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Education, Science and Training portfolio

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E001_04	IND	1	Crossin	How many children of secondary school age in Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland? How many eligible for Abstudy? Breakdown of numbers by community? Total number of Abstudy applicants received for this school year and breakdown by each state/territory? Explain if there is a difference between estimates and the number of applicants. (written)
E002_04	IND	1	Crossin	The number of ABSTUDY applicants and the number commencing school on day one of the school year.(written)
E003_04	IND	1 and 2	Crossin	Strategies to ensure those eligible for Abstudy do apply? (written)
E004_04	IND	1 and 2	Crossin	Total amount of funds allocated in the budget for Abstudy? (written)
E005_04	IND	1 and 2	Crossin	Does the Department have policies or guidelines, which are given to Centrelink on their behalf, on communicating with Indigenous people for Abstudy entitlements that are culturally sensitive? Can a copy be provided and are these being applied to the management of Abstudy? (Written)
E006_04	IND	1	Crossin	Which schools are part of the Scaffolding Literacy Program under NIELNS and when did each school become eligible for this program? What is the department's involvement? Is the program evaluated? If so when and by whom? Are there plans to extend the funding for this program and if so, has this been included in this year's budget? (written)
E007_04	IND	2	Crossin	Details of establishment of the Indigenous Higher Education Council including timeline, members and the process for selection? (written)
E008_04	IND	2	Crossin	Indigenous TAFE enrolments – purported increase with a concurrent decline in Indigenous university enrolments (written)
E009_04	IND	2	Crossin	DEST plans to overcome perceived disincentives in Crossroads package (written)
E010_04	IND	2	Crossin	Details of numbers of Indigenous Australians employed in universities in 2002? (written)
E011_04	IND	2	Crossin	DEST <i>Report from the 2002-04 Triennium</i> - What evidence can the Dept provide to support the claim that Indigenous Students moved into VET at the expense of Higher education? What did the initial investigation entail? (written)
E012_04	IND	2	Crossin	Estimated actual amount for Abstudy Loans Scheme 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? How many availed themselves in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002? Total amount owed to the Commonwealth by students under Abstudy scheme? How many students who have completed study

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E013_04	IND		Crossin	continue to owe money? Relative percentage of the Indigenous cohort who receives Abstudy, versus those with Abstudy loans for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002? (written) Interim: Provide a copy of the report into Indigenous school students' aspirations and expectations? (written)
E014_04	IND	2	Bishop	With the Supplement loan being replaced by other measures in the Higher education pack explain their impact on income support payments? Impact the Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships have on Youth Allowance and AUSTUDY recipients? Will these scholarships count as income in determining the rate of YA and will these scholarships count in the calculation for determining whether a person is independent for YA purposes? (written)
E015_04	SG		Nettle	Will the Department provide on a single electronic spreadsheet with the following data for each non government school in NSW: name, address, suburb, postcode, state, enrolments for years, SES rating, recurrent funding etc (written)
E016_04	SG	1	Nettle	Non-government school funding from States and Territories – 2000 – 2003 (written)
E017_04	SG	1	Nettle	Can the Minister list by title the information provided by the Department to private schools and private schools systems on an annual basis? Will the Minister make available a copy of the information? (written)
E018_04	ANSTO		Carr	In the PBS it says that ANSTO's role including 'operating national nuclear facilities and associated infrastructure'. Is that the heading under which the Agency could be said to rent out facilities at Lucas Heights? (written)
E019_04	ANSTO		Carr	Where does ANSTO's income from rent and payment for any services appear in the Annual Report? What line item does it come under? (written)
E020_04	ANSTO		Carr	ANSTO: What is the revenue 'services and contract research'? What kinds of services are referred to here? (written)
E021_04	ANSTO		Carr	ANSTO: What is CSIRO site support? What kind of support is provided to SCIRO? (written)
E022_04	ANSTO		Carr	ANSTO: What is 'Land Management'? (written)
E023_04	ANSTO		Carr	ANSTO: What services are provided to the tenants of the technology park, or any other tenants at Lucas Heights? Where can I find details of those? Can you provide me with details of the services provide to each tenant? (written)
E024_04	ANSTO		Carr	ANSTO: Do some tenants have access to the research facilities associated with the reactor? (written)
E025_04	ANSTO		Carr	Is this access specified contractually between ANSTO and each tenant? How? On an hourly basis? What is the precise form of access - eg to which items of equipment - specified contractually? (written)

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E026_04	ANSTO		Carr	ANSTO: Are there occasions, or is there a practice, of providing additional access to tenants, or to certain tenants, informally and beyond any formal agreements reached and paid for? Which tenants have received additional informal access to facilities or equipment, or to services, in the last 3 years? (written)
E027_04	VET	2	Harradine	Please provide details of how many students are participating in VET for each state and territory and nationwide (written)
E028_04	VET	2	Crossin	How much was allocated in the latest budget for TAFE and does this amount take account of this increase in TAFE demand? What % increases have been made in TAFE funding over the past three years? (written)
E029_04	VET	2	Campbell	Taking the past 5 years as a whole (1998-2002) which companies have received the highest total amount of wage subsidies for New Apprenticeships and (a) what were these amounts (b) what were the attrition rates for the New Apprenticeships they employed (c) what were the retention rates for each of these companies and (d) how much of the training they provided was fully on the job? (written)
E030_04	VET	2	Campbell	Can the Department provide a list by company name (including address) of business that receives Commonwealth incentive payments for New Apprentices and trainees of over \$10,000 per annum? (written)
E031_04	VET	2	Crossin	Reason why the location of the New Apprentices Access Program within the Northern Territory is confined to Darwin and Alice Springs (written)
E032_04	ARC		Harradine	Please provide all details of the major study of pornography being undertaken by Alburty, Lumby and McKee including total amount of the ARC grant, length of time for study, aims of the study. Please provide a copy of their funding application. Will the study examine issue of impact of Internet porn on young people? Will the study explore the issue of the commodification and degradation of women in porn? What input has the porn industry, including the Eros Foundation (EF), had into this project? Are you aware that EF has given this study strong endorsement through its newsletter? Are you concerned that EF support indicates that this study may be strongly influenced by the porn industry and that its results could therefore be called into question? Please provide a copy of any progress reports the project manager has provided. (written)
E033_04	ARC	1	Carr	What is the strike rate on ARC research grants? Can you compare the large grants programs from 2001 back to 1997? (p. 438)
E034_04	SG	1 and 2	Crossin	Are the Career and Transition [CAT] and Partnership Outreach Education Model [POEM] fully funded as new initiatives, if not where is the funding derived from? (written)
E035_04	SG	1/1.4	Crossin	Final: Are there any reports on how CAT and PEOM performed in the 2002 school year? If so can this be provided? (written)

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E036_04	SG		Crossin	What plans are there for expansion in 2003 if CAT and POEM pilots are successful? (written)
E037_04	SG	1 and 2	Crossin	Has sufficient resource staff been engaged to run CAT and POEM as proposed (written)
E038_04	SG	1	Crossin	Is there a list of Jobs Pathway Programme [JPP] providers with an indication as to which are satisfactory? (written)
E039_04	SG		Crossin	Will JPP be expanded to other remote Northern Territory centres such as Nhulunbuy or Katherine? (written)
E040_04	SG	1	Crossin	How will the ECEF functions be incorporated into DEST while maintaining an ongoing program offered to the schools? Will those schools be able to continue without break under the new funding arrangements? (written)
E041_04	HEG	2	Carr	What is the purpose of the Higher Education Structural Reform Fund [HESRF]? What kind of collaboration and rationalisation are envisaged to be funded? Are any institutional amalgamations foreseen using this fund to cover the assoc costs? (written)
E042_04	HEG	2	Carr	How would the Department regard a proposal to amalgamate the University of Tasmania with the Australian Maritime College? Has the idea been discussed with the institutions? What were the outcomes of those discussions? Is this supported by the University and AMC? (written)
E043_04	HEG	2	Carr	What universities might be in a position to amalgamate? What assistance would the Commonwealth provide? Is it the Government's intention to rationalise and reduce the number of universities? (written)
E044_04	HEG	2	Carr	Griffith and Notre Dame medical schools - Where is the funding for these schools itemised in the budget? How much will be provided? (written)
E045_04	HEG		Carr	On what basis will the funding be provided to Notre Dame? Is medicine a national priority? (written)
E046_04	HEG	2	Carr	Griffith – Application or extension of 5 year learning entitlement? (written)
E047_04	HEG	2	Carr	Notre Dame - which will be the teaching hospital for the medical school? How will that aspect be funded? What fees will be charged? (written)
E048_04	HEG	2	Carr	Griffith and Notre Dame - how many places will be funded at each School by the Commonwealth over each of the 6yrs? When will the first intake of students be? (written)
E049_04	HEG	2	Carr	Has the department held discussions with University of Canberra regarding its Brisbane campus? How many students are enrolled? Targets in terms of local and Inter student numbers? Target income? Is it making a loss? Are domestic students fee-paying or HECS places? How is UC financing the operation of this campus? (written)

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E050_04	HEG	2	Carr	Has the department discussed with University of Canberra the reduction of 45% in its revenue from the line item 'Other research financial assist and contracts/ in 2002? What does this represent and why has it dropped over \$2m? What is the 'Commonwealth Government financial assistance' provide to UC, beyond the operating grant and associated monies, listed under the 'Other' heading? \$892,000 was provided in 2001 and \$1,662,000 in 2002. Why, under what program and where is it reported in the Federal Budget documents? (written)
E051_04	HEG	2	Carr	Is normal accounting practice for universities to depreciate library stocks and works of art? What do the relevant accounting standards stipulate? Is the department aware that UC did not allow depreciation of these items in 2001 and 02? Will the department take this matter up with the Uni or ACT Government? Does the department issue financial guidelines to universities and do these refer to depreciation and by what formula? (written)
E052_04	HEG	2	Crossin	What was the Government funding per EFTSU in 2002?(written)
E053_04	HEG	2	Crossin	How many universities have now applied for funding under Round 2 of the Workplace Reform Program? How many and which ones have been successful? Which universities are still to become eligible for the Round 2 funding? (written)
E054_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Can you confirm that the 30% Regional Loading provided for the Northern Territory University replaces an existing 20% loading? Please provide data on the difference in dollar terms between the existing and proposed loading? (written)
E055_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Details of the 'Workplace Productivity Program'. (written)
E056_04	HEG	2	Crossin	How will the \$22.6m Regional campus loading be allocated – in particular what will be allocated to the Northern Territory University? (written)
E057_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Is it determined how much of the National Priority funding will go to each category eg Indigenous, teaching/nursing places? (written)
E058_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Details of the selection process for Commonwealth Learning Scholarships? Will the Department be providing the universities with guidelines or principles to follow in awarding these scholarships? (written)
E059_04	HEG	2	Crossin	How will the Department ensure that all 3 groups of students - rural/regional/ Indigenous and those from low-socio backgrounds, receive their fair share of Education Cost and Accommodation Scholarships under the Commonwealth Learning Scholarships? (written)
E060_04	HEG	2	Crossin	What process will the Commonwealth undertake to identify areas as National Priorities (NP)? Can the Department supply details regarding the timeline for the review of NP areas and the process and ToR by which such a review would take place? (written)
E061_04	HEG	2	Carr	[PQ1304] When were the consultants commissioned to undertake the <i>on the Higher Education Sector 2001?</i> (p. 447)

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E062_04	HEG	2	Carr	[PQ1304] What was the findings on equity of participation of the <i>National Report on the Higher Education Sector 2001</i> (p. 447)
E063_04	HEG	2	Carr	Does the Dept have data on trends in enrolments in the band 3 courses under differential HECS? (p. 448)
E064_04	HEG	2	Stott Despoja	What is the number of perpetual students? (pp. 452-3)
E065_04	HEG	2	Stott Despoja	Provide a detailed examination or outline of the assumptions that you have used in coming with this table - <i>Our Universities</i> Table D on pg 21- showing estimated average student contribution towards the cost of education. (p. 458)
E066_04	HEG	2	Stott Despoja	Provide the components and any specifics that go into calculating student contributions - whether it is marginal funding, debt discounts or any of that information? (p. 458)
E067_04	HEG	2	Carr	What is the real increase in funding, excluding indexation, in Backing Australia's Future's package over the next 3 years? (p. 470)
E068_04	HEG	2	Carr	Institutional breakdown of Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding (p. 473)
E069_04	HEG	2	Nettle	Impact in budget figuring terms of the Commonwealth removing HECS? (p. 481)
E070_04	HEG	2	Nettle	Are there any studies demonstrating the benefit to the community as a whole from higher education or postsecondary education (p. 482)
E071_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Payment details of \$3 million funding under Higher Education Innovation Programme (p. 490)
E072_04	HEG	2	Carr	Details of the interest rate for FEE-HELP (written)
E073_04	HEG	2	Carr	Financing the FEE-HELP loan scheme and its relationship to the long-term bond rate (written)
E074_04	HEG	2	Carr	Interest rate mechanism - Did the Government examine the problems with the New Zealand model for student financing? Why did the Government chose to apply a real interest rate, and decide not to take the 'surcharge' approach? Was a simple rate of interest applying to student loans considered? Why not? (written)
E075_04	HEG	2	Carr	What underlies the decision to apply the 3.5% real interest rate for a fixed period of ten years, before reverting to CPI indexation? Why ten years? (written)
E076_04	HEG	2	Carr	If a student also has a HECS debt, is it the case that the HECS will be paid first, followed by the FEE-HELP debt? What is the average length of time it takes a graduate to pay off a HECS debt? (written)
E077_04	HEG	2	Carr	Details of the cap on the FEE-HELP loan at a max of \$50,000? (written)
E078_04	HEG	2	Carr	Impact of the \$50,000 fee cap on equality of educational opportunity (written)
E079_04	HEG	2	Carr	Learning Entitlement – What are the exemptions to the 5 year learning entitlement limit? (written)

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E080_04	HEG	2	Carr	Learning Entitlements and HEIMS – Impact on combined degrees? (written)
E081_04	HEG	2	Carr	Learning Entitlements and HEIMS - What about people returning to study some years after doing a first degree? (written)
E082_04	HEG	2	Carr	Learning Entitlements and HEIMS - Who will decide on eligibility for additional learning entitlement? Will the Commonwealth establish and maintain an appeals structure? (written)
E083_04	HEG	2	Carr	Perpetual students - How many commencing students in Bachelor's degree courses actually have another Bachelor's degree? How big a problem is the problem of 'perpetual students'? (written)
E084_04	HEG	2	Carr	HEIMS - Who will administer the Higher Education Information Management System [HEIMS]? Will centralised records be kept by the Commonwealth? What will be the cost to the Commonwealth? Aren't there privacy concerns if students are to be followed this way? What security measures and procedures will be put in place re the collection and storage of students' HEIMS numbers and details? Has the Government consulted with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner on this area? (written)
E085_04	HEG	2	Carr	Regional loading - If the budgeted funds are insufficient to pay the loading at the % announced, will the % be reduced or the budgeted funds increased? Have you done any modelling on post 2001 data? (written)
E086_04	HEG	2	Carr	University Governance: New Zealand report - Has the Department had the chance to look at this report? (written)
E087_04	HEG	2	Carr	Will the planned National Governance Protocols also emphasise the importance of strong stakeholder representation on university governing bodies? Will their presence be specified in the Protocols? Which stakeholder groups will be specifically referred to in the Protocols as essential members of governing bodies? (written)
E088_04	HEG	2	Carr	PELS and FEE-HELP: Can you confirm that: the new FEE-HELP will absorb the existing PELS for new postgraduate students from 2005; the new loan scheme, unlike PELS features a real rate of interest of 3.5% on top of CPI; payments under the new loan scheme, unlike PELS, will not be tax deductible as self-education expenses? (written)
E089_04	HEG	2	Carr	What would happen to an existing postgraduate students, not currently or in 2004 availing themselves of PELS, who decide to take out a loan in 2005, to pay fees in that year? Would that student still have access to loans on PELS conditions? Or would that person have to take out a FEE-HELP loan? (written)
E090_04	HEG	2	Carr	Would it be wise for any postgraduate student not currently participating in PELS to take out even a small PELS loan next year, so that he/she could continue to have access to PELS conditions in any subsequent years? (written)

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E091_04	HEG	2	Carr	Open Learning under the Open Learning Deferred Payment Scheme [OLDPS] and loans for overseas-trained professional bridging courses – [Bridging for Overseas Trained Professionals Loan Scheme -BOTPLS] and the new FEE_HELP arrangements. (written)
E092_04	HEG	2	Carr	Marginally-funded places & the 25,000 'new' places (written)
E093_04	HEG	2	Carr	Net entry rates - Does this mean that an equalisation of entry rates across State and Territories will not be a consideration for the reallocation of rebadged places, or for the additional places planned from 2007? (written)
E094_04	HEG	2	Carr	Some universities have a large number of marginally-funded places. Will these institutions lose these places, and the funds associated with them? (written)
E095_04	HEG	2	Carr	Phasing out of over-enrolled places and its impact on certain universities. (written)
E096_04	CSIRO		Carr	Did the A frame job go to tender? Can you give details of the tender? (E795) (written)
E097_04	CSIRO		Carr	Is it correct that the A frame is based on a British design and that CSIRO has negotiated agreement to adapt or use their concepts? (E796) (written)
E098_04	CSIRO		Carr	Are you aware of correspondence with Toby Bailey of The Engineering Business Ltd (EBL) in Northumberland, England, concerning this agreement? (written)
E099_04	CSIRO		Carr	Can you confirm that CSIRO made a \$14,000 ex gratia payment to this company? (written)
E100_04	CSIRO		Carr	Can you explain why CSIRO correspondence of 22/11/02 to Mr Bailey from the then head of Marine Research Division including the demand that this payment 'in no way constitutes an admission of liability by CSIRO'? What breach necessitated the clause? Provide copies of all correspondence on this matter. (written)
E101_04	CSIRO		Carr	Letter to Mr Bailey - what circumstances are referred to? What are the precise terms of any claims that EBL have made at any time in relation to this A frame? What claims, monetary or otherwise, have been made by EBL in relation to this matter? Has there been any suggestion from EBL that CSIRO has breached EBL's patent or design rights or any other intellectual property? Is so what are the details? (written)
E102_04	CSIRO		Carr	Southern Surveyor - were full sea trials carried out on all winches and related equipment? Were winch cables spooled onto the gear under appropriate tension or simply wound on from the dock to save time? (E786) (written)
E103_04	CSIRO		Carr	Southern Surveyor - describe in detail any serious problems that occurred at sea with the CTD winch? Did this result in injury? Do you agree this in part stems from inadequate spooling of the cable in Hobart? How is the injured crew member? What OHS reports have been made? (E786) (written)
E104_04	CSIRO		Carr	Southern Surveyor - Is the CTD currently operable, or is it scheduled to be repaired in Darwin? What specific repairs are required? Is the CTD winch misaligned and

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				insufficiently rigid to operate successfully? (E786) (written)
E105_04	CSIRO		Carr	Can you confirm that the new winch causing trouble was locally manufactured? Will the work in Darwin be undertaken by Bratvag? If no, have they been asked? Can you confirm that a rep of 3 Hobart manufacturers is going to Darwin to carry out these repairs? How long will the work take, what is involved and what will it cost? (E786) (written)
E106_04	CSG		Carr	How much is the Department spending through its administrative resources on external research and analysis? Please indicate the trend since 1995-96 (pp. 348-9)
E107_04	CSG		Carr	Can the committee have a copy of Mr Spring's contract and the specifications of the deliverables? (p. 356)
E108_04	CSG	All	Carr	Is there an option for renewal on Mr Spring's contract? (p. 357)
E109_04	PAL		Carr	Provide a list of all polling that the Dept has undertaken since July 2002? Including the number and value of such contracts? (p. 359)
E110_04	CSG	All	Carr	When were these 5 extra SES officers put on? (p. 359)
E111_04	PAL		Carr	List of contracts for advertising, Market Research, Polling, Direct Mail and Print Media Advertising (p. 359)
E112_04	CSG	All	Carr	Press clippings - was the opposition made aware of the new contract and were they provided with copies of it? Why can't the opposition get the electronic copy and why can't they get a hard copy as well? (p. 451)
E113_04	AIG	3	Carr	What has happened in the case involving a Sydney man who had been found to be printing Commonwealth Bank cheques and logos, blank TAFE certificates, international English language test systems and test reports and the like? (pp. 508-9)
E114_04	IND	1	Crossin	Provide a breakdown in the forward estimates of the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) (p. 252)
E115_04	IND	1	Crossin	Have all state education systems reported under IESIP? (pp. 256-7)
E116_04	IND	1	Crossin	The IESIP proformas for the core performance indicators? (p. 257)
E117_04	IND	1	Crossin	Provide the amount of money broken down by the 3 programs under the Indigenous Education Direct Assistance IEDA which the NT was provided with on 1 July last year for the financial year? (p. 258)
E118_04	IND	1	Crossin	Provide a breakdown of the Indigenous Education Direct Assistance [IEDA] programs by state and territory for last year and the coming year? (p. 259)
E119_04	IND	1	Crossin	Provide a breakdown of the funding for each of the national Indigenous Education National Projects - including the Dare to Lead program. (p. 259)
E120_04	IND		Crossin	Provide a copy of the performance data for the Indigenous Youth Partnership Initiative under ECEF? (p. 259)

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E123_04	IND	1 and 2	Crossin	Review of ABSTUDY travel 'no show' policy. (pp. 260-1)
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E126_04	IND	1 and 2	Crossin	Processing time for ABSTUDY applications (p. 262)
E127_04	IND	1 and 2	Crossin	Reviewing the length of the form and the impact of the new Privacy Act has had on that with regard to continuing students. (p. 263)
E128_04	IND	1 and 2	Crossin	Can something along the lines 'and school principals or school registrars be added to the Privacy Declaration on the ABSTUDY form. (p. 263)
E129_04	IND	2	Crossin	Indigenous higher education student commencements and completions for 2002. (p. 265)
E130_04	IND	2	Crossin	Provide figure that would be used in a graph that show the number of Indigenous students in higher education from 1996 to 2002. When did the ISF funding originate, and have increases each year been because of indexation from that point in time. (pp. 265-6)
E131_04	IND	2	Crossin	Classification of enabling courses under Abstudy (p. 267)
E132_04	IND	2	Crossin	Impact of Commonwealth Learning Scholarships on away from base initiative (p. 271)
E133_04	ANTA		Johnston	How much funding does the WA group training scheme operating out of the Balga TAFE receive? (p. 428)
E134_04	SCG	3	Carr	Costing for funding of Affiliation between Australian Institute of Marine Science and James Cook University. (p. 365)
E135_04	SCG	3	Carr	Withholding science funding to South Australia. (p. 372)
E136_04	ANTA		Johnston	Funding for the Construction Skills Training Centre in Welshpool WA - was it to the tune of \$1m? Check into the funding and whether it went to the CFMEU. (pp. 428-9)
E137_04	ANTA		Nettle	Explain how much Commonwealth funding to TAFE and other public providers, adult community education and private providers or VET? Provide a breakdown into those 3 areas for the last 5 years? (pp. 429-30)
E138_04	SCG	3	Allison	The difference between the organisational structure on page 60 of the Maralinga Rehabilitation Advisory Committee report and the structure which is shown on attachment 4.4 of the Gutteridge Haskins Davy report. (p. 376)

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E139_04	SCG	3	Allison	Page 58 says that Geoprojects undertook work on behalf of the department and MARTAC. But it was also the case that Geoprojects undertook work directly under contract to the project management. Would that be your understanding too? (pp. 376-7)
E140_04	SCG	3	Allison	The concrete cap on pit 19A at Maralinga. (p. 377)
E141_04	SCG	3	Allison	Incidence of dust storms at Maralinga (p. 377)
E142_04	SCG	3	Allison	Did pouring water on the ISV blocks at Maralinga lead to the blocks fracturing? (p. 378)
E143_04	SCG	3	Carr	Consultation and list of sites for the National Store for radioactive waste.(written)
E144_04	SCG	3	Forshaw	ANSTO Deed of Indemnity and correspondence with the People Against a Nuclear Reactor (p. 302)
E145_04	CSG		Campbell	Interim: What public funds were provided to ACCI and/or its constituent State bodies for each of the financial years 1996-97; 97-98; 98-99; 99-2000; 2000-01; 01-02? List funds breakdown by department, agency, statutory body or other admin organisation. For what purposes were these funds provided? To what extent were these purposes achieved and how was that determined? (written)
E145_04	CSG		Campbell	Final: What public funds were provided to ACCI and/or its constituent State bodies for each of the financial years 1996-97; 97-98; 98-99; 99-2000; 2000-01; 01-02? ANTA. For what purposes were these funds provided? To what extent were these purposes achieved and how was that determined? (written)
E146_04	SCG		Carr	Provide the costing for the road upgrade for site 52A? (p. 382)
E147_04	SCG	3	Allison	Why was that figure of 650gms of Plutonium in Taranaki pits so precise, given the range which the Cornish report identified? (pp. 382-3)
E148_04	SCG	3	Allison	Contaminated firing pads at Maralinga (p. 382)
E149_04 Interim and Final	RAE	2	Carr	Provide copies of the following reports - <i>HECS and educational opportunities</i> ; <i>Mobility: why do university students move?</i> ; <i>University participation of persons from non-English speaking background: impact of migration patterns 1991-2000</i> ; <i>Socioeconomic background and higher education participation: an analysis of school students' aspirations and expectation</i> ; <i>HECS: the impact of changes</i> ; <i>Expansions in higher education: effect on access and student quality over the 1990s?</i> (p. 449)
E150_04	AEI	3	Carr	Northstar International Graduate School - is it an RTO? Is it an AQF register? Is the proprietor Mr Michael Megas? Is it registered on CRICOS? (pp. 509-10)
E151_04	AEI	3	Carr	Provide report on the enforcement and monitoring action being taken on Bridge Business College? (p. 511)
E152_04	AEI	3	Carr	Australian College of Natural Therapies – teaching hours, length of semester and administration arrangements at the college (p. 511)

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E153_04	AEI	3	Carr	Confirm the accuracy of the figures for CRICOS registration fees as provided in AVCC press release on 13 May. (p. 513)
E154_04	HEG	2	Carr	Impact of SARS virus on the James Cook University and Singapore joint venture. (p. 515)
E155_04	AEI	3	Carr	SARS virus - has it had an effect in terms of the operation of any of our universities here? (pp. 515-6)
E156_04	VET	2	Campbell	New Apprenticeships - Can you advise us how many trainees and apprentices were existing employees during the 2002-03 financial year compared to the 2001-02 financial year? What was the total of Commonwealth funding spent in the 2002-03 financial year on training of existing workers, in terms of incentive payments and funding to states for registered training organisations? (pp. 414-5)
E157_04	VET	2	Campbell	How much Commonwealth funding by way of incentives was paid to employers during the 2002-03 financial year for commencing trainees who did not complete their traineeship? (p. 415)
E158_04	VET	2	Campbell	Provide details of incentive payment that have been made in the calendars years of 2002 and 2001. (p. 415)
E159_04	VET	2	Campbell	Provide the current suite of programs that provide incentives for enterprises to use VET to upgrade their employee skills and how much is spent each year on these programs? (pp. 423-4)
E160_04	VET	2	Campbell	Provide more detailed breakdowns of the cities or regions where there is most need for language and literacy skill support among job seekers? (p. 426)
E161_04	VET	2	Tierney	Provide copy of volume published by NCVET which summarises adult education participation statistics. (p. 434)
E162_04	VET	2	Campbell	Provide a list of the people who are on the New Apprenticeships Marketing Campaign stakeholder reference group? (pp. 387-8)
E163_04 and E297_04	VET	2	Campbell	Provide a breakdown for the following incentives of the total Commonwealth incentive programs to employers who employ trainees and apprentices in training - general, innovation program, school based apprentices, rural and regional, Indigenous Australian under the wage assist program, disabilities incentive. (p. 392)
E164_04	VET	2	Carr	With regard to the VET funding indexation figures, what was the base amounts indexed? What was the indexation for each of the components? How was the indexation calculated? (p. 410)
E165_04	VET	2	Campbell	Waiting time to undertake the literacy, numeracy and language courses? (pp. 426-7)
E166_04	HEG	2	Carr	Lifetime University participation rates (p. 468)
E167_04	HEG	2	Carr	Greenwich University - look at the web site and consider if there is a need to take further action in that matter. (pp. 514-5)
E168_04	HEG		Carr	PQ 1304 - has the National Report on the Higher Education Sector 2001 now been finalised? Has it been referred to the minister's office? If so, when? (pp. 351-2)

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E169_04	CSG		Carr	What does the creative work cost? Can I have a copy of the focus group reports? (p. 386)
E170_04	VET	2	Campbell	New Apprenticeships Marketing Campaign - Did you consult with the state training departments? Were they consulted or just informed about the nature of the New Apprentices campaign? (p. 387)
E171_04	PAL		Campbell	What was the level of expenditure on consultants used by the Department and ANTA for the 2002-03 financial year? (pp. 420-1)
E172_04	AEI	3	Carr	Australian College of Technology – Department's knowledge of its collapse, employee entitlements and government assistance etc. (written)
E173_04	IND	2	Crossin	Indigenous Education Strategies 2002 - Have all universities adopted the IES of HE Institutions in 2002 & 2003? If not which ones are outstanding? (written)
E174_04	AEI	3	Carr	The international education industry – Commonwealth liability for entitlements of employees of collapsed providers. (written)
E175_04	ANTA		Carr	Is there a difference in the percentage of the gross wages bill paid by all employers on structured training? Can I get you to distinguish between the two? But structured training declined from 1.7% to 1.5%. Is that true? Explain whether the ABS including 'showing or explaining how to perform a task on the job as the need arises' and acquiring the knowledge and skills relevant to performing a job through group discussion' in the survey? Confirm stats in the ABS publication. (pp. 395-6)
E176_04	ANTA		Carr	Has the number of training hours increased or decreased, according to these surveys? (p. 397)
E177_04	ANTA	2	Campbell	Who is represented on the Transport and Logistics ITAB? (p. 401)
E178_04	ANTA		Carr	10 Industry Skills Councils – Number of representations complaining about the proposal to have 10 Industry Skills Councils? (p. 403)
E179_04	AIMS		Carr	How many scientists can the Cape Ferguson accommodate? (p. 278)
E180_04	AIMS		Carr	What was the opportunity cost of the James Cook University using the <i>Lady Basten</i> ? (p. 279)
E181_04	AIMS		Carr	AIMS revenue from private industry. (p. 280)
E182_04	AIMS		Carr	AIMS Council correspondence to Minister regarding AIMS collaborative model. (p. 284)
E183_04	AIMS		Carr	Has the number of joint supervisory arrangements between AIMS and JCU decreased in recent times? Give details for the last 3 years. (p. 285)
E184_04	AIMS		Carr	Would cross membership of the AIMS Council and JCU council require legislative changes to the act? (p. 285)
E185_04	AIMS		Carr	How much ARC funding does AIMS have at the moment? (p. 292)
E186_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - has the current estimated cost increased from \$1.9m? A variance of 25% from the budget, is that a satisfactory outcome? (E798) (written)

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E187_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - on how many occasions have the drawings proved deficient? Do you have accurate drawings? (written)
E188_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - do you still say that all the new and modified equipment was thoroughly tested and exercised? (E790) (written)
E189_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - can you expand the table you provide in E794 to including the value of each item and the name of the contractor that undertook the work? Identify what form of tender was used to select the supplier for items in excess of \$10,000. How many items in the conversion exceeded \$50,000? Identify for each what tendering process was adopted. How many went to open tender? (written)
E190_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - E794 - when was the list of works formally finalised and approved by the Steering Committee? Had any works commenced prior to that approval? On what date? Who made the decision to apparently divide management between CSIRO and P&O? Was that decision approved by the Steering Committee and when? (written)
E191_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - how many of the 39 items deal with upgrades or the installation of additional equipment on the vessel and how many deal with the installation or upgrading of internal research facilities and labs, the purchase and installation of equip, or accommodation and crew facility upgrades? Provide a table showing these 2 broad categories, identify who managed them, who undertook the work for each item and the value of each? (written)
E192_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - What was the nature of P&O's management of the 22 items that were their responsibility? Who was the P&O management and what was their name? (written)
E193_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - how often did the P&O management attend the ship? Provide a log showing the dates on which this management was on the ship monitoring and supervising work? Did the fire that occurred in a ship locker change the degree of supervision? (written)
E194_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - how many construction, fabrication and similar items were undertaken by Taylor Bros? Did any other firm undertake equivalent work during this period? Who commissioned Taylor's involvement - provide documentary confirmation? Did CSIRO have any role in contracting Taylor Bros in any of the work they undertook? (written)
E195_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> Refurbishment - how much work did this firm undertake? Value of work and value of each item? How much work was put out to tender and won by tender? (written)
E196_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> - You have already told the Committee 180 days had been approved: this schedule shows only 146. Why is that? How is the 20% reduction explained? (E802) (written)

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E197_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> - is the GeoScience Swath Map charter for 30 days in March-April next year? Where are the other 50 days that you have already told us had been approved? What is the status of the CSIRO charter communication that you referred to in E802? (written)
E198_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> - how will the \$1.5-1.65m shortfall annually be made up? What effect will this have on your capacity to fund the maintenance and operations of the ship? (E802) (written)
E199_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> - how much of the additional port time is due to maintenance problems or due to lack of funds? (E802) (written)
E200_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> - what research will be abandoned due to the reduction of research time? How can you explain the dramatic reduction? (E802) (written)
E201_04	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> reports - is it correct that the Chief Scientist on any research trip submits a report? Is it correct that reports are also submitted by the ship's Master, CSIRO voyage leader and Chief engineer? Are there others? Provide copies of all reports for the research cruises undertaken since February, as well as those on the refurbishment. (written)
E202_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - Is CSIRO as member of the Southern Tree Breeders Assoc (STBA)? What are the reasons for this membership? How is the relationship between CSIRO and STBA managed? Who represents CSIRO? (written)
E203_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - Did Dr Paul Cotterill take any action that may have adversely affected an application by STBA to the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Council for funds? Was he a referee? Did he discuss the application with one of the referees? Did he influence in any way the assessment of the STBA application? Was this application finally approved by FWPRDC? Has the delay affected implementation of the project? (written)
E204_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - Has the tree cropping firm ITC played any role in evaluating eucalypt breeding material imported by any CSIRO staff member from Portugal or elsewhere? If so, with who? Are there any current commercial relations between ITC and any CSIRO staff member? Have these been disclosed to CSIRO? Has CSIRO entered into any commercial agreement or joint venture with ITC? What are the details? Does CSIRO have any officer working part or full time with ITC? (written)
E205_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - What are currently CSIRO's commercial arrangements with STBA of which CSIRO is a member but of which ITC is not a member? Are there any real or potential conflicts of interest in these matters? (written)
E206_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - What position does Dr Sharmane MacRae occupy in CSIRO Forest and Forest Products Division? When was she appointed? Was her appointment in strict conformity with CSIRO and public service guidelines? What were her previous commercial

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				roles prior to joining CSIRO? (written)
E207_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - Was Dr Sharmane McRae recently involved in importing germ plasm from South America? Who was the exporter/importer? Was each of these orgs aware of the shipment? Who were the signatories to the import app? What was the purpose of this importation? (written)
E208_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - Has any current staff of the Forest products division had or currently have a commercial relationship with Weyerhaeuser? Did any divisional staff discuss the withdrawal from the CRC TT bid? Does CSIRO have any commercial or current collaborative relations with Weyhaeuser? (written)
E209_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - Is the Forest and Forest Products Division planning to establish a new lab in QLD? What are the details? How many CSIRO staff are expected to work there? Will any other of the divisional labs be closed or reduced to provide the resources for the expansion? Who are or will be the commercial partners? (written)
E210_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - What is the duration of the contract of Dr Cotterill as Divisional Head? (written)
E211_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forests and Forest Products - What were the reasons for Dr Cotterill's decision to withdraw his Division from the CRC Tree Tech bid in mid 2002? Why was the decision taken so late? (written)
E212_04	CSIRO		Carr	Have you read the report and recommendations of the 2nd Women Achieving in Science Conference? How do you respond to its key recommendations? (written)
E213_04	CSIRO		Carr	Women in Science - What ongoing analysis is conducted by CSIRO into the issue of opportunities and support for women in these science disciplines? (written)
E214_04	CSIRO		Carr	Women in Science - Do you agree with the recommendation that a project be initiated into the status of women in Australia science, tech, engineering and maths? Would CSIRO contribute to the costs? (written)
E215_04	CSIRO		Carr	Women in Science - What action has been taken on the recommendation - that CSIRO provide scholarships in field sciences for Indigenous women? How quickly could that be implemented? (written)
E216_04	CSIRO		Carr	Women in Science - CSIRO current policies on return to work after career breaks; post maternity grants; adoption or more work/life friendly work cultures and active support for scientists successfully taking advantage of flexible work practices? Does CSIRO see these as important to the research effort and staff? What improvements will be made and over what period of time? (written)
E217_04	CSIRO		Carr	Women in Science - What advantages do you see in CSIRO adopting the recent conference's recommendations that addressing such issues by a unit establish to monitor and co-ordination improvement in this respect in this aspect of scientific work? Would CSIRO set up such a unit? (written)

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E218_04	CSIRO		Carr	National Standards Laboratory - has CSIRO lost control of the lab? When will it be transferred to DITR? What is the value of the lab? How many staff will transfer? (written)
E219_04	CSIRO		Carr	Web Site - what software is being used? Who is contracted to set up the site, how long has the process been underway? Total cost of setting up this web page? Is it within the original budget, if not by how much has it increased? (written)
E220_04	CSIRO		Carr	CSIRO Director: Communications - when did Ms Di Jay leave? Under what circumstances? Why was the position not advertised until June? (written)
E221_04	CSIRO		Carr	CSIRO Director: Communications - what backgrounds and qualifications are essential? Why does the advertisement fail to mention qualifications in science, science journalism or communications? Explain role for this position and how it has been altered? (written)
E222_04	CSIRO		Carr	CSIRO Director: Communications - why was Ferry International chosen to head-hunt? What specific background and expertise does this company have? (written)
E223_04	CSIRO		Carr	Operational costs - Has expenditure on Corporate Business & Commercialisation (CB&C) increased by more than 78% in the past year and for centrally delivered corporate services by more than 18% while research budgets increased by barely 6%? What targets/benchmarks of expenditure in relation to fin return have you set? (E773,E771,E764,E765) (written)
E224_04	CSIRO		Carr	Operational costs - Provide an update on anticipated losses, redeployments and redundancies? How many are expected in the CB&C in the next year? (E773,E771,E764,E765) (written)
E225_04	CSIRO		Carr	Operational costs - Confirm that the number of positions in the CB&C increased by 14% in the past 18 months? What is the projected growth in such positions across the organisation for the next financial year? (E773,E771,E764,E765) (written)
E226_04	CSIRO		Carr	Operational costs - Why is only 1 of the people contracted overseas to work on CSIRO commercial projects performance based? Why is it that the commercial consultants seem immune from the demands of the competitive model? (E771) (written)
E227_04	CSIRO		Carr	Revenue generation - What decision has now been made for each div on cuts for 2003-04? Can you confirm that all divisions are now required to find external funding as part of CSIRO research projects? (written)
E228_04	CSIRO		Carr	Revenue generation - Is this CB&C unit subject to the same requirements as CSIRO research divisions with having to raise revenue to conduct its own operations? (written)
E229_04	CSIRO		Carr	CSIRO - Is it correct that CSIRO has no financial exposure to its \$70m loan to AMC, using Commonwealth loan funds? If AMC default, who bear the cost? Provide a copy of the terms of the loan to CSIRO of the \$70m? (written)
E230_04	CSIRO		Carr	Flagships - Have all 6 now been estab? Have business plans been finalised? Provide copies of research plans,

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				business plans and budgets for all 6? (written)
E231_04	CSIRO		Carr	Flagships - Which flagships will receive a proportion of the \$20m identified in the budget? (written)
E232_04	CSIRO		Carr	Flagships - detail what shifts have occurred, how much money is involved, from where it has been taken, where directed to. Also details of positions deployed, made redundant in all divisions affected by these transfers? (written)
E233_04	CSIRO		Carr	Light Metals flagship - Provide details of the business plan and budget, together with the initial case and related papers for the Light Metals flagship approved by the Flagship Oversight Committee? Budget for 2003-04? (written)
E234_04	CSIRO		Carr	Light Metals flagship - What percentage of this budget is expected to be derived from business, commercial or private sources? What sources have been identified? (written)
E235_04	CSIRO		Carr	Light Metals flagship - Is there any expectation in the Light Metals Flagship budget or business plan for the next 3 years of funding, royalties or any other revenue from AMC? (written)
E236_04	CSIRO		Carr	Light Metals flagship - What is the term of contract of this Flagship's Director, and what is his remuneration? Is he on a performance-based contract? (written)
E237_04	CSIRO		Carr	Light Metals flagship - What timetable has been set for reviewing this flagship? (written)
E238_04	CSIRO		Carr	Light Metals flagship - What specific targets, objectives and performance measures have been set for this flagship? Provide equivalent information for all flagships. (written)
E239_04	CSIRO		Carr	Provide a copy of CSIRO's submission for triennial funding prepared for the current budget round? (written)
E240_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - have you monitored the progress of these institutes? (written)
E241_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - How are they going? (written)
E242_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - Do you believe that there is anything CSIRO can learn from this model? (written)
E243_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - what lessons have you drawn from the balance between public good research and commercialisation? (written)
E244_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - A number of science commentators have suggested that this Institute model has shown no advantages over the former DSIR model, but with a set of new disadvantages. What is your opinion? Do you think that the model of having to compete competitively for their funding from a central pool is a good idea, applicable to CSIRO? (written)
E245_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - Are you aware of the extent that this has led to an over concentration on short term research? (written)

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E246_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - What is your opinion of the regression of a number of the Institutes into technical services providers, bereft of research. Is that part of your vision for CSIRO? (written)
E247_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - Do you believe that this model exacerbates the very 'silo mentality' that you have been concerned to overcome? (written)
E248_04	CSIRO		Carr	Fate of DSIR in New Zealand - Are you aware of steps now being taken by the NZ Government to minimise some of the ill effects of this experiment? (written)
E249_04	CSIRO		Carr	CSIRO - Can you explain why a downward revision of the estimates was necessary, who carried out the analysis that led to this revision, and when, and by who, this revision was approved formally? Provide copies of the analysis, minutes and all other documents relating to the approval of this revision? (written)
E250_04	CSIRO		Carr	Provide a copy of the triennial funding plan? (p. 310)
E251_04	CSIRO		Campbell	What stage is the SAMI project at? (p. 319)
E252_04	CSIRO		Carr	List of areas where this money can be found? (p. 321)
E253_04	CSIRO		Carr	Was this information provided to Professor Arculus? Was a decision taken to exclude the critical comments regarding the Southern Surveyor from the cruise summary? If so, by whom? (p. 328)
E254_04	CSIRO		Carr	Can I have a copy of that internal operations documents? Ask Mr Denning whether or not he did in fact communication Professor Arculus making that claim? (p. 328)
E255_04	CSIRO		Carr	Provide detailed assessment of each of these complaints? (p. 330)
E256_04	CSIRO		Carr	When do you expect the sale of the vessel to be completed? (p. 334)
E257_04	CSIRO		Campbell	Do you have a corporate policy about the use of chauffeur driven cars? What about the use of charter planes and helicopters? Provide details of the use by the executive team of chauffeur driven cars, charter planes and helicopters and also whether commercial flights were available? (pp. 338-9)
E258_04	CSIRO		Campbell	Identify what the degree of less than 100% was, in terms of remuneration. Whether that has occurred with previous executives or CEOs? (p. 340)
E259_04	CSIRO		Campbell	Give figures for the growth in research in those 4 key areas for 5-year periods over the past 20 years? (p. 345)
E260_04	RAE	1	Harradine	Please provide a table showing TAS year 12 retention rates, comparing these rates with the rates of other Australian states/territories. (written)
E261_04	RAE	1	Carr	Have all the states and territories completed their reporting for the annual national report on schooling in Australia? Can the Department provide copies of the pre-print chapters? (p. 539)

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E262_04	SG		Nettle	How many private schools were audited in 2002? How many schools were found to have overstated their enrolments and by how much? (pp. 519-20)
E263_04	SG		Nettle	Provide a copy of the preliminary results? (pp. 522-3)
E264_04	SG		Nettle	Provide the data to be able to see the impact of a Commonwealth decision, the SES funding model, on those particular areas that I am talking about? (pp. 525-6)
E265_04	SG		Carr	Provide details the assumptions and sources of the data for the elements of the estimates provided in table 7 of Budget Paper No. 1 on page 6-19 (pp. 529-531)
E266_04	SG		Carr	Reconcile the increase by \$129m with Budget Paper No 1, table 7 and provide in terms of indexation, enrolments, changes in capital and targeted programs, student assistance and any other factors that might help explain the discrepancy? (pp. 531-2)
E266_04			Carr	Reconcile the increase by \$129m with Budget Paper No 1, table 7 and provide in terms of indexation, enrolments, changes in capital and targeted programs, student assistance and any other factors that might help explain the discrepancy? (pp. 531-2)
E267_04	SG	1	Carr	The Commonwealth funding is in out-turn prices. Does the Queensland State Budget figures include estimates for indexation? (p. 532)
E268_04	SG		Carr	Can you convert the Commonwealth and each state and territory increases into total per student dollars as well as the percentage figures in the ministerial press release? (p. 533)
E269_04	SG		Carr	Can you tell why it was that the Commonwealth minister refused to endorse a national statement of MCEETYA on the need for all governments to support government schools as a national priority? (p. 534)
E270_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Can the Department provide any details on the timeline for the inclusion of Indigenous students as a National Priority area? (written)
E271_04	HEG	2	Stephens	Did the (DOTARS) Regional Policy Development Program provide advice concerning regional universities and their role in regional development? (written)
E272_04	HEG		Stephens	What work has been done to examine the extent of regional universities engagement with their communities? (written)
E273_04	HEG	2	Stephens	Engagement of regional universities with their communities - What were the key issues of a study done with funding of \$143,000 to Steve Garlic? (written)
E274_04	HEG	2	Stephens	Does the government have any published plan for the regional provision of higher education? (written)
E275_04	HEG	2	Stephens	Regional loading - how is the proposed loading calculated? Are external students counted in the calculated for regional funding? Are external students more expensive than internal students? Is the loading intended to compensate regional campuses for their lesser potential to earn income from fee-paying students and commercial partnerships? (written)

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E276_04	HEG	2	Stephens	Commonwealth Learning Scholarships - will the scholarships be counted as income when assessing a student's eligibility for Youth Allowances or being declared Independent of their parents when applying for Youth Allowances? (written)
E277_04	SG		Carr	The number of properties sold or leased by non-government school authorities since 1996 and the amount of Commonwealth capital funding in those properties? How many times there has been an actual sale to a non-school commercial entity? (p. 536)
E278_04	SG		Carr	In regard to the funding of schools on pg 27 of the PBS, there is an increase of \$9.148, up to \$2.2m from last year. What increased functions will it resource? Will the increase be used to review the current SES funding scheme? How much is being spent on the admin of government school grants? (pp. 537-8)
E279_04	SG	1	Carr	What has been the longest delay in the release of the national report on schooling? Is this the longest period of delay we have had? (pp. 538-9)
E280_04	SG	1	Carr	Output 1.3 assistance for quality of teaching and learning and transition - there seems to be a reduction in the current budget from last year of \$14.1m for the output and 121 for the admin. What is the explanation for the difference between those 2 sets of figures in the 2 PBSs? (pp. 540-1)
E281_04	SG		Carr	Provide details of funding for all programs supported by the quality outcomes program 2002-03, including the quality of the teacher program, number of schools, teachers, government, Catholic, independent, primary and secondary: themes and objectives; illiteracy, sciences, vocational ed and other programs; details of consultancies and projects including project descriptions, the expected outcomes and timing; details of the conferences, workshops and seminars funded by the Commonwealth? (p. 541)
E282_04 and 299_04	SG	1	Carr	Together with the data from the previous years for comparative purposes, provide the VET in Schools data, particularly any targets or projections for the out years? (p. 541)
E283_04	SG	1	Carr	Provide a full copy of the study on the resourcing of Australian primary schools. (p. 542)
E284_04	SG	1	Carr	Provide a copy of the review of the establishment assistance grants program. (pp. 542-3)
E285_04	SG	1	Carr	Glendale Christian College - is this the same school as Glendale College? Did the school changes its name to Investigator College? (pp. 543-4)
E286_04	SG	1	Carr	Wilgie View Learning Centre - how many primary students did it have in 2003? Have you made any other payments to this school and for what purposes? When do you calculate enrolments for the purposes of the establishment grant? (pp. 544-46)
E287_04	SG	1	Carr	Provide a list of the establishment grant applications that have been approved? (p. 547)

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E288_04	ANSTO		Carr	Reactor - On 5 separate occasions there have now been incidents regarding the welding. Is that right? (p. 295)
E289_04	ANSTO		Forshaw	The expenditure under the waste mgt plan in each year has been less than what was published in the budget. Comment on the reasons that it would have been underspent. (p. 298)
E290_04	ANSTO		Forshaw	Elimination of radioactive emission into the sewers (p. 299)
E291_04	ANSTO		Forshaw	Was the report required by EIS condition 10, requested of you by ARPANSA or was it work that came through one of the committees? (p. 299)
E292_04	ANSTO		Forshaw	When does the licence for the HIFAR reactor expire? (p. 304)
E293_04	ANSTO		Carr	Are there any penalties if COGEMA does not ship the material? (pp. 305-6)
E294_04	ANSTO		Carr	How much intermediate level waste at Lucas Heights? (p. 306)
E295_04	ANSTO		Forshaw	How is the \$14m made up? Is there any payment or consideration in that back to Australia? (p. 307)
E296_04	ANSTO		Forshaw	Details of the contract for the reprocessing of the spent fuel (uranium). What is the value of the uranium? (p. 308)
E298_04	VET	2	Campbell	Trade apprenticeships - Can you give the figures for the increase or the decline for each of the trade groups over the 2001 and 2002 calendar years? (p. 416)
E300_04	ANTA	2	Campbell	Provide copy of research report on the quality of teachers who are providing the VET in Schools program? (p. 425)
E301_04	HEG	2	Harradine	What work has been done to investigate the reasons for the low university participation rate in Tasmania and how it can be addressed? Provide details and copies of relevant research. (written)
E302_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Does the Department have a view as to how best to increase TAS university participation rate? (written)
E303_04	RAE	2	Harradine	What has been the level of unmet demand for university places in Tasmania each year over the past 5 years? (written)
E304_04	HEG	2	Harradine	What is the Department doing to reach out to and to engage potential students from disadvantaged backgrounds? (written)
E305_04	HEG	2	Harradine	What research has DEST undertaken or funded on ways to assist students from under-represented backgrounds to participate in Higher Education? Provide copies? (written)
E306_04	HEG	2	Harradine	What is the situation in Tasmania with regard to students from disadvantaged backgrounds? Provide details including a statistical profile. (written)
E307_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Disadvantaged students' attitudes to university study (written)
E308_04	HEG	2 and 3	Harradine	Does the Department recognise the important role of research to regional universities and their communities? (written)

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E309_04	HEG	2 and 3	Harradine	What is the Department doing to assist regional universities in undertaking research and maintaining and expanding their research capability? (written)
E310_04	HEG	2 and 3	Harradine	Isn't it true that having all Commonwealth research funding as competitive or performance-based funding would inherently discriminate against regional universities because of the special role they play in their communities and because of the special challenges they face? (written)
E311_04	ARC	1	Harradine	Would the Department consider quarantining a fixed and equitable proportion of competitive funding for regional universities to recognise that they are generally smaller institutions and they are central to the particular populations they serve? (written)
E312_04	HEG	2	Harradine	How many new fully funded university places will be allocated to the University of Tasmania and to the Australian Maritime College in the coming year? (written)
E313_04	HEG	2	Harradine	How many of the additional 234 Commonwealth supported medical school intake places will be created each year from 2004? How many will go each year to the University of Tasmania? What support accompanies these places? (written)
E314_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Has the Department carried out or funded studies on the possible impact of allowing universities to increase their fees by up to 30% on the likelihood of people to undertake study and whether such an increase would deter students? Provide copy of any work. (written)
E315_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Has the Department undertaken work or funded work on who the FEE-HELP and OS-HELP loans would appeal to? Would take-up of these loans tend to favour the relatively better off? Please provide copies of any work and evidence for your claims? (written)
E316_04	HEG	2	Harradine	How many students pay HECS upfront as compared to those who defer fees? Provide a table showing this by university and state/territory and in total for the past 5 calendar years? (written)
E317_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Has any work been done to investigate this debt-averse behaviour? Does this impact on student participation if a family wished to pay up front but cannot afford to? Has any research been done into this reaction to HECS? Provide copies. (written)
E318_04	HEG	3	Harradine	When is the Government to provide bandwidth funding to the University of Tasmania? How much and what is the timetable? What is the specific purpose of this funding? (written)
E319_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Provide details of which groups have improved equity access and which remain a concern, along with statistical detail of why, both for Tasmania and Australia as a whole in response to page 35 of <i>Our Universities</i> ? (written)
E320_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Which universities run outreach programs to attract equity group students? Which universities are considered to offer leading programs and provide copies of any documents which detail these programs? Does the University of Tasmania run such programs and provide details? (written)

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E321_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Will HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP and OS-HELP loans be non-deductible? (written)
E322_04	HEG	2	Harradine	Incentive to pay full HECS fees upfront and claim a tax deduction (written)
E323_04	HEG	2	Harradine	What proportion of university students were on full Commonwealth scholarships in 1971, prior to the Whitlam Government? (written)
E324_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Can Indigenous students access the Higher Education Equity Program or are they excluded? (pp. 266-7)
E325_04	HEG	2	Crossin	Has the Higher Education Equity Program been adjusted over the years by the same factor? (p. 267)
E326_04	IND	2	Crossin	How will the measures in Backing Australia's Future reverse the decline in participation experienced by Indigenous Australians since 1999? (written)
E327_04	RAE	1	Harradine	Do you track how many school students move to tertiary education? If so provide a table giving details of the proportion of school students in each state/territory moving to university education and also showing proportion moving to VET. (written)
E328_04	SCG	3	Carr	Details of the Consultative Panel and the Expert Advisory Committee appointed regarding National Research Priorities for research and science. (p. 380)
E329_04	HEG	2	Carr	Provide a copy of the Higher Education – Report for the 2003 to 2005 Triennium. (p. 467)