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Education, Science and Training portfolio - as at 6 February 2006

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E001_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Backing Australia's Ability (BAA) – Boosting Innovation, Science, Technology and Mathematics Teaching</i> : Can you tell me what the costings are going to be in seven years time? (pp. 84-85, 1 June 2004)
E002_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Tutorial Credit Initiative</i> : Is the Commonwealth liable if a child is mistreated under this program? (p. 89, 1 June 2004)
E003_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Anti-discrimination legislation</i> : Do you have any advice on the schools that have sought exemptions from the antidiscrimination legislation? (pp. 96-97, 1 June 2004)
E004_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Reddam House Holdings Pty Ltd</i> : Have you established any of the details relating to the company of Reddam House Holdings Pty Ltd? Can you confirm there is a relationship between DEST and Reddam House? Is the managing director Graeme Crawford? Is the director George Balios? Is the business manager Ian McLeod? Do all these men make up entire directorship? Do you think that the claim that the school is a not-for-profit school is legitimate? [refer also E713_04] (pp. 97-98, 1 June 2004)
E005_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Rejection of applications</i> : Are there any other businesses presenting themselves as schools which are not in fact not-for-profit entities? Have you rejected any other applications? [refer also E856_05] (p. 98, 1 June 2004)
E006_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Sunshine Coast Grammar School</i> : Confirm whether or not the ASIC records demonstrate whether the former and new ownership of the school is after the point of sale of the so-called school and whether the assets of the school were disposed of. Can you confirm that the school was sold to the Methodist and Presbyterian Schools Association by Sunshine Coast Grammar School for a profit company limited by shares? According to ASIC's records the company Sunshine Coast Grammar School Pty Ltd has recently changed its name to Sayipassed Queensland Pty Ltd and its major shareholder remains Mr William John Burgess and check whether or not the Commonwealth guidelines with regard to conditions for the payments of Commonwealth moneys for not for profit and that DEST has adequate capacity to scrutinise the operations of the schools to ensure that the structures surrounding so-called not-for-profit entities are in fact running services not for profit. (pp. 98-99, 1 June 2004) [refer E856_04]
E007_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Taylor's College, Melbourne</i> : I have raised the issue of Taylor's in Melbourne, which clearly does run a very large for profit operation – that is, running international students operated by the Study Group International – but it also receives Commonwealth money. You will tell me that this is, some how or another, some discrete entity I take it. Is that the case? (p. 99, 1 June 2004)
E008_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>National Institute for the Quality of Teaching and Schools Leadership Programme</i> : What is the daily rate being paid to the consultants? If you could, please – and the number of days worked. That will give me an indication of how much they cost. (p. 129, 1 June 2004)
E009_05	ARC		Carr	<i>Success rates: fellowships and grants</i> : At the last estimates round I asked a series of questions about the unusually high success rates under various competitive programs,, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federation fellowships (increasing rate); • Indigenous Researchers' Program; • Linkage – Fellowships; • Linkages – International; and • Linkages – Infrastructure: Equipment and Facilities. (a) Has the ARC undertaken a systematic evaluation of the programs

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				with unusually high success rates and/or unusually low application rates? (b) When was each of these programs last evaluated formally? Can reports be provided? What was recommended to improve the programs, in particular their popularity? (c) In the case of those programs that involve co-funding or sponsoring by industry, has industry been consulted about the attractiveness or otherwise of the programs? What has been the response? Can reports be provided? (d) What measures will, or has, the ARC put in place to attract higher numbers of applicants to each of these programs? (e) Which, if any, of these programs will be subsumed in, or replaced by, new programs announced in the BAA II package? (written) [refer also E818_04, E819_05, E820_04, E821_04, E825_04 and E826_04]
E010_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>Radioactive Waste Management</i> : Can you provide breakdown for the 2003-04 expenditure and also for the 2004-05 appropriation, which is slightly less? (p. 98, 2 June 2004)
E011_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>National Radioactive Waste Repository – IAEA Review</i> : When was the Minister informed of the recommendations of the IAEA report? (p. 101, 2 June 2004)
E012_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>National Radioactive Waste Repository – Licence Application – Correspondence with ARPANSA</i> : Please provide copy of letter to Dr Loy. (p. 102, 2 June 2004)
E013_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>National Radioactive Waste Repository – waste transport</i> : Transport specifications - do you or do you not dispute that was what DEST or its contractors told the public forum? (p. 106, 2 June 2004)
E014_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>National Radioactive Waste Repository – disposal campaign costs</i> : What is the costing for the first disposal campaign? (p. 108, 2 June 2004) [see also E012_05]
E015_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>National Radioactive Waste Repository – operating costs</i> : What are the establishment costs over the first three years of operating the facility? (p. 110, 2 June 2004) [see also E012_05]
E016_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>National Radioactive Waste Repository – inventory of low level and short-lived intermediate level radioactive waste</i> : Are you able to provide the current inventory and future waste proposed for the repository? Have you done an inventory of waste considered unsafe for shallow burial? (p. 111, 2 June 2004)
E017_05	SCG	3/3.2	Wong	<i>National Radioactive Waste Repository – Waste Acceptance Criteria</i> : Is the waste acceptance criteria proposed to be used? (p. 111, 2 June 2004) (attachment)
E018_05	I&T	1/1	Crossin	<i>Improving pathways from school to TAFE to university</i> : Is there any strategic planning being done to improve pathways from school to TAFE to university? (written)
E019_05	SCG	3/3.2	Carr	<i>Rejected applications for CRCs</i> : How many of the 19 applications were rejected under criterion 1? How many of the 19 applications were rejected under criterion 4? (written)
E020_05	SCG	3/3.2	Tierney	<i>A Study of International Science and Technology Policies and Programs</i> : Would you please send me a copy of the Allen Consulting Group report? (p. 125 2 June 2004) (large attachment – 260 pages)
E021_05	ARC	1	Carr	<i>Joint statement with NHMRC</i> : (a) Has a draft joint statement been prepared? (b) What is progress with consultations? Have consultations taken place? With whom? What is the process? (c) When do you anticipate finalisation of this statement? (d) What is its relationship with new BAA 2 program for a Quality Framework for research? (written) [refer also E816_04]
E022_05	ARC	1	Carr	<i>Executive level staff</i> : How long were they vacant for? How long were those four positions vacant for? (p. 31, 2 June 2004) [refer also E817_04]

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E023_05	ARC	1	Carr	<i>Membership and remuneration provided to Committees of the ARC Board: Could I have a list of members of Federation Fellowships, Appeals Committees and Centres of Excellence selection Committees that people participated in? Including payments. (p. 33 2 June 2004)</i>
E024_05	ARC	1	Harradine	<i>National Stem Cell Centre – funding: How much was budgeted for them for that year- just a month or two? (p. 34, 2 June 2004)</i>
E025_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Cost of administration: What does is cost across government to administer the Commonwealth research program and how does that compare with the ARC's administrative costs? (p. 47, 2 June 2004)</i>
E026_05	ARC	1	Harradine	<i>National Stem Cell Centre – funding from other sources: Can the ARC advise us what additional funding is provided to the National Stem Cell Centre and where it comes from? (p. 47 2 June 2004)</i>
E027_05	ARC		Harradine	<i>National Stem Cell Centre – purchase of human embryonic stem cells: How much did the National Stem Cell Centre spend on the purchase of human embryonic stem cells and from where? (p. 47, 2 June 2004)</i>
E028_05	I&T	1/1.2	Crossin	<i>Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) funding: Can the Department provide update on financial acquittals provide by State and Territory departments in relation to IESIP funding provide for 2003? (p. 101-102, 1 June 2004)</i>
E029_05	I&T	1/2.5	Crossin	<i>List of VET providers moving from remote to non-remote: Can you provide us with the list of pre-schools, schools and VET providers moving from remote to non-remote under the 2001 ABS Census? (p. 105, 1 June 2004)</i>
E030_05	I&T	1/2.5	Crossin	Final: <i>Aboriginal students not attending pre-school: How many Aboriginal students of preschool age are not attending any preschool or accessing any preschool? How many students would be eligible to go to school but are not attending school? (p. 106-107, 1 June 2004)</i>
E031_05	I&T	2/2.5	Crossin	<i>National Consultation document relating to the Indigenous Education funding: Please provide copy of the national consultation document. (p. 115, 1 June 2004) (attachment)</i>
E032_05	I&T	1/1.4	Crossin	<i>Career and Transitions (CAT) and Partnership Outreach Education Model (POEM) programmes: In June last year I thought you provided me with a forward estimate that said at end of 2004, \$3m had been allocated to CAT and \$2.3 million to POEM. Has that been phased out now? (p. 134-135, 1 June 2004) [refer also E035_04]</i>
E033_05	I&T	1/1.4	Crossin	<i>Jobs Pathway Programme (JPP): Are there schools that have used this program in the past but no longer use it now? (p. 136, 1 June 2004)</i>
E034_05	I&T	1/1.4	Crossin	<i>Career and Transitions (CAT) and Partnership Outreach Education Model (POEM) programmes and Jobs Pathway Programme (JPP): 1. Do you know how many transition staff have been with either the CATs or POEMs programmes or the JPP since they started? 2. What is the ratio of staff to clients in those programs? 3. Could you let me know whether the ratio has increased or decreased since the commencement of the program? (p. 136, 1 June 2004)</i>
E035_05	I&T	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Tertiary ABSTUDY allocations: Why do tertiary ABSTUDY allocations reduce by \$11 million from 2006-07 to 2007-08, as shown in the forward estimates? (written)</i>
E036_05	I&T	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Indigenous Staff Scholarships: 1. What data indicated that 5 Indigenous staff scholarships was an adequate number and would provide a strong and visible Indigenous presence in the higher education system? 2. Why was this particular number of Indigenous staff scholarships chosen? (written)</i>
E037_05	I&T	1/1.2	Carr	<i>Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) funding - breakdown: In Budget paper no.3 IESIP finding is broken down by education sector but not by level of education. Can figures for this breakdown be provided? (written)</i>

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E038_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Expenditure on research reviews</i> - Can I confirm that the total expenditure to February 2004 was \$3,585,000? Can you update that figure with any additional costs after that table was compiled? [refer also E882_04] (written)
E039_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Research Grants by university</i> : Can this information be provided - Total Commonwealth expenditure by universities for each year or percentage change over the period 2001-04? (written) [refer also 728_04]
E040_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Institutional Grants Scheme</i> : Why is the Institutional Grants Scheme not included in the BAA II package? Why, if such items as PELS and additional undergraduate university places, and other items, are included, is this one not there? Should we read anything into this decision? What is different about the IGS? Isn't it a research-related scheme? (written)
E041_05	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	<i>Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) component</i> : Was any of that \$10.866 million applied to Certificate III Information Technology (Software Applications)? [refer also E343_04] (p. 2, 3 June 2004)
E042_05	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	<i>Difference in Incentive Totals</i> : Why is \$385.59 million different from \$432.445 million in regards to New Apprenticeships? (p. 3, 3 June 2004) [refer also E343_04, E346_04]
E043_05	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	<i>Employers with New Apprentices Undertaking Certificate III IT (Software Applications)</i> : Who were the employers who put a significant proportion of their workforce into Certificate III Information Technology (Software Applications)? (pp. 3-4, 3 June 2004)
E044_05	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	<i>Office of Training and Tertiary Education Review</i> : Will the department be seeking a copy of the Office of Training and Tertiary Education (OTTE) Review on Certificate III Information Technology (Software Applications)? Please provide copy of the Victorian report. (pp. 5-6, 3 June 2004)
E045_05	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	<i>DEST Review of Transfer of New Apprentice Records from Certificate III in Information Technology (Software Applications) into other qualifications</i> : Please provide information on the review undertaken by the department to monitor files relating to Victorian commencements in Certificate III Information Technology (Software Applications)? (p. 6, 3 June 2004)
E046_05	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	<i>Recovery of Fee-for-Service from New Apprenticeships Centres</i> : Has the Department recovered any fee-for-service from New Apprenticeships Centres (NACs) for commencements under Certificate III in Information Technology (Software Applications) in Victoria that were subsequently cancelled as a result of the review undertaken? (p. 6, 3 June 2004)
E047_05	VET	2/2.1, 2.2,2.3	Carr	<i>VET funding</i> : Increase in VET allocations – Senator Carr sought a comparison of funding across the out years to identify changes to the availability of funding for Vocational Education and Training. (p. 15, 3 June 2004)
E048_05	VET	2/2.1	Carr	<i>Assessment of Growth in States' funding</i> : What assessment has been done on the growth in the states' funding during that period of the ANTA Agreement? (p. 17, 3 June 2004)
E049_05	VET	2/2.1	Carr	<i>Training component of the \$10 million Labour Market Adjustment Program – Mitsubishi</i> : Where do I find money for training for displace workers? (a) Is there no training component? (b) How many places are proposed? (c) What is the unit cost of these places? (p. 20, 3 June 2004)
E050_05	SAE	2/2.1	Carr	<i>Year 10 students not going on to work or study</i> : In terms of research, how many year 10 students are not going on to either work or school? What are your latest figures on the drop-out rates? (p. 24, 3 June 2004)
E051_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP)</i> : Has there been an evaluation of NAAP? How many people do you expect to go through that program? Do we have an age breakdown? What is the spread of that? (p. 27, 3 June 2004)

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E052_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP):</i> (a) How many school leavers are on the NAAP? How many are estimated to go through this program? (b) Can you give us an age breakdown of the clients on NAAP and how many are on income support? (d) How many NAA providers are also Job Network providers? (d) How many NAA providers are registered as New Apprenticeships Centres? (e) What is the average cost per client in NAAP? (written)
E053_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP):</i> What has been the success of NAAP in getting disadvantaged clients into apprenticeships? Break this down by state, region and age. (written)
E054_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Mature Aged New Apprentices:</i> For 2003-04 year, provide list of number of mature age apprentices that have entered the New Apprenticeships system, the level of training, and cost of training and employer subsidies paid? Provide list of numbers of mature age apprentices expected to go through New Apprenticeships system and cost in training and employer subsidies. How much of estimated expenditure for mature age incentives was spent in 2002-03 and 2004-04? (written)
E055_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Women in Non-Traditional New Apprenticeships Incentive:</i> 1. Please explain occupations covered by the "targeting women in non-traditional occupations incentive"? 2. Was this diff pre-budget axing of certain incentives? (written)
E056_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Average (mean) commencement incentives payments:</i> What is average commencement subsidy paid to employers under apprenticeships system? How is this expected to change in light of the Government axing of training incentives? (written)
E057_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Average (Mean) completion incentives payments:</i> What is average completion payment paid to employers under apprentices' scheme? (written)
E058_05	VET	2./2.2	Carr	<i>Commencement of Apprentices:</i> How many apprentices are expected to commence this budget year? Can we have these estimates over next four years? What proportion commencing this year do you expect to be in training for a certificate III or above? Can we have these estimates over next 4 years? (written)
E059_05	VET		Carr	What proportion of apprentices over last four years have been existing workers as opposed to new entrants to the labour market? What level of funding has gone towards training existing workers and provide these on a per year basis? Please provide breakdown of existing workers? (written)
E060_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Percentage of New Apprenticeships by Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level:</i> What is the level of training/accredit provide to existing workers and how does this compare to the level of training received by new entrants? (written)
E061_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Final: Average length of time of an apprenticeship:</i> What is average length of time of an apprenticeship? How does this compare to 1996? To have clarification that the nominal length of apprenticeships still remains the same as in 1996, and to obtain information on the actual average completion time for apprenticeships, and how that compares with actual completion time in 1996. (written)
E062_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>New Apprenticeships Centres (NACs) and Job Network providers:</i> How many NACs are there in total? How many NACs are Job Network providers? (written)
E063_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Advertising for New Apprenticeships Centres:</i> How much is spent on advertising each year for New Apprenticeships centres and from where in the budget is this appropriated? (written)
E064_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Success Rate of New Apprenticeships Centres (NACs):</i> What has been the success of Apprenticeships Centres encouraging employers to employee New Apprentices? Can we get this broken down by each Apprenticeship Centre and their local area? (written)

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E065_05	VET	2/2.2	Carr	<i>Breakdown – New Apprenticeship Centres (NACs):</i> What does the \$133m NACs funding actually go towards? Please break this down. (written)
E066_05	VET	2/2.1	Carr	<i>Skill shortages initiatives:</i> Does department know how much each will cost and where money will come from? Identify how much is new or additional money? Please provide breakdown of what is included in New Apprenticeships Workforce Development appropriation. How does adopt a school differ to the current industry engagement project to help encourage business to promote better pathways and apprentices in schools? (written)
E067_05	VET	2/2.1	Crossin	<i>Unmet demand for TAFE places:</i> What is DEST estimation of number of potential students who could miss out of TAFE places this year? Does DEST agree with TAFE Directors Australia claim that up to 50,000 potential students could miss out on TAFE places this year? (written)
E068_05	VET	2/2.1	Crossin	<i>Skill needs:</i> What long term plans do the department have for: (a) reviewing skills needs of Australia and (b) provide funds and programs to meet these needs, in particular in provision of more long term higher skill programs instead of quick traineeships which have become predominant? (written)
E069_05	VET	2/2.1	Crossin	<i>ANTA Agreement Future Growth:</i> What is being done in the way of negotiations to reach a new ANTA Agreement on future growth? (written)
E070_05	VET	2/2.1	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Increased Allocation:</i> Increase spending on TAFE and VET In <i>Campus Review</i> 4-11 May 2004, page 5, Geoff Maslen reports that between 1997 and 2002 the States increased spending on TAFE and VET by \$340m, while the Commonwealth increased its allocation by only \$19million. Are these figures correct and if so how can DEST continue to refuse to provide growth funds unless the States match them? (written)
E071_05	VET	2/2.1	Crossin	<i>Funding per student in VET:</i> What has been the pattern of funding per student in VET over the past three years? Is it true that VET numbers have grown so fast that funding per head of VET students has actually declined? (written)
E072_05	VET	2/2.1	Crossin	<i>VET Programs – Indigenous Participants:</i> Tom Karmel "Shaping Our Future" in the <i>Professional Educator</i> (Vol 3 No 1, March 2004) points out that the latest national ANTA strategy signed off in November 2003 has as objective four 'Indigenous Australians will have skills for viable jobs and their learning culture will be shared'. Indigenous Australians will have skills for viable jobs and learning culture – 1. How will this be implemented? 2. Are special VET program being planned for Indigenous participants? (written)
E073_05	VET	2/2.1	Allison	<i>Number of TAFE teachers on casual contracts:</i> How many TAFE teachers are on casual contracts and what is their share of the total teaching load in delivery hours and as a percentage? Please provide a breakdown of these figures to the state level. (written)
E074_05	VET	2/2.1	Allison	<i>TAFE fees:</i> How much have TAFE fees risen in each state over the last four years? (written)
E075_05	VET	2/2.1	Carr	<i>Commonwealth Funding Growth Factor:</i> Growth forecast – Senator Carr sought information on the Commonwealth funding growth factor for the period of the proposed 2004-06 ANTA Agreement. (p. 17, 3 June 2004)
E076_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>FEE-HELP Implications for present value of debt:</i> - Re: Gillian Beer and Bruce Chapman paper: 1. Has DEST conducted any surveys into number of full-fee courses that will exceed \$50,000? 2. What have you found? Please provide list of courses by fee level and institution, which going on information available now, will exceed the \$50,000 total borrowing limit in 2005. 3. Have you estimated how many students are likely to be affected by the cap each year for the next ten years? How many? 4. Where do you expect that a student, having reached the limit of \$50,000 on their loan, will be able to find the money? 5. Have you held discussions with commercial banks about their attitude to lending to

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E077_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Fee Payers moving to HECS places:</i> - Please specify what circumstances have changes in relevant ways so that the trend since 1998, where only 20% of fee-payers have moved to HECS places annually, is not to prevail any more. [refer also E471_04] (written)
E078_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>FEE-HELP loan limit:</i> Please clarify relationship between FEE_HELP loan limit of \$50,000 and the 20% surcharge of the debt. In particular: does the surcharge count towards the limit, so that effectively only \$41 666 can be borrowed to actually pay fees: or does the surcharge NOT count towards the limit, so that effectively \$60 000 can be borrowed? What is this explained to students and potential borrowers. Doesn't HESA specify limit of debt accruable as \$50 000? Is it necessary to amend HESA? If so, when? (written) [refer also E876_04]
E079_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>Additional HECS Debt.</i> In Parliament on 26 May the Minister indicated that the \$377 million in additional HECS will be paid or incurred as debt by students between 2005 and 2008. In Parliament on 1 June, the Minister revised this figure up to \$662 million on the basis that: "In fact, my department has spent the last week, in fact, further analysing this information and when the department actually takes into account the students in the system who are not effected by this..." 1. Can you explain how a smaller number of students being affects would result in an 80% increase in additional HECS being paid by students over next four years? 2. Who requested advice? 3. Who was contact officer in Minister's office? 4. When was original advice provided? 5. When was revised advice provided? (written)
E080_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>Additional Revenue from FEE-HELP Loans:</i> What is the total additional revenue received for each year of the forward estimates from undergraduate FEE-HELP loans? What would the total impact be in cash terms for each year of the forward estimates? (written)
E081_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Data on Student Enrolments:</i> Please provide data on student enrolments for each of the eight state and territories. (written) [refer also E901_04] (attachment)
E082_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Fully funded places:</i> Isn't it the case that while these are new fully funded places they will not result in an increase in number of Australians commencing a university course because the places are already being filled each year? Can you provide figures? (written) [refer also E798_04 and E120_05]
E083_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Growth places:</i> Can you indicate what the base year for this calculation is? Is that to maintain participation rates at 2007 levels? Are you aware of research posted on Griffith University website? What would answer be if base year for calculations were 2002? (written) [attached is E799_04]
E084_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Student data:</i> Could you provide full answer to original question? If not, please provide 2002 full fee paying student data. (written) [refer also E897_04] (attachment 65 pages)
E085_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Student data:</i> Could you provide information regarding students from equity groups as a proportion of respective domestic student cohorts and relevant reference value relative to broader population share? (written) [refer also E902_04] (attachment)
E086_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>HECS Outstanding debt breakdown by state:</i> Please provide a state by state breakdown of \$10.1billion HECS debt outstanding for 2003-04. (written) [refers to E903_04]
E087_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>HECS Doubtful Debt breakdown by state:</i> Please provide a state by state breakdown of \$2.2 billion doubtful HECS debt for 2003-04. (written) [refers to E903_04]
E088_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>HECS Outstanding Debt projected for 2007-2008:</i> Please provide state by state breakdown of \$15.395billion outstanding HECS debt projected

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E090_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>Students Contributing to HECS revenue in 2005:</i> Please indicate numbers of students assumed to be contributing to additional \$94 million in HECS revenue in 2005 across 17 as tabled by the Minister in the House on 26 May and referred to in Min 713/02 of the same day. Please provide number of students assumed to be affected for each institution. (written)
E091_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>Increases in HECS paid:</i> In Parliament the Minister indicated that the \$277 million in additional HECS paid next year is likely to grow to \$500 million as more universities decide to increase HECS. Did department provide advice to Minister suggesting this would be the case? If so, which universities that have not already made a decision do you consider likely to increase fees? What would average HECS fee paid or debt is for students commencing in 2005? (written) [refer to media release Min 713/02]
E092_05	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	<i>HECS debt as a result of HESA:</i> Do figures of interim Triennium report take account of extra HECS debt as a result of the passage of the Higher Education Support Act? (written) [refers to E915_04]
E093_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Private Providers Information Kit:</i> Please provide copy of information kit given to private higher education providers on how to apply for Commonwealth approval under HESA. Please provide details on which organisations were represented at the launch. (written) (E911_04) [hard copy attachment - can be obtained from the Internet]
E094_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Actions taken to meet HESA requirements:</i> Please provide details of actions taken to meet HESA requirements relating to disallowable instruments: approval of providers; revocations of approvals; determinations relating to courses of study and Commonwealth-supported students; lists of grants made under s.41-10; determination of courses under which FEE-HELP is unavailable; guidelines required by the Act and funding agreements (to be tabled only – not disallowable). (written)
E095_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Determinations:</i> Please provide list of determinations made by Minister and tabled, pursuant to legislation, in particular the provisions of the HESA. (written)
E096_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Victoria University's international education activities:</i> (a) Has Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation written to DEST about its concerns about the activities and courses of Victoria University in Hong Kong? (b) What are concerns of Hong Kong authorities? What action has DEST taken? (c) Are you aware Council has written to University itself, following information received about the contents of the review of the University's operations, which mentioned specifically its international activities and programs? (d) Have you discussed concerns with University? What is outcome? (written) [refers to E760_04]
E097_05	SAE	1&2/ 2.4	Crossin	<i>Study: University scholarships:</i> Summary of study? What questions were asked? Was study done face-to-face etc? Who did study? When was it done? How many were Indigenous? Informed of living allowances? Informed of figures showing how many hours students have to work part time for income? Were they informed of how HECS works? What is timeline for project? (written)
E098_05	HEG	2/2.5	Crossin	<i>DEST Plans for reviewing HECS system - Record numbers at University:</i> How many young Australians were unsuccessful due to lack of place in 2004? How many undergrads are now full fee paying? What plans does DEST have for listening to critics and reviewing HECS systems? Rapid jump in university charges? What forward plan is in place? Limit fees - what is DEST opinion on this? (written)

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E099_05	HEG	2/2.4	Crossin	<i>Establishment of Business/Industry/Higher Education Collaboration Council (BIHECC):</i> When will this happen and will funds come from proposed Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund? How much funding is proposed for this fund and how much for the BIHECC in 2005? (written)
E100_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Teaching and Nursing Course:</i> How will universities ensure that students in a nursing or teaching course will not be charged HECS? What will be the cost of a basic nursing degree at each university in 2005? What will be the cost of a basic teaching degree at each university in 2005? (written) (E871_04)
E101_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Estimated Additional Revenue:</i> What is total additional revenue estimated by DEST that each university will receive per year from 2005-08 including amounts from HECS and fee increases, CGS amounts, regional loadings and other federal grants? Have effects been modelled or considered by DEST? What impact is this likely to have on smaller regional and out metropolitan universities? (written)
E102_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Modelling of estimated university grants:</i> Please update the answer to question E669_04. (written)
E103_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Sector comment on Workplace Productivity Programme (WPP):</i> What has been the sector comment to date on the WPP? (written)
E104_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Commonwealth funding to universities:</i> Please provide estimate of the funding for years 2005-08 inclusive for the total Commonwealth funding to universities through the Education, Science and Training portfolio under the Higher Education Support Funding Act. Please provide estimate for total Commonwealth funding to universities through EST under Support Act and BAA2. (written) [refer also E723_04]
E105_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>HEIMS System:</i> What are estimated savings to universities and Government from the use of the HEIMS system? (written)
E106_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>HEIMSBAC Meeting:</i> Please provide details of 'request for Commonwealth assistance' discussed at the HEIMSBAC meeting on 5 February. (written)
E107_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Transitional funding:</i> How can the department be sure that current allocation for transition funding will not rise further than \$39m and that no university will have less real funding than in 2004? (written) [refer also E867_04]
E108_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>CGS Funding estimates:</i> Please provide a copy of the CGS funding estimate sent to universities in February or March this year. (written) (attachment – 40 pages)
E109_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Diversity of Higher Education system:</i> (a) How diverse will the higher education system be in 2005? (b) Was this level of diversity higher or lower than expected? (c) What other measure in <i>Backing Australia's Future</i> will increase the diversity of the system? (written)
E110_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Basis for exempting fee-waiver and fee-pay scholarships:</i> What was the basis for the decision to extend the exemption from social security income tests to include partial fee-waiver and fee-pay scholarships? (written)
E111_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Cost of exempting the CLS:</i> Please explain how the estimated cost of exempting the CLSs from the social security income test was calculated. (written)
E112_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Exempting scholarships:</i> What would it cost Federal Government to exempt scholarships to students studying part/time at a school, college or university from income tax? Please provide breakdown of costing? How many students would this affect? (written)
E113_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Scholarships exempted from social security income tests:</i> Why weren't all scholarships exempted from social security income tests? (written)
E114_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Exempting scholarships:</i> What would it cost Federal Government to exempt all scholarships provide by universities from social security income tests? How many students would this affect? (written)

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E115_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Indigenous students receiving Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS):</i> Please update answer to question E672_04 with 2003 figures. (On 2003 enrolment figures, what percentage of commencing Indigenous students and commencing students from low-income families would have received a Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship?) (written)
E116_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (CAS):</i> Please update answer to question E673_04 with 2003 figures. (On 2003 enrolment figures, what percentage of commencing rural students would have received a Commonwealth accommodation Scholarship?) (written)
E117_05	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	<i>Funding multi-modal student load:</i> Please update answer to E674_04 to include the multi-modal student load and the additional cost of funding this load at the same rate as the external load. (written)
E118_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Student Enrolment:</i> What is the total student enrolment this year? What is it seven per cent of? (p. 42, 3 June 2004)
E119_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Net gain of EFTSU:</i> What is the gain across the sector of EFTSU next year? How many more Australians will be able to start university next year? (p. 42, 3 June 2004)
E120_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Number of New Places:</i> I would like to know number of new places - new opportunities for people to go to university - for every year up until 2008. (p. 43, 3 June 2004) [refer to E082_05]
E121_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Department of Health Discussions:</i> Did the Education Department support the establishment of a medical school at the University of Western Sydney? (p. 47, 3 June 2004)
E122_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Southern Area Health Service:</i> Does the University of NSW actually run the Southern Area Health Service at Liverpool? (p. 49, 3 June 2004)
E123_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>University of Sydney approach to DEST:</i> Has the University of Sydney approached the department about the medical school proposal? (p. 49, 3 June 2004)
E124_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Medical School at James Cook University:</i> How much money was initially proposed for the medical school at James Cook University? (p. 50, 3 June 2004)
E125_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Cost of a medical place at James Cook University:</i> How much is the average cost of a medical place at JCU? (p. 50, 3 June 2004)
E126_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Superannuation liabilities in budget papers:</i> Is it fair to say that an outcome of the review is that the Commonwealth Government will explicitly recognise this ongoing liability in its own financial statements? Where do I find it in this year's budget? (p. 53, 3 June 2004)
E127_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Chair in Child Protection at University of South Australia (USA):</i> Why did the Government fund the Chair in Child Protection at the University of South Australia? How many other chairs has the Government agreed to fund for an initial period of 10 years? (p. 54, 3 June 2004)
E128_05	HEG	2/2.4	Chair (Tierney)	<i>The reason for university deficits in 2002:</i> Is there any way we can check these university deficits to find out how many are because of special, one-off factors? Could you analyse that? (p. 68, 3 June 2004)
E129_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Recent advances:</i> In terms of the advances, when you have to get an advance to continue operating, that is a measure of a real problem? (p. 68, 3 June 2004)
E130_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Percentage breakdown of revenue:</i> Can I get this table that tells me the percentage breakdown of total research revenue, total teaching revenue, percentage of total operating expenses, total operating surplus, and total percentage of debt of Group of Eight universities? Can that be compared between 2000 and 2004? (p. 69, 3 June 2004)
E131_05	SG	1/1.2	Allison	<i>Free preschool education:</i> How much would be the cost to provide free preschool to all three and four year olds nationally? Please provide a breakdown for both age groups and for each state. (written)
E132_05	SG	1/1.1	Allison	<i>SES model:</i> How many Catholic and non-government schools will be funded through the SES model from 2005-08? Please provide a breakdown by year and sector. (written)

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E133_05	SG	1/1.3	Allison	<i>National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF)</i> : What is the total Federal Government expenditure on the national Safe Schools Framework for 2004 and estimate to be for 2005-08? Please provide details of government modelling of the cost for schools who formally commit to the NSSF and the details of the commitment required by the Government. (written)
E134_05	SG	1/1.1	Allison	<i>School Amenities</i> : Please provide details of any Government modelling of the cost of equipping all schools with a national standard of basic school amenities. (written)
E135_05	SG	1/1.1	Allison	<i>Non-permanent classrooms</i> : How many schools teach students in non-permanent classrooms? How much would be replacement of these classrooms with permanent structures cost? (written)
E136_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Schools funding announcement: Minister's media release MIN 639/04 11 March 2004</i> - Please provide information for each of the years 2005-08 in relation to pages 1, 2, 3 and 4. (written)
E137_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Non-government schools funding 2003-08</i> : Please provide this file on Excel spreadsheet. Provide a separate list of 'funding guaranteed' schools and advise year when school 'returns' to the SES. (written)
E138_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Minister's release: School funding - the facts</i> : Please provide full details of funding elements for schools on page 2, include the following, for each school: Commonwealth state or territory government; private; fees and donations; other sources of private income and recurrent; and capital. Include statement from Department's auditor. (written)
E139_05	SG	1/1.3	Crossin	<i>Values, civics and citizenship education</i> : \$35m for four years for values, civics and citizenship education - How is this to be allocated to schools? What guidelines are there? What schools are eligible? Will this be using existing programs or are these seen as too 'values neutral'? (written)
E140_05	SG		Crossin	<i>Schools reporting to parents</i> : 3, 5 & 7 test results - Will the department be sending information home to parents about what funding each school gets? Will comparisons be given? Plans to reduce funding to school performing 'poorly'? Might schools be given more funding? Proposals to reduce funds to schools not reporting results to parents? (written)
E141_05	SG	1/1.1	Crossin	Interim: Non-government school funding advantage : Recent report by Trevor Cobbold, finds that non-government schools increased their funding advantage over public schools from 7% in 2001 to between 12-17% in 2003/04 – so at least doubled their advantage. 1. What is DEST estimate of such non-government school funding advantage? 2. The same report found that on a per student basis and taking (as one should to be accurate) ALL income into account, government schools received an average \$8477 per student whereas independent schools received \$11,890. Again what figures do DEST have? 3. How are indigenous schools held accountable for funds give to them by the government? What financial and performance reports do they have to provide - how often and to whom? (written)
E142_05	SG	1/1.1	Crossin	<i>Teacher shortage</i> : What is being done to increase number of teachers at secondary level? How many university places were there last year for training secondary teachers? How many this year? How many applications were turned down in those two years due to lack of university places? (written)
E143_05	SG	1/1.1	Crossin	<i>Catholic schools into the SES funding system</i> : What funds have actually been provide? To which schools? Is this a 'one off' or annual assistance? What accountability processes are in place for these funds? (written)
E144_05	SG	1/1.1	Nettle	<i>Questions referring to tables of individual schools funding published on DEST's website</i> : 1. For each school that is Funding Maintained, what is the difference for each year between SES amount and their actual amount, per capita, and total? 2. What are per capita amounts used for 2004? (and why is there not a direct correlation between SES and amount per capita)? 3. Can the Minister supply table of actual

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				expenditure by school, based on what they would have got in 2001 under ERI, and what they get when implementation of SES is complete, showing increase broken down by enrolment and SES effect? 4. What is basis for 2004 per capita figures? 5. Which figures in table represent first year in which SES model is fully implemented? 6. Can the Minister supply the complete list of assumptions and formulae used to calculate the actual funding of a school receiving SES funding such that the total funding can be calculated from the SES score and the enrolment data of the school. (written) [large attachment: spreadsheets number of pages – question 1 (32 pages); question 2 (1 page); question 3 (175 pages) and 2003 ERI rates –(1 page)]
E145_05	SG	1/1.1	Nettle	<i>Funding agreement:</i> It was also reported by Mr Kelly in <i>The Australia</i> (March 6 th) that part of the agreement that changes the funding of Catholic systemic schools is a review of the SES in 2008, and this will involve including school private income. Can the Minister supply complete details of this agreement? (written)
E146_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Consultations involving education stakeholders:</i> Provide information on issues reportedly identified at meeting - issues of recognition of qualifications, fraudulent documents, equivalents of quality assurance framework, return of student fees to Australian for courses provide in China. Are you able to give me a report on those issues? (p. 7, 3 June 2004)
E147_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Policy announcement on international education:</i> Recent New Zealand policy announcement on international education - what is the nature of their scholarships? (p. 72, 3 June 2004)
E148_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Australian International College of Business:</i> What was the nature of the misleading and deceptive conduct that was the reason for the Australian International College of Business having its registration cancelled? (p. 72, 3 June 2004) [refer also E762_04]
E149_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>New South Wales International College:</i> What was the false or misleading info published or represented by the NSW International College that led to its deregistration? (p. 72, 3 June 2004)
E150_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Reasons for cancellations, suspensions and imposing conditions:</i> (a) Please provide details of the reasons for cancellation, suspensions and imposition of conditions on providers covered by documents tabled by the Department in February 2004 and in question on notice E762_04. (b) of the providers referred to in the tabled documents, which providers remain suspended? (p. 72, 3 June 2004)
E151_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>NEAS Board:</i> Education Australia has a permanent seat on the board - Commonwealth initially approached the organisation. Is that the reason for them having the permanent seat? (p. 77, 3 June 2004)
E152_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Harbridge UniCollege:</i> Is Harbridge Uni College which applied to VETAB for CRICOS registration the same Harbridge that claims on its website to have credit transfer arrangements with the University of Wollongong? (p. 79, 3 June 2004)
E153_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Harbridge Uni College:</i> Mr Michael Megas (formerly failed international colleges) - Will you be able to confirm whether the college has any students? (p. 79, 3 June 2004)
E154_05/ E155_05	AEI	3/3.3	Stott Despoja	<i>International Education Contribution:</i> (a) 990i Visa Application Charges - Does this amount include \$85 increase to Student Visa Charge to fund Australian Government's scheme 'Paying for a Better Education'? Are these one and the same thing?(written)
E155_05/ E154_05	AEI	3/3.3	Stott Despoja	(b) \$111 International Education Contribution - would you please provide accurate breakdown of total allocation of funds raised from IEC. Please provide information as to allocation of funds to following areas: Student Information Services Charge; Monitoring ESOS Act; compliance; administration of AEI; administration of PRISMS; administration of Student Visa Program; Marketing of AIE overseas services provide to international students consolidated revenue. (written)

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E156_05	AEI	3/3.3	Stott Despoja	<i>Budget Measures: Increase in the Educational Services for Overseas Students Act Fee:</i> (a) Please provide an update of result of this strategy, part in relation to ensuring compliance with the National Code. Under ESOS Act National Code, what is the minimum action required by a university in arrangements of independent grievance resolution? (b) How does the department ensure that these provisions are in place? (written) [refer also E658_04]
E157_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Withdrawn the accreditation of a college in South Australia:</i> SA college and CRICOS – (a) Are you aware NEAS has withdrawn accreditation of a college in SA - December 2003? (b) Are you aware that this college offered only one course, an English language course? (c) Did you deregister such a provider form Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS)? Still registered on CRICOS? Why? Are processes watertight? Can colleges slip through the net? (written)
E158_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Cooperation and competition in international education with New Zealand:</i> Provide details of interactions with NZ in this area - including joint activities. What effect do trade between NZ and Australia have on cooperation and competition in field of international education between two countries? (written)
E159_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>South African Government review of foreign MBA program:</i> Are you aware of review of MBA program offered in the country? Have you seen copy of report? What are review's conclusions? Please provide list of Australian providers offering MBAs in South Africa? Undertaken discussion with South African authorities about any adverse conclusions? Please provide report. (written)
E160_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA):</i> What are the implications of SAFTA on Australia's International education activities? Has the department had discussions with UNSW about guarantees of academic freedom? What is situation for Australian universities seeking to establish a campus? What laws apply? Has Singapore agreed to modify its law? How will UNSW be able to guarantee environ is commensurate with that enjoyed in Australia? (written)
E161_05	SAE	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Skilled Independent Regional Visa and International students:</i> (a) Can you confirm international students will be able to apply for a new visa category without leaving Australia? (b) How is regional universities defined? (c) Provide list of universities whom this rule applies. (d) Confirm the benefit available to regional university graduates; is only five points out of a necessary 110 points? (e) How many graduates is it expected will benefit from this new provision per annum? (written)
E162_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Uniworld High School:</i> (a) Have you followed up the matter raised about misleading statements made on its website by Uniworld High School regarding student visa requirements? (b) Has provider rectified the problem of the misleading statement? Has it removed from its material the incorrect advice to effect that students enrolling are required to stay with provide for one year? (written)
E163_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Australian College of Physical Education II:</i> (a) The Australian College of Physical education in Sydney (CRICOS no: 01822J) recently changed hands. Are you aware of that? (b) Are you aware college was formerly owned by Sydney Church of England Coeducational Grammar School (SCECGS) and that its new owners include the former Principal of that school, Mr Peter Cornish, and former school council member, Mr Robert Dunnett? (c) Have you examined claims that College was sold by the School to the former Principal and council member for a sum that was unexpectedly low, compared to other comparable sales? (d) Have you examined claims by the School that the sale of the College netted the Grammar School \$3 million although the College had been bought for \$6.35 million and was sold for only \$7.5 million? (e) Have you examined the credentials for either of both of these persons from the point of view of the ESOS Act's 'fit and proper person' provisions? (f) Have you

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				sought advice from VETAB NSW on this matter? What was advice? (written) (E907_04)
E164_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Australian College of Physical Education II</i> : (a) Are you aware of adverse publicity surrounding this provider and the roles of SCEGGS, in the last few years, including associations of the provider with the collapse of a catering company at time of Sydney Olympics? (b) Are you aware that SCEGGS made a loan of over \$1m at that time to the company Blazer Hospitality International, a company which very soon after went bankrupt towing the Grammar School \$5m? (c) Did you know company was involved in business dealings prior and during Olympics? (d) Are you satisfied that the new owners of this College were not adversely implicated in any of the events surrounding: the collapse of Blazer International; the 1997 purchase of the College by the Grammar School; or the sale of the College by the school to the new owners until recently associated intimately with the school? (e) Are you satisfied that ACPE have passed ESOS test? Is there a provision to examine credentials of persons that purchase existing international providers? (written)
E165_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Projects funded under the program, "International Centres of Excellence"</i> : Provide listing of all projects funded under the program. Please provide details of funding. Describe basis on which why are funded, for how many years, under what conditions, type of contract or agreement? For how many years in each Centre funded? Can DEST revoke or stop funding without notice? Under what circumstances? Do centres operate autonomously? How does this sit with the concept of an 'arm's length' approach? (written)
E166_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Advice on the implications for the education sector</i> : The Australia-United states Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) - are you able to provide any further advice on the implications for the education sector? Is there any scope for a US education provider to gain access to public subsidies as a result of the agreement? What are implications for education provider of extending copyright from 50 to 70 years? Has any financial impact modelling been undertaken? (written) [refer also E755_04]
E167_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Industrial Issues</i> : Annual review process - What other (industrial) issues were there (which led to an industrial dispute in April)? What other issues are causing difficulty? (p. 19, 2 June 2004)
E168_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Importation of medical radioisotopes</i> : Can you identify by way of a list the isotopes and their uses that are not available by importation? (p. 23, 2 June 2004)
E169_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Importation of medical radioisotopes</i> : HIFAR reactor shutdown - During those 40 days what areas of shortage occurred? (p. 24, 2 June 2004) [refer also to E168_05]
E170_05	AIMS		Carr	<i>Marine research and education</i> : Australian Institute of Marine Science and James Cook University – (a) How does this program and the figure fit together with the systemic infrastructure initiative grant to JCU of \$3.44 million for marine research and education work? (b) Was that also part of the joint venture? (p. 4, 2 June 2004)
E171_05	AIMS		Carr	<i>Long-term funds</i> : In terms of BAA 2, what long-term funds are you able to draw upon? (p. 5, 2 June 2004)
E172_05	AIMS		Carr	<i>AIMS' CRC Reef investment and in kind support</i> : (a) How much money do you put in? You are a joint partner. When you take money out of it you get \$1.2 million in revenue, but presumably as a partner you are also contributing to the operation of the CRC. Is that not all in kind? (b) How much of it is in kind? (p. 13, 2 June 2004)
E173_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Radiation Consequences Analysis</i> : ANSTO has previously its willingness to release a document titles "Radiation Consequences Analysis" (sic) When do you expect to release this report? (written)
E174_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>ANSTO Waste Management</i> : Can you provide a fully costed waste management contingency plan for the Lucas Heights site? (written)

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E175_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Replacement research reactor</i> : How much has been spent so far, both in Australia and overseas, on this project? (written)
E176_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Replacement research reactor</i> : What costs are projected to finalise the project up to the stage of hot commissioning? (written)
E177_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Replacement research reactor</i> : Does this [answer to E176_05] include costs for extra security, for a new entrance or for the updated radio-isotope production facility? If not, how much has been estimated for these items? (written)
E178_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Replacement research reactor</i> : Have there been any significant alterations to the specifications [for the replacement reactor] that received approval from ARPANSA? If so, what changes have been made? When were these made, and for what reason? (written)
E179_05	ANSTO		Carr	<i>Replacement research reactor</i> – staffing: Will any of current HIFAR workers be downgraded or dismissed when the new reactor goes on line? (written)
E180_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Mt Stromlo Observatory</i> : Please update the answer to question E863_04. (written)
E181_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Stott Despoja	<i>Research Training Scheme (RTS)</i> : Which areas of the RTS does the sector want to be simplified? (written)
E182_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Stott Despoja	<i>A Review of the Evidence on Science, R&D and Productivity</i> : Review of evidence on science, R&D and productivity commissioned by DEST last year found that rates of return to domestic R&D average 85% for the smaller OECD countries. - Are these figures applicable to Australia? Why was funding for CRCs and the Commercial Ready Programme reduced in Backing Australia's Ability (BAA2) from the final year's appropriation of BAA1? Does DEST accept conclusions of report? Please explain response. (written)
E183_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Stott Despoja	<i>Research into productivity returns</i> : Has DEST conducted other research into the productivity returns from R&D in the past 5 years? (written)
E184_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Stott Despoja	<i>Competitive grant programmes</i> : How much does DEST estimate universities will be leveraging out of their funds to participate in company grant program over next 5 years? What proportion of these will be funded by Nation Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) funding in Backing Australia's Ability (BAA2)? Please provide breakdown of figures. (written)
E185_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Stott Despoja	<i>2003-04 Report into Backing Australia's Ability (BAA1) estimates</i> : The 2003-04 Report into BAA1 estimates the total Commonwealth support for science and innovation for 2002-03 at \$4989 million and for 2003-04 at \$5426 million. By how much did these estimates exceed the actual expenditure for their year and which program were not funded as estimates and why? (written)
E186_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>Cost of Launch of BAA 2 (Backing Australia's Ability)</i> : What was the cost of the launch? (p. 69, 1 June 2004)
E187_05	I&T	1&2/ 1.2, 2.1,2.4	Carr	<i>Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IESIP) and Indigenous Education Direct Assistance Programme (IEDA) funding</i> : Please provide details of IESIP and IEDA funding broken down by state and territory and school sector. Please provide this information for 2004-05 as well. (written) (E490_04)
E188_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Literature review</i> : Do you have a figure, from this literature review that has been undertaken, on the contribution of R&D to economic growth? (p. 32, 3 June 2004)
E189_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Research Infrastructure Block Grants Scheme (RIBG) funding</i> : Can you tell me what it would have cost to take it to 40 cents in the dollar? (p. 34, 3 June 2004)
E190_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Connection to Singapore</i> : What is the current status [of the broadband connection to Singapore]? How far below world's best practice is the connection to Singapore at the moment? (p. 38, 3 June 2004)

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E191_05	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	<i>Cost of teaching courses under HESA:</i> Please provide most up-to-date estimate of average teaching cost per year for each of the 12 discipline clusters listed in Support Act. Please provide estimates of student contributions as a percentage of teaching costs and as a percentage of total university revenue for each university. (written)
E192_05	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	<i>CRCs:</i> What is the reasoning for not pursuing report recommendation II-09 at this time? (written) [Refer E750_04]
E193_05	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	<i>Science and Innovation:</i> Does DEST estimate that Australia has enough well trained scientists, enough of a technologically capable workforce and enough active engagement in cutting edge research to benefit from the global public good of world knowledge? (written)
E194_05	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	<i>CRC funding:</i> Why is CRC funding cut by \$51m in 2005-06? Why are there further cuts? Are there any plans to reduce the size of the programme? (written)
E195_05	SCG	3/3.2	Carr	<i>CRCs:</i> Did DEST provide advice to Howard Review that justified the following statement: the visitor can perform a useful role immediately following establishment of CRC form a "pastoral" or mentoring perspective, but beyond that there is little value. There is, however, a substantial administrative cost." If so, on what basis was that advice provide? If so, which ones? If not, on what experience is that advice based? (written)
E196_05	SCG	3/3.2	Carr	<i>Review process for CRCs:</i> How did 'the Commonwealth' get it so wrong in provide a perspective that was contradictory to its own guidelines and what has actually happened in practice? (written) [see also E195_05]
E197_05	SCG	3/3.2	Carr	<i>Review process for CRCs:</i> Can DEST provide financial details of the costs incurred in engaging the Visitor to assist in the first, second and fifth year CRC reviews over the past five years? (written)
E198_05	SCG	3/3.2	Carr	<i>Performance of a CRC:</i> Can DEST provide details of the new arrangements that will provide an effective means of assessment of the performance of a CRC? (written)
E199_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Contracts:</i> How many contracts have you let that are excluded under these various arrangements that you have made? (p. 49, 2 June 2004)
E200_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Phoenix Group Pacific Pty Ltd.</i> Who made the decision to appoint Phoenix Group for the CRC program without tender? (p. 52, 2 June 2004) [refers to E770_04] (two attachments – att2 - 72 pages)
E201_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ms Staunton – consultancies:</i> I would like to know the total value of consultancies provide to Ms Staunton and how long it went on for? (p. 56, 2 June 2004)
E202_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Mr Dean – Taxation requirements:</i> Groman Consulting – Was the \$740,000 all paid in Australian dollars? I take it that it was all subject to Australian taxation requirements? (p. 60, 2 June 2004)
E203_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Mr Dean (Groman Consulting):</i> Were you advised there was a requirement for a competitive process for the engagement of Mr Dean? (p. 64, 2 June 2004)
E204_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ernst and Young review:</i> Can we have a copy of the Ernst and Young report? (p. 65, 2 June 2004)
E205_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ernst and Young second stage contract.</i> How much is the second stage contract? (p. 65, 2 June 2004)
E206_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ms Staunton – salary band:</i> I am specifically looking for the band that was advised to the company that undertook the search for the communications director. (pp. 58-59, 67, 2 June 2004)
E207_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ms Staunton – transportation costs:</i> What is the cost of transporting Ms Staunton backwards and forwards from Canberra? (p. 67, 2 June 2004)
E208_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ms Staunton -</i> What is the cost of running the Sydney office for Ms Staunton? (p. 68, 2 June 2004)
E209_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ms Staunton:</i> What is the cost of running the Canberra office for Ms Staunton? (p. 68, 2 June 2004)

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E210_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Staunton Consulting Ltd</i> : check accuracy to see if it's a registered company? (p. 68, 2 June 2004)
E211_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Egon Zehnder</i> : How long have Egon Zehnder been on the executive search tender list? (p. 69, 2 Jun 2004)
E212_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Egon Zehnder – executive recruitment</i> : How long have Egon been working in the field of executive recruitment? (p. 70, 2 June 2004)
E213_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Egon Zehnder – experience with public sector recruitment</i> : How much experience does Egon have with public sector recruitment? (p. 70, 2 June 2004)
E214_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Outcomes of the Communication Restructure</i> : Reclassification - I can supply you with a list of outcomes of the communications restructure. (p. 74, 2 June 2004)
E215_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Belmont Research Laboratories</i> : What is the nature of the new capital investment at the Belmont research labs in Geelong? (p. 75, 2 June 2004)
E216_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Textile and Fibre Technology – Involvement in CRC bids</i> : Has there been other investment in recent years in the labs in terms of the provision of high-speed woven material production? (p. 75, 2 June 2004)
E217_05	ISG	All	Carr	<i>IT Contractors engaged by DEST for the first time since 26 November 2001 to 31 December 2003</i> : Provision of IT contractor services - Is it possible to get further details on each one of those contracts? (p. 78-79, 1 June 2004) [refer also E993_04]
E218_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Redundancies</i> : Please provide tabled covering last two years and up to end of current financial year with the number of actual and planned redundancies, the divisions, and their locations and the number of redundancies and resignations from positions? (p. 78, 2 June 2004)
E219_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Light Metals Flagship – revenue received</i> : Can you give me a breakdown of the sources of the revenue received so far for 2003-04. What is your expectations for 2004-05 of the break-up of the external revenue? (p. 80, 2 June 2004)
E220_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Redundancies – CSIRO Livestock Industries</i> : How many redundancies have occurred in the animal livestock divisions? (p. 80, 2 June 2004)
E221_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>AMC royalties</i> : What is the IP percentage that you have got out of the ongoing agreement regarding AMC? Is there a percentage return? (p. 81, 2 June 2004)
E222_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor</i> : Would you provide me with some details about the maintenance and repairs that have been undertaken on the vessel in the last 12 months, together with the costs? List of equipment, amount of down time and location and cost of repair. Has any research time been lost at sea? How many sea days did the <i>Southern Surveyor</i> spend undertaking research in 2003-04? How many do you anticipate for 2004-05? (p. 81, 2 June 2004)
E223_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor – life expectancy</i> : What is the life expectancy of the current boat? (p. 82, 2 June 2004)
E224_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Southern Surveyor – extra days at sea</i> : How many extra sea days will that give the division of marine? (p. 82, 2 June 2004)
E225_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>CSIRO expenditure in tropics/North Queensland</i> : How much money does CSIRO currently spend on tropical research in North Queensland? (p. 82, 2 June 2004)
E226_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>CSIRO State Liaison Officer in Queensland and discussion with Queensland Government about CRCs</i> : Did that liaison officer discuss with the Queensland Government the future of CRCs in Queensland? (p. 83, 2 June 2004)
E227_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Redundancy – EMC member</i> : EMC executive management council member - Was that person given redundancy on the same basis? Were the special arrangements for the on person? (p. 84, 2 June 2004)

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E228_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>CSIRO website</i> : (a) How long has the development of CSIRO's interactive website been underway? (b) I have been led to believe by some within CSIRO that it is in a bit of a mess. Is that correct? (c) When did it commence? (d) How far behind schedule is this program? (e) Can you confirm that currently it is intended to go on-line in July? Will this target be achieved? (f) How often have terms of project and its timetable been altered? Why? (g) How much has this project cost so far? (h) Confirm cost is \$2.5 million so far? (i) What will be total cost by July this year? (j) What was original budget? (k) Provide copy of original budget, together with program objectives and timetable. (l) How many CSIRO staff are engaged in project? For how long? At what cost? (written)
E229_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Website – Justin Barrie</i> : (a) Can you confirm that a consultant, Justin Barrie, is involved with this project? (b) What are terms of his involvement? For how long has he been involved? (c) What are terms of his engagement? (d) Why doesn't Justin Barrie appear on list of consultants that you have provided? [see answer E770_04] (e) How much has he been paid? (written)
E230_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Website</i> : Which division or unit has managed this project? Please provide copies of all reports? (written)
E231_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA)</i> : (a) What period of time does the current EBA cover? (b) When does it expire? (c) Has CSIRO commenced planning for the next EBA? (d) Who will conduct negotiations? (e) What is percentage increase that CSIRO will pay staff during 2004-05 under the current EBA? (f) With an allowance made for the loss of the National Measurement Laboratory, the indexation for CSIRO is 1.75, or a little more, for the next three years. That is not enough next year to cover EBA commitments, is it? (d) I estimate that you roughly receive about \$9.8 million in indexation next year. Is that about right? (h) What will be the cost of meeting EBA commitments? (written)
E232_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>CSIRO organisation and staff – questions addressed to individual Divisional Chiefs</i> : How large is your division? How many sites around Australia? Is the number of research staff increasing in your division? How many retrenchments and retirements or fixed term contracts that will not be renewed are being considered or implemented in your division? What will be cost of meeting EBA commitments? Have you had any discussions on how increased cost will be met? Have you considered cutting back on staff numbers, or on research programs, to meet this cost? Any strategy to migrate research programs into favoured Flagships? What success will have in placing important public good research in Flagships? Future viability of your division? What is appropriation? How does compare with three years ago? What percentage comes from appropriation? How many business and commercialisation staff are there? (written)
E233_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Land and Water – Murray Irrigation Ltd</i> : (a) Can CSIRO confirm that it has received considerable funding from Murray Irrigation Ltd? (b) How much funding since 1996? How often and how much? (c) What specific purposes? Please provide precise details. (d) What is meant by MIL's 'own immediate environment'? (e) What other more general research has CSIRO been able to apply MIL-generated research? (f) Was research incorporated into any submission by MIL? (written)
E234_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Findings from CSIRO Research</i> : To what extent are findings from CSIRO research incorporated, either directly or indirectly, into submissions to such Committees from: (a) the Wentworth Group, (b) the Institute of Public Affairs, and (c) WWF Australia? (written)
E235_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Funding from irrigation companies</i> : What funding has CSIRO received from any other irrigation companies? [other than MIL] If it has, please provide details of when, how much and specific purposes of the funding? (written)

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E236_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Flagships and irrigation companies</i> : Are any irrigation companies linked with any CSIRO Flagships? If so which ones? If so, what research programs are they involved in? Has CSIRO received any funding from these companies for the Flagship program? Have any of these companies been approached to become involved? If so, which companies and when were they approached? (written)
E237_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Forestry – Stora Enso</i> : (a) Please provide details of those portions of the information which are not deemed by CSIRO to be 'client privileged'. (b) Did Dr MacRae request material in question be released by AQIS to her? (c) Was she acting individually or as an officer of CSIRO? (d) Was material considered by AQIS to be licensed to NSW Forests and not to Dr MacRae? (e) Was it NSW Forest who then sought clarification from Stora Enso about ownership of the material? (f) Who finally instructed AQIS to destroy material in question: CSIRO, Dr MacRae as a CSIRO employee or in a private capacity or another party? (written) [refer also E786_04]
E238_05	CSIRO		Stott Despoja	<i>Flagship Programme</i> : If Commonwealth funding for CSIRO flagships programme was removed, what are the estimated appropriations for CSIRO up to 2007-08? (written)
E239_05	CSIRO		Stott Despoja	<i>Staff pay rise</i> : What impact will the coming staff pay rise have on the total appropriations to CSIRO? How much funding will remain for research purposes? (written)
E240_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Strategic Plan performance indicators (IP)</i> : Under performance indicator 2.4, why has CSIRO withdrawn from the Low Frequency Array radio telescope (LOFAR) consortium? Happened suddenly after adoption of Strategic Plan, didn't it? What was that? (written) [refer also E765_04]
E241_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Strategic Plan performance indicators</i> : In relation to objective 3.2, when do you expect to finally develop a measure for government engagement and satisfaction with CSIRO? Who is responsible for developing this measure? When do you believe it will be ready? (written) [refer also E765_04]
E242_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Strategic Plan performance indicators – IP revenue</i> : under objective 6.2, you have put a 'yellow light' against revenue from IP. IP has been heavily emphasised in the CSIRO Strategic Plan as an important revenue stream. Your target for this year is \$22 million. By February \$7.5 million had been earned: what do you think the figure will be by the end of the financial year? In light of this failure, what grounds do you have for claiming that it will be achieved next financial year? Who is responsible for achieving this target? What are the reasons for this failure to achieve the target for 2003/04? Anticipating \$92m. What evidence do you have to suggest that this target is achievable? (written) [refer also E765_04]
E243_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Ecological Implications of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) project</i> : 1. The Ecological Implications of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) project promised a variety of reports relating to GMOs – the actual number varies a bit depending on where you look, but the list of maximum outputs from that project included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust risk/benefit decision tools adapted for Australian conditions (2003) • Probabilistic/quantitative estimates of risk for GMOs (2003) • Recommendations for policy makers on best practice in risk assessment (2001) • Risk assessments, up to landscape scale, of direct and indirect ecological impacts of Bt cotton, legumes with high sulphur protein and herbicide tolerant canola (2003) • Risk assessments, up to landscape scale, of ecological impacts of potential GMOs in eucalypts, rumen biota, oysters and mouse cytomegalovirus (2003) • Reports on predicted risk and benefit scenarios resulting from different GMOs (2002) • Recommendations on how to mitigate undesirable impacts if they occur (200?)

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods for large scale monitoring of GMO benefits and impacts (2001) <p>2. How many have actually been published? 3. Are any still being written? 4. Why those particular reports were not produced? 5. What any formal decision taken to abandon a particular output/report? 6. If so, who took the decision, when and could correspondence be tabled? (written)</p>
E244_05	CSIRO		Carr	<p><i>Ecological Implications of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) project:</i> 1. This project was allocated \$5.3 million. Please provide breakdown of how (a) money was intended to be spent (b) when project was launched (c) how it actually had been spent when project period ended last year? 2. Is money allocated to that report re-allocated? 3. Could you provide a summary of who initiated project and what process? (written)</p>
E245_05	CSIRO		Carr	<p><i>Ecological Implications of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) project:</i> - 1. Dr Lonsdale of CSIRO indicates in a conference paper that 'we increasingly find dialogue with regulators, stakeholders and the public is likely to be more fruitful ... failures in risk communication can be costly ... Good risk communication is probably just as important as risk assessment and risk management, and we must take primary responsibility for it if our work is to be accepted by society.' (242) Indeed the Ecological Implications project included a number of commitments for public work – workshops, flyers, briefings and consultations. Could you please details public work that has occurred in relation to this project? 2. Was public work that was committed to did not occur and if not, why not? (written)</p>
E246_05	CSIRO		Carr	<p><i>Ecological Implications of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) project:</i> Earlier this year a number of documents were table d in request to a Senate order. Two of the documents were part of the Ecological Implications project (Hayes, Keith. Best practice and current practice in ecological risk assessment for Genetically Modified Organisms (interim report); and Hayes, Keith. Inductive hazard analysis for GMOs. Final report, 2003) Did CSIRO have any meetings or correspondence with either the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) or Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) in relation to preparation or conclusions? If so, could minutes and correspondence be tabled? (written)</p>
E247_05	CSIRO		Carr	<p><i>Ecological Implications of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) project:</i> 1. One of the documents tabled in the Senate was Herbicide Tolerant Crops and Soil-Borne Plant Diseases. It points to emerging evidence that both the Herbicide tolerant GE plant and the herbicide that is necessarily used on that plant may be implicated in the increase in soil borne diseases associated with HT-GM plants. That report was authored by a Dr Gupta of CSIRO. Was the OGTR made aware by CSIRO of the findings in the Herbicide report? 2. Was the OGTR provided with a copy of paper? 3. Were there any meetings or correspondence in relation to that paper or its findings between CSIRO and the OGTR? 4. The paper indicates that there are a number of other areas relating to soil interactions and HT-GM plants that need investigation. Has CSIRO been asked by OGTR to undertake any further studies in relation to soil borne diseases an HT-GM plants? (written)</p>
E248_05	CSIRO		Carr	<p><i>Ecological Implications of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) project:</i> Another Gupta paper released to the Senate related to the impacts of Bt cotton on soils: <i>Impact of Bt-cotton on biological processes in Australian soils.</i> It point to new research showing that the roots of Bt Cotton – in other words GE cotton – exude the Bt toxin and that the Bt toxin significantly changes the biota and biological processes of soils. Gupta points out that the impacts of this Bt exudation is unknown. Paper on Bt cotton on soils - Would you agree this is an important research area? (written)</p>

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E249_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Atherton Herbarium</i> : 1. What factors, other than cost, have motivated decision to relocate Herbarium from Atherton to Canberra? 2. What is the scientific benefit? 3. What cost savings will this achieve? 4. Is facility in good, functional condition? 5. What is current rate of usage? 6. What discussions have taken place between CSIRO and interested community members? Has any resolution been reached? 7. How would collection be kept up to date? (written)
E250_05	CSIRO		Carr	<i>Soils Profile Collection at the Davies Laboratory</i> : 1. Did Davies Laboratories in Townsville once maintain a soil profile collection? 2. What was the nature? 3. What was its purpose? 4. How big was collection? 5. Where is material now? 6. Was decision announced to community? 7. Were research organisations in North Queensland informed? 8. What were financial savings? 9. How many jobs lost? 10. Other than cost savings, what advantages, including scientific advantages, have been achieved by relocating the profiles? 11. How many times has collection been used by researchers from North Queensland since the relocation? 12. Are these CSIRO or non-CSIRO researchers? 13. What expenditure in funding staff travel to Canberra to use this collection? 14. Is the number of users you have provided an increase or a decrease on usage in the two years prior to its relocation? 15. What arrangements are in place to facilitate access? (written)
E251_05	AIMS	AIMS	Carr	<i>Further Triennium of finding</i> : (a) Has government confirmed that AIMS will be offered a further triennium of funding after the expiry? (b) Have any discussion been held with DEST about future funding models? (c) What discussions have AIMS had regarding implementation of a competitive tendering framework for funding in the future? (d) When did discussion occur, who was present? (e) Has AIMS made any plans for such an eventuality? (written)
E252_05	AIMS	AIMS	Carr	<i>Recruitment</i> : (a) Have any staff been recruited as a consequence of their experience with similar financial regimes, such as that operating in New Zealand for example? (b) Has AIMS recruited any staff from NZ in the past year? If so, who are they and what positions have they been recruited to? (written)
E253_05	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	<i>Model for SLE accrual</i> : Can you explain the difference between the initial answer and the revised answer, and the reason for the revisions, why were they necessary? (written) [refer also E864_04]
E254_05	SG	1/1.1	Carr	<i>Hillcrest Christian College</i> : Please explain why the College is treated by DEST as two separate schools (Ayr Hill and Nyora), is treated by DEST as two separate schools for funding purposes. What material difference does it make in terms of funding, policy or any other outcomes, that the school is so treated? The school is apparently trying to sell its Nyora campus. Nyora campus - what consequences will that sale have for DEST funding of the school? (written) [refer also E835_04]
E255_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Trends of Australian research degree enrolments</i> : Has the department undertaken any analysis, or know of any, into the trends of Australian research degree enrolments over the past two decades? Has any historical work been done with regard to that? Why have master's enrolment levels fallen from 43 % in 1989 to 24 % in 2001? (p. 44, 3 June 2004)
E256_05	SG	1/1.3	Carr	<i>Values education</i> : Provide copy of framework on the principles underlying values education. (p. 94, 1 June 2004) (hard copy attachment, able to be accessed via internet)
E257_05	ANTA	2.1/2.1	Johnston	<i>ANTA Grant funds</i> : What equipment was purchased with the ANTA Grant funds and can you please provide a break-up of how much was spent? (p. 9, 3 June 2004)
E258_05	ANTA	2.1/2.1	Johnston	<i>Loan between the CFMEU and the Construction Skills Training Centre</i> : Can ANTA please table the letter from the WA Department of Education and Training to ANTA about the issue of a loan between the CFMEU and the Construction Skills Training Centre? (p. 11, 3 June 2004)

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E259_05	ANTA	2.1/2.1	Johnston	<i>Quality Audit of the Construction Skills Training Centre</i> : How do we determine that that is in fact occurring with a skills training centre such as this one? Have we seen the result of that audit and are we satisfied with the methodology underlying that audit? (p. 12, 3 June 2004)
E260_05	ANTA	2.1/2.1	Johnston	<i>Surveil and benchmark training organisations</i> : So we have not to this point in time, understood what methodology is being employed to surveillance and to benchmark this particular training organisation or any training organisation? (p. 12, 3 June 2004)
E261_05	ANTA	2.1/2.1	Johnston	<i>Audit reports re training centres</i> : (a) Can you provide the committee with copies of the audit reports for the Construction Skills Training Centre? (b) How do we measure the value we are getting from these training centres? (p. 12, 9 June 2004)
E262_05	ANTA	2.1/2.1	Johnston	<i>Fitting and turning and welding apprentices</i> : Retention of apprentices - What are we doing about measuring and monitoring that problem? (p. 12, 9 June 2004)
E263_05	ANTA	2/2.1	Johnston	<i>Industry Skills Councils</i> : Do industry skills councils tell us about the retention in regional areas of apprentices after they graduate? (p. 12, 3 June 2004)
E264_05	ANTA	2/2.1	Johnston	<i>Industry Skills Councils and reporting</i> : Do we contract a private organisation to provide that? How often do they report? (p. 12, 3 June 2004)
E265_05	ANTA	2/2.1	Johnston	<i>Industry Skills Councils in Western Australia</i> : How many are there in Western Australia? I would like a clear picture on what monitoring and data gathering process we have with respect to distribution and training of apprentices in regional area. (p. 12, 3 June 2004)
E266_05	ANTA	2.1/2.1	Carr	<i>Funding to skill centre in WA</i> : The second skill centre was run by the MBA, was it not? (p. 13, 3 June 2004) [refer E342_04]
E267_05	ANTA	2/2.1	Carr	<i>Cost effectiveness of keeping al research work in-house</i> : Has there been any evaluation of whether or not it is cheaper to do this work in-house and maintain the quality? (p. 25, 3 June 2004)
E268_05	FIN	All	Carr	<i>DEST administration costs and information - time series</i> : When did the department adopt policy of declining to supply time series information for months and years prior to its creation in its current DEST incarnation? Why did it do this? Can you please provide information as originally requested? Where change is materially relevant, please indicate where and why. (written) [refer also E1008_04]
E269_05	FIN	All	Carr	<i>DEST department travel:- Increase</i> - Can you explain reasons for this? What form does your monitoring of these costs take? What measures have you instituted to limit these costs? Have you experience cost overruns as a result of blowouts in travel costs? Please provide details (written) (E1008_04)
E270_05	FIN	All	Carr	<i>Indexation of DEST programs</i> : Can you confirm that previous Labor Government announced that it would be moving to WCIs based on awaited ABS WCIs? Can you confirm that an interim measure adopted temporarily by Labor Government has been retained by current Government to this day? Questions about specific programs and indices. (written) [refer E740_04]
E271_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>DEST administration programs</i> : Could you provide an update of the list of all administration programs in DEST. (written) [refer E999_04] – answer 79 pages
E272_05	FIN	All	Carr	<i>DEST Departmental restructuring</i> : Please provide details about any changes in last year to structures and lines of responsibility for the various programs, sub-programs and functions of the department and about any department restructuring. (written)
E273_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>DEST staffing numbers</i> : Please provide details of staffing numbers by level, disaggregated by ongoing and non-ongoing status, for each year for 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date. Please provide similar details of separations over the same period. (written)

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E274_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>Staff Retrenchments 2003-04:</i> Please provide for 2003-04 details of retrenchments of staff over past year including numbers, levels and total amount expended in retrenchment packages of other payments. (written)
E275_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>SES Staff Numbers:</i> How many SES were employed in DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04? (written) [refer also E1000_04]
E276_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>DEST Wages:</i> What was base and top wages of APS, 1-6, EL1 & 2 and SES band 1-3 in DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04? (written)
E277_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>SES average salary and performance pay:</i> What was average salary for an SES in DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04? Please provide details of performance bonuses paid to SES staff for 2003-04. (written)
E278_05	ISG	All	Carr	<i>Mobile Phones:</i> How many staff had mobile phones issued by DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04? How many sections of DEST are allocated a mobile phone for shared use? How many mobile phones in total are there in DEST? (written) [refer also E1003_04 and E268_05]
E279_05	ISG	All	Carr	<i>Total mobile phone bill for DEST:</i> What was the total mobile phone bill for DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04? (written) [refer also E1004_04]
E280_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>SES Vehicles:</i> How many SES were issued with cars in DEST in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04? (written) [refer also E1005_04]
E281_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>Management Retreats/training/seminars/staff information sessions:</i> Could you list all management retreats/training/seminars/staff information sessions or other training conducted by DEST which were attended by employees during 2000-01 to 2003-04 to date? (written) [refer also E1006_04]
E282_05	FIN	All	Carr	<i>Cost of domestic trips for DEST staff and predecessor department (DETYA) from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2004:</i> What was total cost of domestic trips of staff of DST in 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date? How much was the total cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and airfares? (written)
E283_05	CSG	All	Carr	<i>Advertising:</i> How much was spent on advertising which provided electorate breakdowns of spending by the Government on programs within DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04? (written) [refer also E1011_04]
E284_05	ISG	All	Carr	<i>Department IT systems:</i> please provide information on costs incurred in the introduction of new systems and other major changes and developments. (written)
E285_05	FIN	All	Carr	<i>Indexation of DEST programs:-</i> Please provide details of makeup of all ten WCI index formulae. Please explain difference in timing of the striking of WCI1 and the CAF. Please provide detail of timing of striking of other indices applied to programs in portfolio. Please provide explanation of factors of BCI index applied to schools capital funding. (written)
E286_05	PAL	All	Carr	<i>Risk management processes and procedures, including those in financial risk management:</i> Please provide information about the department's risk management processes and procedures, including those in financial risk management. (written)
E287_05	PAL	All	Carr	<i>FOI requests for DEST:</i> Please provide information about all FOI requests and disclosures for the department since June 2003. (written) (attachment)
E288_05	AIG	All	Carr	<i>Code of Conduct Matters:</i> Please provide details of breaches and disciplinary charges under the department and agency codes of conduct since June 2003. (written)
E289_05	PAL	All	Carr	<i>Advertising expenditure for DEST by financial year:</i> How much was spent on advertising by DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date? (written) [refer E1009_04]
E290_05	PAL	All	Carr	<i>Payments to Advertising, Market Research and polling, organisations:</i> Please provide details of market research and opinion polling or similar survey run by the department in 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date. Please including expenditure for each including projected expenditure to

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E291_05/ E292_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Overseas trips</i> : How many overseas trips were taken by employees in DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date? What were the final destinations of these overseas trips? (written)
E292_05/ E291_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>Overseas trips</i> : What was total cost of overseas trips of staff of DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date? How much was the total cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and airfares? (written)
E293_05/ E294_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>International Travel by Ministerial Staff</i> : How many overseas trips of ministerial staff were paid for by DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date? (written) [refer to E1019_04 and E1020_04]
E294_05/ E293_05	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	<i>International Travel by Ministerial Staff</i> : What was total cost of overseas trips of ministerial staff paid for by DEST in 1996-97 to 2003-04 to date? (written) [refer to E1019_04 and E1020_04]
E295_05	HEG	Cross portfolio	Carr	<i>Public Service Act Obligations</i> : Please indicate whether the following the department's obligations under law - Public Service Act 1999 and DEST-specific pieces of legislation - have been met for the most recent year or period including dates. (written)
E296_05	ANTA	2/2.1	Carr	<i>Publications</i> : Please inform on details of the dates of the most recent complete formal publication of National Report on Schooling; ANTA National Report on the VET Sector and ANTA's annual publication 'Directions and Resource Allocations'. (written)
E297_05	FIN	All	Carr	<i>Payments to Advertising and direct mail organisations</i> : Please provide details of expenditure on advertising and direct mail for 2003-04 actual to 30 April and projected to 30 June including total expenditure and expenditure by output/program area. (written)
E298_05	PM&C		Murray	Please provide a list of all advertising or public information projects currently being undertaken or expected to be undertaken by the department or agency in the course of 2004 where the cost of the project is estimated or contracted to be \$100,000 or more. (written) [attachment]
E299_05	DEWR		Carr	<i>Labour Adjustment program for Mitsubishi workers</i> : - What area of the department will design and manage LAP? What areas of government will administer the program? Will the department be running consultations/ workshops with workers to determine what assistance is required in order to design the LAP? Will relevant union be involved? What will be key component of program? Will it include vocational training? Will it include access to English language training? (written) [Cross ref: DEWR W057_05]
E300_05	FaCS		Stott Despoja	How many students receiving Federal Government income support payments are living below the Henderson poverty line? (written) [answer not received as yet]
E301_05	DITR		Stott Despoja	<i>R&D tax concession</i> : Why was an effective 150% R&D tax concession introduced for the PRRT when government decided that 'the corporate sector is quite profitable at the present time? What evidence is there to suggest that the PRRT will be successful in achieving its stated aim? (written) [Cross ref: DITR no: 75]
E302_05	DITR		Stott Despoja	<i>R&D tax concession</i> : What evidence does DEST have to show that increasing the basic R&D tax concession to 150% would not improve the national GERD? (written) [Cross ref: DITR no: 76]
E303_05	DITR		Stott Despoja	<i>R&D tax concession</i> : What are latest figure for participation in R&D tax concessions? What does DEST estimate future participation rates to be for next 5 years? Would increasing base R&D tax concessions to 150% increase participation in this scheme and increase GERD? (written) [Cross ref: DITR no: 77]
E304_05	DEWR		Crossin	<i>Mature Age Employment and Workplace Strategy</i> : \$121m to improve workforce participation by mature age workers - How much of this is actually for training programs and how much is for the 'information campaign'? (written) [Cross ref: DEWR W058_05]

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E305_05	SG	1/1.2	Nettle	<i>Tutorial Credit Initiative:</i> 1. How much will the administration/brokers fees cost? Is this including in or add to \$700? 2. Will all persons be subject to police checks? 3. What quality control mechanisms will be in place? 4. Will teacher teaching child be able to get the voucher to give add help? 5. Is there incentive for schools to encourage failure to pick up extra money? 6. Can money go to school? (School as broker, school as tutors) 7. What will happen in remote/one teacher school places? 8. Given that Education and Training Minister Dr Nelson describes it as a 'pilot scheme': (a) What are the target outcomes for each individual? (b) How will these be assessed (or benchmarked?) (c) Will parents get an objective report of the progress made as a result of the voucher? (d) How will the proportions who reach the target be reported? (e) Will the success rates of various brokers and tutors be monitored and publicly reported? (f) What steps will be put in place to monitor and report the outcomes of the pilot? (written)
E306_05	SG	1/1.2	Allison	<i>Tutorial Credit Initiative:</i> 1. On what research was the recently announced \$700 tuition payment scheme based? 2. How many hours does DEST estimate that the \$700 payment will buy a student? How will DEST measure impact of scheme? 3. What accountability measure will be attached to scheme to ensure parents use \$700 on tuition for their children? 4. Will the department monitor tuition providers in scheme? (written)
E307_05	SG	1/1.2	Crossin	<i>Tutorial Credit Initiative:</i> A recent announcement was made regarding provision of \$700 vouchers to parents whose children fail these year 3, 5 and 7 tests. 1. What happens to vouchers if tutors cannot be found? 2. Exactly what can vouchers be used for? 3. Will such tutors have to provide tutoring plans to anyone, if so who? 4. How many hours tuition will be expected? 5. Will they meet performance indicators to get money? 6. Who will monitor and how? 7. Who will pay tutors and how? 8. Who will do admin tasks relating to tutors, such as taxation payments? 9. Who will meet such admin costs? (written)
E308_05	I&RS	3/3.1	Carr	<i>Research and development:</i> What is the target figure that you are seeking to achieve in terms of our gross expenditure on R&D in Australia? What is the figure as a percentage of GDP? Please provide both calculations. (p. 32, 3 June 2004)
E309_05	ARC	1	Harradine /Carr	<i>Interpretation of Senate Commercial Confidentiality Resolution:</i> Please provide copies of reports - disclosure of information - if a claim were made by a minister on commercial-in-confidence grounds, then committee would receive that claim. (pp. 35-36)
E310_05	PAL	All	Carr	<i>Current DEST contracts:</i> Does Mr Horne have any other contracts with the Commonwealth that you are aware of with regard to DEST? (p. 76, 1 June 2004)