profile of current DSP recipients by disability, age, sex, statistical local area or local government area, employment status and income?
W238-05	1	Written	Wong	What were the number of claims for the DSP last year (calendar or financial) by disability, age, sex, statistical local area or local government area, employment status and income?
W239-05	1	Written	Wong	How many applications for DSP last year (calendar or financial) were successful and how many were rejected?
W240-05	1	Written	Wong	What proportion of DSP recipients last year were assessed as capable for work for 0-15 hours, 15-30 hours and 30 hours plus. Could you also provide a break down by medical condition, age and sex for these clients?
W241-05	1	Written	Wong	What proportion of DSP applicants last year were assessed as ineligible due to their capacity to benefit from vocational rehabilitation and related assistance?
W242-05	1	Written	Wong	What proportion of DSP applicants last year reported earnings above the pension income test free area? If possible could you provide a break down by disability, age and sex?
W243-05	1	Written	Wong	How many (a) DSP recipients and (b) other income support recipients

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				<p>with a disability were on the books of the following employment assistance programs at a given point in time in the last year (calendar or financial)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Employment Services (excludes Business Services); • Job Network Intensive Support; • Job Network Intensive Support Customised Assistance; • Personal Support Program; and • Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service.
W244-05	1	Written	Wong	<p>How much was spent in total in the last financial year for each of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Employment Services (excludes Business Services); • Job Network Intensive Support; • Job Network Intensive Support Customised Assistance; • Personal Support Program; and • Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service.
W245-05	1	Written	Wong	<p>What proportion of clients assisted by each program were;</p> <p>(a) DSP recipients and</p> <p>(b) other income support recipients with a disability?</p> <p>Could you also provide a break down by disability type?</p>
W246-05	1	Written	Wong	<p>What is the profile of current Parenting Payment (Single) and Partnered recipients (respectively) by age, sex, age of youngest child (0-5, 6-12, 13+), region (statistical local area or local government area), employment status and income?</p>
W247-05	1	Written	Wong	<p>Each of these answers needed separately for sole and partnered parenting payment clients with youngest child 6 to 12 and youngest child 13 or over and the total (ie 4 categories plus total)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many parents are there in the target groups – currently and over the whole of 2004. • Since the introduction of AWT, how many parents have had a participation interview • How many participation interviews for parents were with a Personal Adviser and how many with a JET Adviser • How many participation interviews for parents were conducted in calendar year 2004 • How many Parenting Payment clients have had their payment suspended for non-attendance at a participation interview • How many of these subsequently went on to have their payment cancelled • How many of those who had their payment cancelled currently remain cancelled
W248-05	1	Written	Wong	<p>What data can you provide on the assessed barriers to employment or participation for parents attending participation interviews?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If possible, please list each barrier classification used in the assessment process and the numbers of sole and partnered parents identified as having each barrier.
W249-05	1	Written	Wong	<p>How many Parenting Payment clients (in total and separately for sole and partnered):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have entered into a participation agreement • declined to enter into a participation agreement • have had their payment cancelled for failing to negotiate a Participation Agreement • have an activity of Job Search included in their agreement • have a participation agreement that doesn't include an activity of Job Search • have an activity of voluntary work, education r training, other activities • have 150 hours in each six months of activity (the maximum)

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				<p>included in their agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a number of hours of activity lower than 150 in each six months in their agreement • have been found to be an exempt person under section 501A(2) of the Social Security Act 1991 (disabled child) • have been found to be temporarily exempt from the requirement to enter into a Participation Agreement under sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 501A(2A)(a) of the Social Security Act 1991 (sick child - exemption up to 12 months); and ○ 501A(2A)(b) of the Social Security Act 1991 (critical event in the family's life – exemption up to 6 months)?
W250-05	3	45	Carr	Can the Department advise whether the evaluation reports of the Indigenous Employment Policy and program have a reference to the local jobs for local people projects?
W251-05	3	47-48	Carr	In regard to the current 558 placements under the Working for Families component of the CDEP Programme for 2004-05, where are these located?
W252-05	3	49	Carr	Could a list be provided of the CDEP Projects where the Department has concerns with their financial administration and governance aspects?
W253-05	3	52	Carr	Did the review of the Indigenous Employment policy canvas issues associated with shared responsibility agreements?
W254-05	3	55	Carr	Could a breakdown be provided of the \$50,000 allocated for the consultations of the discussion paper on CDEP?
W255-05	3	56	Crossin	<p>(a) How many people from DEWR are sitting in Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs) in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>(b) How many times did DEWR and other staff in the ICCs communicate with communities such as Croker Island and Port Keats?</p>
W256-05	3	68 & 69	Wong	In regard to a letter from Senator Vanstone to Senator Cherry concerning administrative measures to ensure consistent breach decision making, can the department provide a current status on the issues raised in this letter?
W257-05	3	68	Wong	Can the department explain why there have been delays in obtaining quarterly data to enable trend analysis?
W258-05	3	69	Wong	Can the department provide detail on the procedures and guidelines developed between FaCS, DEWR, Centrelink and Job Network to ensure job seekers are not subject to multiple breaches for the same act of non-compliance.
W259-05	3	70	Wong	In relation to the Colmar Brunton report, can the department advise when the analysis of the full three waves will be available?
W260-05	3	70	Wong	What is the total cost of consultancies associated with the Colmar Brunton research and the longitudinal study?
W261-05	3	80	Wong	<p>(a) Could the department provide a complete list of employer focussed projects that deal with people with a disability and the level of funding for those projects?</p> <p>(b) Can the department identify the funding measures associated with each of those projects?</p>
W262-05	3	89	Wong	Can the Department provide details of the expenditure to date of \$12.1 million or the \$3.1 million for this financial year for each of the components of the Mature Age and Employment Workplace Strategy?
W263-05	3	100	Wong	Can the Department provide details of average unit cost per job seeker engaged in JobNetwork?
W264-05	3	101	Wong	Can the Department provide performance outcome data for job seekers after the 13-week review?
W265-05	3	Written	Carr	As the lead agency for the Shepparton COAG Trial, has the Department taken any action to respond to the criticism of the management of the Trial in the paper 'Take It or Leave It', published by the Eureka Project in October 2004?
W266-05	3	Written	Carr	Please provide an update on progress in the Shepparton Trial and an assessment of the lessons learnt to date.

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W267-05	3	Written	Carr	Is the emphasis of the CDEP program likely to move more towards employment? How has DEWR ensured that it has the resources and expertise to oversee the full range of purposes of CDEP?
W268-05	3	Written	Carr	Will the Government maintain existing models that allow administrators on the ground to tailor payments and participation so that different individuals are subsidised to varying extents? Are there plans to tighten up on this aspect of the program, or to reduce flexibility at local level? If so, what is proposed?
W269-05	3	Written	Carr	Does DEWR see CDEP, in future, as having any links with the BDP and the activities of IBA, that DEWR now also administers?
W270-05	3	Written	Carr	What are DEWR's views on the adequacy of Indigenous Business Australia's capital base to meet the needs for investment in Indigenous business enterprise? Will it be adequate into the future? For how long?
W271-05	3	Written	Crossin	Are you aware of the employment situation on most Indigenous communities in remote areas – the almost total lack of real jobs? Have DEWR done any actual analysis of the number of real jobs in remote Indigenous communities?
W272-05	3	Written	Crossin	What is the procedure now for communities or organisations to apply for CDEP? In the ATSI days applications had to be submitted during January/February. When will they need to have applied for 2005-06 funding? Who will now be doing the assessments?
W273-05	3	Written	Wong	In your 2004 Skills Shortage List you have identified the geographic extent of skills shortages by the following categories: N – National S – State M – Metropolitan R – Regional D- 'recruitment difficulties' (a) Please define these terms. Please name the regional areas that come under 'R', and the metropolitan areas under 'M'. Please provide a map showing the geographical area covered by each region in 'R' and 'M'. (b) Please list all of the skills shortages that occurred by each region in 'R' and each metropolitan areas for each year from 1996 to 2004. (c) Please provide the total number of skills shortages for each region and metropolitan area for each year from 1996 to 2004. (d) Please provide the level of each shortage that occurred in each of the professions, trades and ICT Skills Specialisations jobs in each region for each year from 1996 to 2004. (e) Please provide the level of each shortage that occurred in each of the professions, trades and ICT Skills Specialisations jobs in each metropolitan area for each year 1996 to 2004. (f) Please provide the level of each shortage that occurred in each of the professions, trades and ICT Skills Specialisations jobs in each state for each year from 1996 to 2004. (g) Please provide the level of each shortage that occurred in each of the professions, trades and ICT Skills Specialisations jobs in each electorate for each year from 1996 to 2004. (h) Please provide all copies of the 'National Skills Shortage List' since 1996 (including 1996).
W274-05	AIRC	114	Marshall	During the term of the coalition government can the Commission provide details of: (a) The number of appointments made; (b) The background to each of those appointments including previous positions held
W275-05	AIRC	115	Marshall	Can the Commission provide an analysis highlighting any changes over the last financial year for both staff and members in the following categories? (a) Numbers (b) Costs
W276-05	AIRC	115	Marshall	From the beginning of 2004 can the Commission provide details of

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				Conferences attended by staff?
W277-05	AIRC	115/6	Marshall	For the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 can the Commission provide details on: (a) Total cost of Commissioners' salary packages including terms and conditions; (b) Cost of private telephone, private internet services and mobile phones for private use per Commissioner; and (c) Total cost of travel expenditure per Commissioner.
W278-05	AIRC	117	Marshall	Can the Commission provide details of: (a) The membership of the Centenary Dinner Steering Committee; (b) Former ACTU presidents who were invited to the dinner; and (c) The total cost of the dinner and what funds were allocated to the celebrations.
W279-05	Comcare	118	Marshall	National Gallery of Australia For each year since 2000 can Comcare provide a breakdown of: (a) The number of formal investigations undertaken; (b) The number of inquiries not investigated; and (c) The status of recommendations made as a result of these investigations.
W280-05	Comcare	118	Marshall	For the financial year 2003-04 can Comcare advise: (a) How many calls were made to the 1300 hotline number; (b) Of the total number of calls how many related specifically to the National Gallery of Australia; and (c) A breakdown of calls by Government departments
W281-05	NOHSC	119	Marshall	Safe Design and Skills Can the Commission advise what funding has been allocated to this project?
W282-05	NOHSC	119	Marshall	Hazardous substances database Since implementation can the Commission provide: (a) statistics on the number of hits the site has received; (b) costs associated with setting up the database, including how many staff and people hours were involved; and (c) statistics on the number of times the feedback function has been used broken down by industries, issues and trends.
W283-05	IBA	Written	Carr	What advice have you received about why the decision was taken to relocate Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the ATSIC Business Development Program (BDP) in DEWR as opposed to, for example, the Department of Industry? What is the rationale for that?
W284-05	IBA	Written	Carr	What role, if any, will IBA have in negotiating and/or implementing Shared Responsibility Agreements?
W285-05	IBA	Written	Carr	The IBA website says that IBA is "negotiating" with DEWR to become the delivery mechanism for BDP. How are these negotiations progressing? What are the sticking points? Why has it taken so long? When do you think this matter will be resolved?
W286-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Assuming that the negotiations are finalised and IBA becomes the delivery mechanism for BDP, where will the Program fit in the IBA structure? What are the staffing implications? What is happening to the staff administering the BDP in the meantime? Where are they currently located? Will they transfer to IBA? How many and at what levels?
W287-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Will new legislation be necessary to effect this change? If so, can you provide any advice about when it is likely to be introduced?
W288-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Has it been put to you that administration of the BDP ought not to be handed to IBA, on the basis that IBA is a small, specialised agency that does its job well and should not be diverted into what is essentially a different area?
W289-05	IBA	Written	Carr	What is the working capital of IBA? What about BDP? How much does each lend out per annum? How much does the BDP hand out per annum in grant component of financing packages?
W290-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Is there foundation to the view that administering the BDP, on top of what IBA already does successfully, could undermine or have some kind of deleterious effect on IBA's activities and viability?

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W291-05	IBA	Written	Carr	What is the conceptual connection between the two business financing entities – the BDP and the IBA – on the one hand, and CDEP on the other? How, practically speaking, do you envisage the business financing program and agency interacting or integrating with CDEP, or with other employment programs?
W292-05	IBA	Written	Carr	How will the activities of IBA and the BDP be integrated with other Indigenous programs?
W293-05	IBA	Written	Carr	<i>Report on Support for Indigenous Business</i> Can you confirm that the report was handed to the Government in late 2003? On what date?
W294-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Why was the report of the review of Indigenous business programs not released until late January 2005?
W295-05	IBA	Written	Carr	According to the ATSI annual report (p.143), the review report <i>'provides insights into the many challenges confronting Indigenous economic development...'</i> Why is it that several agencies – including ATSIC, ATSI and IBA – refer to this report, and even hint as to its contents, but it hasn't been released?
W296-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Did the report find that "Indigenous Business Australia on paper appears successful, but this in part reflects legislative requirements to invest in safe assets (for example, office buildings) that have no discernible impact on Indigenous business or employment opportunities"? If not, has this assessment been made by the bureaucracy quite separately? Is this assessment informed by the views of the IBA itself? If not, was IBA aware of this assessment?
W297-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Is there any proposal for the Government to make fundamental changes to the operation of IBA as a result of the assessment that many of IBA's investments 'have no discernible impact on Indigenous business or employment opportunities'?
W298-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Does the report recommend that Indigenous Business Australia become a Government Business Enterprise, thus freeing up its operations and borrowing capacity – as IBA has indicated that Treasury officers suggested? If not, why not?
W299-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Does the report recommend that the adequacy of IBA's capital base be reviewed?
W300-05	IBA	Written	Carr	What are the implications of any expansion of Indigenous employment programs or any changes to policy such as 'Shared Responsibility Agreements' for the need for finance for Indigenous small and medium-sized businesses?
W301-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Did the review consider whether IBA should take over the Business Development Program? If so, what did it find? What reasons did it provide for its findings?
W302-05	IBA	Written	Carr	Is it true that the report recommends that IBA retain its current role? Is this consistent with IBA assuming additional roles in relation to the BDP?
W303-05	3	Written	Carr	Andrew Norton, in <i>The Australian</i> of 7/1/05, said: <i>'.. only a few graduate occupations have worker shortages, mainly in medical fields.'</i> Is that true? Please provide the latest data on shortages of skilled labour in professional and other graduate fields.
W304-05	1	Written	Wong	Of those who have been exited from NSA and YA incapacitated over each of the last two financial years, could we be provided with data on length of time on NSA and YA incapacitated?