

# Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

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E001_07			SCG	84 (1)	Stephens	Senator STEPHENS—Would it be possible for you to provide on notice a list of the CRC stage 1 applications, the shortlisted applications and the CRC funding recipients for 2004, 2005 and 2006? Ms Emery—I am sorry, Senator, can I clarify this. You are after the— Senator STEPHENS—The stage 1 applications, the stage 2 applications and the final successful recipients. Mr Cook—The selection round will take until late this year to complete. At this stage we can give you information on stage 1 and those that have gone through to stage 2 but we cannot yet give you the results of the selection round because it is still in process.
E002_07			SCG	92-93 (1)	Crossin	Senator CROSSIN—Why was polling done in South Australia? Mr Davoren—I was not involved in the project at that stage, so I would not be sure. Senator CROSSIN—Is there someone in the department or someone here who was and who can answer that question? Mr Cook—We will have to take that on notice. The person who preceded Mr Davoren had a history going back a few years. Mine is relatively recent. I was aware that polling was undertaken, but as to its genesis.
E003_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	SCG	93 (1)	Crossin	Senator CROSSIN—You do not know who conducted the polling in South Australia? Do you need to take that on notice? Mr Davoren—Yes, I think we would.
E004_07			SCG	Written	Stott Despoja	The Government has flagged in establishing an investigation into nuclear energy and associated issues. Has there been any progress in the development of such an investigation? Who would oversee such an inquiry? How would the members of such an inquiry be determined?
E005_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Stott Despoja	What would be the Chief Scientist's role in an investigation into nuclear energy?
E006_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Stott Despoja	How will the Government ensure that an inquiry into nuclear energy will include all stakeholders and community views?
E007_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Stott Despoja	Would any such investigation include in its Terms of Reference waste disposal and economic viability with reference to other countries' experiences?
E008_07			CSG		Wong	Corporate hospitality & entertainment 1. Please update E510_05 for 2004-05 and 2005-06. Please also provide details of the top 20 most expensive events in each relevant category in each of the last five years, e.g. General Group and State Hospitality, major events. Please provide dates and locations of international delegations and visits by DEST officials since 2001, including cost breakdowns of each trip.
E009_07			I&T	105 (1)	Crossin	Are you able to provide this committee with a copy of either that exchange of letters or that interim funding agreement?

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E010_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	I&T	109 (1)	Crossin & Evans	That SRA is yet to be finalised. What has been signed, I understand, is a heads of agreement between the government and the community. That will flow into a comprehensive agreement. Senator CHRIS EVANS—What does the heads of agreement cover, if it is not actually the SRA yet? Mr Greer—I am sorry, I do not have that detail here, but we can certainly— Senator CROSSIN—We might ask you to get us a copy of that.
E011_07	15/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	109 (1)	Crossin	Does an agreement to give up their land on a 99-year lease have to be signed before the \$10 million is released to the community? Ms Paul—I do not think we can answer that. I do not know the details of that. Senator CROSSIN—Can you take that on notice and find that out?
E012_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	I&T	110 (1)	Evans	I would have to check, but my understanding is that the feasibility study was commissioned and prepared during 2004. I am not sure whether we first saw it at the end of 2004 or whether it might have been early in 2005. I do not have those dates with me. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Maybe you could take that on notice.
E013_07	15/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	114 (1)	Evans	You used the term 'detailed offer'. When was the detailed offer made to the states and territories? Ms Paul—We can get the date for you. It would have been in 2004. It was very similar timing to the timing of the signing of the last quadrennium.
E014_07	15/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	115 (1)	Evans	Perhaps you could take on notice the dates of the ones you signed before that. What percentage of outlays did the ones signed after the end of the year represent?
E015_07			CSG	119 (1)	Evans	It was a fairly simple question. Even allowing for the \$10 million, you seem to be spending less than you did in the year before. Given inflation et cetera, that surprises me so I just wanted to know why. Mr Greer—One of the reasons is that of course we did have that carry forward in 2005. The \$129 million carried forward into 2005, which we identified earlier, was contributed to by the late signings, which will not be a feature as that starts to flatten out as we go forward. But I would really need to do the specific reconciliation of that for you, and I am happy to take that on notice.
E016_07			CSG	119 (1)	Evans	Perhaps you could take that on notice for me and give me a breakdown. A breakdown of where those movements were would be helpful. I wish to look at a couple of the measures. Can someone tell me how expanding the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme to year 9 students is going to work? I am trying to work out the expenditure. You have got about 365.8 in 2006-07, 778.5 in 2007-08 and then 413.2 in 2008-09, so it looks as if it starts, goes up and then goes down as an expenditure. I am looking at a page that does not have a page number.
E017_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	121 (1)	Crossin	So the year 9 money will be allocated on the basis of providers nominating students who require that assistance? Ms Grant—Yes. Ms Paul—So, in other words, it is on a student numbers form, on an enrolments basis. Mr Greer—We can provide the methodology.
E018_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	122 (1)	Evans	Have you got the figure for how many students this will impact on in remote areas—the breakdown between remote and non-remote? Mr Greer—We would have, but unfortunately I do not have it with me. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Could you take that on notice for me?
E019_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	122 (1)	Troeth	How long has this scheme been running? Mr Greer—Year 9, of course, is just starting as an initiative. It has been running for at least a couple of quadrennia for years 10, 11 and 12. CHAIR—A couple of years? Mr Greer—No, a couple of quadrennia. We fund on a four-year basis. I am not sure whether it was initially back in the 1996 through to 2000 quadrennium or the last quadrennium. I will clarify that

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E020_07	11/09/06	14/09/06	I&T	122 (1)	Troeth	CHAIR—Have there been any measurable outcomes from it? Ms Paul—Yes. Mr Greer—Yes. We certainly drew on the evidence base in supporting and justifying this initiative through the single Indigenous budget process. CHAIR—Could you get me some figures on that on notice? Ms Paul—The achievement data for Indigenous students, off a very low base, unfortunately, has gone up considerably. CHAIR—I would be interested to see that.
E021_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	I&T	133 (1)	Crossin	I am pretty familiar with this program now. Can you take on notice for me the amount of money that has been allocated? I have the amounts now for each of the years. But what I would like for 2005 is a breakdown for each state and territory. So, of that money, how much went to each state and territory?
E022_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	I&T	133 (1)	Crossin	Are you able to provide me with that list for that first funding round in 2006 for the Territory? Mr Greer—Yes. Senator CROSSIN—You can take it on notice.
E023_07			I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	Please provide the amount of funding (actual and estimates) for non-government and government schools IESIP for the following years: 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08. Could these figures also be provided on a calendar year basis?
E024_07			I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	2. Please provide the amount of funding (actual and estimates), broken into government, non-government or joint programs, for the following Indigenous education programs for the years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08: a. Supplementary recurrent assistance, b. ESL – Indigenous language speaking students, c. Indigenous education projects, d. Short-term special assistance, e. “Mixed mode” away from base, f. ITAS – in class tuition, g. ITAS – Year 10-12 tuition, h. ITAS – tertiary tuition, i. Parent school partnerships, j. Homework centres.
E025_07			I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	Under which program are the “Dare to Lead” and “What Works” sub-programs funded? Is it possible to get a total expenditure figure for each and a breakdown of expenditure by activity for these sub-programs for the 2004 and 2005 calendar years (or 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years)?
E026_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	Have any IESIP or other funds deriving from the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000 been used for purposes other than educational activities and facilities (e.g. provision of community infrastructure under the Government’s mutual responsibility approach)? If so, could the purposes and sums involved be identified?
E027_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	What is the level of expenditure on school-level ITAS programs per year since its inception? How does this compare with per year expenditure on school students in the former ATAS program? How does the number of school students accessing ITAS support per school year compare with the numbers of school students who accessed support per school year under the former ATAS program?
E028_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	How much of the funding for Parent School Partnerships in 2005 went to each of the following categories? a. Individual schools – government b. Individual schools – non-government c. Individual pre-schools d. School clusters – government e. School clusters – non-government f. School clusters – government and non-government g. Education systems – state h. Education systems – Catholic i. Education systems – independent j. Incorporated bodies k. Non-government organisations l. Other.

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E029_07 & E036_07	08/08/06  08/08/06	14/09/06  14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin	How many home work centres were funded in 2005? What is the breakdown in funding by the following categories? a. Government schools b. Non-government schools c. Education systems – state d. Education systems – Catholic e. Education systems – independent f. Incorporated bodies g. Other. Written (WONG) How many home work centres were funded in 2005? What is the breakdown in funding by the following categories? a. Government schools b. Non-government schools i. Catholic systems ii. independent schools c. Incorporated bodies d. Other (if any; please describe)
E030_07 & E037_07			CSG	Written	Crossin	Please provide expenditure figures for “Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure – DEST” for the period 1995-1996 to the end of the current forward estimates. Please also provide the same figures as proportion of: educational expenditure, total government expenditure, total government revenue and GDP. Written (WONG) Please provide expenditure figures for “Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure – DEST” for the period 1995-96 to the end of the current forward estimates. Please also provide the same figures as proportion of: educational expenditure, total government expenditure, total government revenue and GDP. Could these figures also be provided on a calendar year basis from 1995?
E031_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin	Can you tell me in the Northern Territory how much funding so far in 2006 has been distributed to schools with Indigenous students, under PSPI, with a comparison for 2005?
E032_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin	How much has gone to remote schools and how much to those in urban settings? Could you provide a list as you did last year?
E033_07			I&T	Written	Crossin	How many submissions for PSPI funding were received for 2006 by state and territory and how many have been funded to date and how many rejected?
E034_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin	What are the reasons for rejection?
E035_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Crossin	What is the process with submissions from “cluster” schools – for example the Katherine cluster? Does each school put in a submission or is a single submission left to the “Cluster Principal”? Who makes decisions on funding to cluster schools and how? Who has input?
E036_07 & E029_07			I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	How many home work centres were funded in 2005? What is the breakdown in funding by the following categories? a. Government schools b. Non-government schools c. Education systems – state d. Education systems – Catholic e. Education systems – independent f. Incorporated bodies g. Other. Written (WONG) How many home work centres were funded in 2005? What is the breakdown in funding by the following categories? a. Government schools b. Non-government schools i. Catholic systems ii. independent schools c. Incorporated bodies d. Other (if any; please describe)
E037_07 & E030_07			I&T	Written	Crossin & Wong	Please provide expenditure figures for “Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure – DEST” for the period 1995-1996 to the end of the current forward estimates. Please also provide the same figures as proportion of: educational expenditure, total government expenditure, total government revenue and GDP. Written (WONG) Please provide expenditure figures for “Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure – DEST” for the period 1995-96 to the end of the current forward estimates. Please also provide the same figures as proportion of: educational expenditure, total government expenditure, total government revenue and GDP. Could these figures also be provided on a calendar year basis from 1995?

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E038_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Wong	Budget Paper No. 3, Table B1 (page 47) reports the following estimated reductions in payments to government schools under the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives programme: a. Year 2005-06 \$160.7m b. Year 2007-08 \$111.3m c. Year 2008-09 \$105.5m Funding for IESIP for government schools appears to reduce by over \$55m from 2005-06 to 2007-08. In what areas and activities are these reductions in funding to be realised?
E039_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	AIATSIS	Written	Wong	In relation to the Institute's Financial Statements Table on p.135 of the PBS: a. Revenues from Govt line indicates that actual expenditure for the current FY is exactly that budgeted in last year's PBS (\$10.699m), but there are slight reductions for forward estimates for each of the next 3 years – what is the reason for these downwards revisions? b. The 06/07 PBS shows some increase in total revenues in 06/07 and 07/08, but significant falls to 08/09 and 09/10, reflecting major falls in revenues from govt (a cut of some 30%). Why is this the case? c. What is the reason for the significant fluctuations in budgeted and actual revenues from Goods and Services, actual in 04/05 was \$2.365m and budgeted for 05/06 was \$0.355m, but actual was \$0.826, budgeted to fall to \$0.5m? d. Why was Other Revenue not listed in the forward estimates in last year's PBS, but significant (in AIATSIS terms at least) revenues are listed for this and future years in this year's PBS (more than a quarter of Govt revenues)? What are Other Revenues for AIATSIS? e. Why is there such a significant increase in employee costs from 05/06 to 06/07 and 07/08, followed by significant falls in the following 2 out-years? Are there specific projects timed to conclude then, or will we see significant redundancies from the organisation in 07/08?
E040_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	4 (2)	Stephens	What kinds of changes in the data? Mr Walters—I think the data were related to the new programs that were introduced but also the, if you like, what is called the HECS system, the help system, and I think there were changes to the classifications of the students, too, but I think I am getting to the point where my expertise runs out, but Ms Sparkes might be able to help us on this. Ms Sparkes—Not to that technical degree. We really do need our statistical expert. But Mr Walters is right; it is about the change in the data. Mr Walters—We might take that on notice, I think, if you would like more detail on the precise nature of the change. There were quite a lot.
E041_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	5 (2)	Stephens	You said there was \$20 million provided for that and you have provided some funds to the universities. How much did you provide? Mr Walters—We did provide some funds to the universities. I will have to take that on notice, but we think it was in the region of about \$10 million.
E042_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	6 (2)	Stephens	You said that you have had many submissions. Mr Walters—We have had quite a few, as one would expect. Senator STEPHENS—What is 'quite a few'—50?
E043_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	10 (2)	Stephens	Do we have a table that actually shows that? Mr Walters—We can provide one.
E044_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	13 (2)	Stephens	Are you able to provide the precise numbers? Mr Manns—We are in the process of assessing the bids. We have not even determined eligibility and so on yet. I think that is a way down the track. Senator STEPHENS—How far down the track? Mr Manns—Probably an announcement of the allocation of places will occur in about mid-July, I would envisage at this stage.

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E045_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	13 (2)	Stephens	What are the Box Hill TAFE and the Northern Metropolitan TAFE in Victoria accredited to deliver as higher education providers? Ms Sparkes—I do not have that level of detail with me. I can provide that to you. Basically, to be approved as a higher education provider under the Higher Education Support Act, part of the approval requirements is that the provider has to be accredited to offer higher education awards by that state. So both Box Hill and Northern Metropolitan TAFE have had their higher education awards approved by OTTE, the Office of Training and Technical Education, the relevant accreditation authority in Victoria, the Victorian department. Senator STEPHENS—Is there an opportunity in this round for non higher education accredited TAFEs to bid in order to use it to seek accreditation?
E046_07	15/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	16 (2)	Wong	How much is everything else? That leaves about \$36 million attributable to some other cause. Is that right? Mr Storen—That looks about right. We can unpack those for you.
E047_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	17 (2)	Wong	So \$124 million of that 2005-06 difference between estimated, actual and the budget estimate between the two PBSs is doubtful debt revision. Are you able to do the same for me for the forward estimate comparison for 2006-07 in the two? Mr Storen—That would basically be a flow-through into the forward estimates of the same revision, but we can put numbers on it for you. Senator WONG—Yes. Do you understand what I am asking for, Mr Storen? Mr Storen—You basically want to know what was changed in the 2005-06 PBS for the help line into the 2006-07 PBS. Senator WONG—Yes, and what it is attributed to. Mr Storen—That is correct. I have the 2005-06 comparison notes in front of me that tell me the \$124 million, but I do not have the 2006-07, which we can provide.
E048_07	7/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	18 (2)	Wong	What can you give me that shows me how the actuaries go about this? Mr Storen—Yesterday you put on notice a request for any reports we had from the actuary. Senator WONG—I did.
E049_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	HEG	20 (2)	Wong	I assume you model the number of graduates who are going overseas to work. This is in the context of your provision for debt. Mr Manns—That is a matter where I would have to look into the entrails of the AGA's model. Senator WONG—Entrails? Mr Manns—It is pretty complicated. Senator WONG—I think that might be called a put-down, actually! Mr Walters—But if you did you would have to know whether they came back, too. Senator WONG—Correct. Mr Walters—Quite a lot of people go overseas for a period and then come back, and of course if they came back then they would pick up the liability. CHAIR—Maybe it is a technical term! Mr Walters—It is a technical term. Senator WONG—What, the entrails? Ms Paul—Nevertheless very untrue! Senator WONG—Dear me, it is Thursday! I am interested in that. Mr Manns—We can give you an answer on that independently of whether the report is provided. Senator WONG—And what impact that has on your assumptions about doubtful debt and repayment levels, et cetera.
E050_07	15/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	20 (2)	Wong	Mr Storen—The actuary models those cohorts on their income by gender. Testing my memory, surprisingly the last report actually showed not a lot of difference between the genders in the repayment. I think we can come back to you with that. Senator WONG—You have a look at that. It is despite what we know about the real relative levels of men's and women's wages.
E051_07			HEG	23 (2)	Wong	WONG—the most recent budget announcements as to the increase in the limit. Could you give me your revised estimates for FEE-HELP debt for the forward estimates period, or point me to where it is in the PBS? To be honest with you, I could not find it, but we have been in here a lot and in various other committees, so I might have missed it. Is that possible?

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E052_07			HEG	24 (2)	Wong	I have the reference for the House of Representatives question that I wanted updated. You might want to take it on notice. I would be interested if you are able later in the hearing to come back to me, because I have to say I do not understand the answers you have just given in the context of this, or I do not understand the comparison. It is a question on notice in the House, No. 3402. You can take this on notice. I would like the information in the answer revised so that the information is currently correct. That has estimated FEE-HELP debt incurred each year as at 11 April 2006. I assume that is not an analogous figure to the last set of figures you have just given me? Mr Manns—Can you give me one of those years figures? Senator WONG—The FEE-HELP debt at the currently legislated loan limit for 2006-07 was \$434,446 million. Mr Manns—For which year, sorry? Senator WONG—2006-07. Mr Manns—I have given you calendar year figures for debt, for a start, so the financial years will be a blend, half of one and half of the other, so to speak, and the total debt amount will include the loan fee, which was not included in these figures. Senator WONG—I do not know which of the sets of figures you just gave me are the analogous figures. Ms Paul—It sounds like we will have to take that on notice. Senator WONG—Yes. Just so you understand, in the first set what you have given me in fact is a lower debt incurred number than in the question on notice, which would seem to be odd. The second set you gave me about the total debt level is obviously substantially higher—\$13 billion. Mr Manns—Yes. We will have to take it on notice.
E053_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	26 (2)	Wong	Presumably for the 2005 figure you can disaggregate the average debt? Mr Manns—I am not entirely sure whether we can. I would have to take that on notice, because these are as reported back to us by the tax office. Mr Walters—If we did disaggregate this, the FEE-HELP is a very small proportion of the total, of course. Senator WONG—I am interested in whether the average debt level is different. I understand from 1 July it will all be lumped together so I cannot ask the question. This will be the penultimate opportunity. I assume you will be able to do it for 20 June 2006 as well, given the start date for the bundling is 1 July. Mr Walters—We will certainly take a look and see what can be provided.
E054_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	HEG	27 (2)	Wong	How many students leave Australia with a HECS or HELP debt after graduation? Mr Manns—I do not think we would be able to get that. Senator WONG—I presume that might be something that the actuarial analysis looks at.
E055_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	28 (2)	Wong	Can you tell me then what the assumed rate of wage increase was, therefore, for 2005-06? Mr Manns—You are asking me to go back and give you— Senator WONG—I want to unpack how you get to 1.9 per cent and 2 per cent. Mr Manns—I do not have the composition of last year's index with me. We would have it, but I do not have it with me. Ms Paul—I think the index is a matter for the department of finance at any rate. Senator WONG—It probably is. Mr Manns—We will have a look at what we can give you and what has been provided in relation to higher education in the past as well. Ms Paul—We usually have to take advice from the department of finance.
E056_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	29 (2)	Wong	Could you tell me what was the factor or the parameter that contributed to the variation between the estimated factor and the actual factor? Did you assume a higher wage increase or was a higher or lower CPI assumed? Mr Manns—I would have to take that on notice. Again, this would have been just applying the forward estimate projections that Finance would have given us across the board.

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E057_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	30 (2)	Wong	Mr Walters—Curtin University of Technology and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. Senator WONG—What are the issues in relation to potential noncompliance? Mr Walters—The issues were notified to both institutions in detailed statements of reasons by the minister, and the institutions have responded to those detailed statements of reasons. It is in the nature of confidential discussions between the minister and the institutions and a process which is halfway through determination; I do not think it would be appropriate to go into those issues today. But they have been fully ventilated. Senator WONG—Are you declining to answer or are you asking that it be taken on notice? Mr Walters—I think I am taking it on notice.
E058_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	30 (2)	Wong	What was the cost of that? Mr Walters—I would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG—Has Clayton Utz provided advice in relation to Batchelor as yet? Mr Walters—Batchelor has not yet responded. Initially, Clayton Utz provided advice on all of the submissions. As a result of that, the minister decided to give a statement of reasons and ask for further information from Batchelor and, as I said, it has not responded yet. Clayton Utz has not been in a position to provide advice on something that we have not received yet. Senator WONG—Can you update the figure you gave me in February which was \$169,369 for Clayton Utz?
E059_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	31 (2)	Wong	Are you able to tell me the cost of administering the program? Ms Baly—I do not have the staff costs. I will have to take that on notice.
E060_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	31 (2)	Wong	Yes, you have. Basically, it is only Clayton Utz that is covered by my question, Mr Walters. Secondly, have you had any other expenses in relation to consultants or other third parties regarding administration of HEWRRs? Ms Baly—I do not believe so. Senator WONG—Could you check that for me?
E061_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	32 (2)	Wong	Yes. Can you tell me the cost of that? Also, did they provide any specific advice in relation to either university for collective or individual agreements? Ms Baly—I will check whether we can answer that or not. I am not sure that we would be able to give you individual costings of specific aspects of their work. Mr Walters—We cannot. Senator WONG—If you cannot do that, can you give me an all-up costing?
E062_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	32 (2)	Wong	Which universities? Ms Baly—I would have to go and check which ones. There were quite a number. Senator WONG—But this is different to the advice on the submissions you were talking about, Mr Walters; is that right? Ms Baly—Yes. It was a different stage of the process and the nature of the advice was different as well. Senator WONG—I would like to be able to look at them separately if I could. Ms Baly—In terms of which universities they looked at or in terms of the cost? Senator WONG—You cannot disaggregate cost. Ms Baly—We cannot disaggregate cost. Senator WONG—I would be happy if you are able to tell me in respect of which universities Clayton Utz were asked to advise on specific draft agreements. Ms Baly—Yes, I think we can do that.
E063_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	32 (2)	Wong	I am not sure their annual report set this out, but can you give me the cost of the lease? Ms Baly—I am not sure that I can give you that, but I can take it on notice.
E064_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	33 (2)	Wong	So these figures you gave me are from 1 July 2006? Ms Baly—These are 2006 figures, commencing in 2006. So 2006, 2007 and 2008 are the three years. Senator WONG—On notice can you tell me whether anything has been spent in relation to those five areas to date?



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E065_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	33 (2)	Wong	Ms Baly—I am sure it has, but they have not yet been required to provide their financial statements. Senator WONG—You grant DEST grants funding to Carrick on certain conditions of grant; is that right? Ms Baly—That is right. Senator WONG—Where are they? Ms Baly—I do not know that they are public. Senator WONG—I am asking for them, Ms Baly, so if you will provide me with the terms and conditions. Ms Baly—I will take that on notice.
E066_07			HEG	37 (2)	Wong	If you ask for the information. In the application form are you asking universities to ensure that any consultancies or contractors they identify as being part of their application have any interest or relationship with the Commonwealth? Ms Paul—I am not sure about that. Ms Baly—I would have to take that on notice as well. I am not sure, either.
E067_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	39 (2)	Wong	You might want the opportunity to take it on notice, Ms Paul. I am interested in whether there is documentation or a view about how that might apply to this program. Ms Paul—It would be in our risk management framework. We would apply risk factor considerations to each program that we undertake.
E068_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Stott Despoja	The 2006-2007 Budget included \$10 million allocated to “support small businesses operating on university campuses”. Will the Government release a discussion paper on the allocation of this funding?
E069_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Stott Despoja	Given that the distribution of this funding starts in 2006, when will universities be able to apply for these funds?
E070_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Stott Despoja	Is DEST on target to announce VSU Transition Fund funding in November 2006?
E071_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Stott Despoja	The 2006-2007 Budget included an increase in the FEE-HELP loan limit cap. Given that the current FEE-HELP loan cap is specified in the Higher Education Support Act 2003, does the proposed increase of the cap need to be passed by Parliament?
E072_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Stott Despoja	Given the increase is scheduled to come into effect in January 2007, when will the Government introduce legislation to enact this increase?
E073_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Stott Despoja	Has the change in the FEE-HELP loan cap for medical courses from \$50,950 to \$80,000, announced after the February COAG Meeting, already been enacted?
E074_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	How many universities were in deficit in 2005? Which universities? What was the size of these deficits? How many years have these universities been in deficit?
E075_07			HEG	Written	Wong	What are DEST’s current liquidity benchmarks for Australian universities? When was this benchmarked established? Has it been revised, if so when? In 2005 how many universities across Australia did not meet DEST’s liquidity benchmarks?
E076_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	How much revenue is generated annually for DEST from the 20 per cent administration charge on FEE HELP loans? What is this figure across the forward estimates? Under which output group and budget line is this revenue recognised?
E077_07			HEG	Written	Wong	United States Studies Centre- On his recent trip to the United States, the Prime Minister announced the Government would contribute \$25 million towards the establishment of a United States Studies Centre in Australia. Is this \$25million already budgeted? If so, under which output group and budget line? What process will be followed to allocate funding for the Centre? Will be open tender or open competitive bidding? What is the timeframe for establishing this centre?

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E078_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	Has DEST received any applications by foreign higher education providers to be added as a Table C provider under the Higher Education Support Act? If so, who submitted this application and on what date was this application received?
E079_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	For each year of operation, how many students have access the OS HELP program? What is the average loan taken under this program? What is the total debt owed under this program?
E080_07			HEG	Written	Wong	Which higher education providers did not have their student enrolments meet their target load during 2005? For each provider what was the variance between actual and target load?
E081_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	How much money is estimated to be spent in each year of the forward estimates on domestic advertising for universities or higher education? Under which Budget output group and line is this funding allocated?
E082_07			HEG	Written	Wong	Please provide state by state breakdown of outstanding Help debt.
E083_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	Output 2.4, Higher Education Special Projects (DEST Portfolio Budget Statements 2006-07 page 67) What programs are administered under this Budget line? Why is there such a significant drop from in expenses from 05/06 to 06/07?
E084_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	What compliance measure required under the Higher Education Support Act are currently under review?
E085_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	How many places, and which discipline areas, has the Minister agreed to shift from an undergraduate to postgraduate level at the University of Melbourne (as reported in the Age, 6/6/06).
E086_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	Has the Minister agreed to reduce the number of undergraduate places available at the University of Melbourne? If so, in which discipline areas and in what years will these reductions take place?
E087_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	HEG	Written	Wong	Please provide a list of which higher education providers have varied their HECS levels as permitted under the Higher Education Support Act, and for each indicate the extent of the variations.
E088_07			HEG	Written	Wong	Please provide estimated FEE HELP debt in the current Budget year and across the forward estimates broken down by public and private higher education providers.
E089_07			HEG	Written	Wong	From 1998 - 2005 how many students commenced as a full fee paying domestic undergraduate subsequently transferred into a commonwealth supported place?
E090_07	11/09/06	14/09/06	IEG	117 (2)	Wong	That is right. They may be able to have Tuition Assurance Scheme coverage for some of them. Senator WONG—Are you able to provide me with details of the 18 providers in respect of whom exemptions have been granted? I do not think we have asked for that before, have we? Ms Paul—No, I do not think you have. Ms Laker—Yes, I will have to take that on notice. Senator WONG—Yes, I assumed that you would take it on notice. Could you also take on notice in respect of which courses?
E091_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IEG	118 (2)	Wong	Condition two, which was removed on the basis of advice around the legal implications of the condition. Senator WONG—Which was not allowing students to suspend—is that right? Ms Laker—It was for the purpose of a holiday and to stop approving non-attendance for reasons outside those established by the national code. I would have to take on notice the details around the removal of that condition. I do not have it here.

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E092_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	IEG	118 (2)	Wong	Can we go to the four providers listed as suspended. They were all in July. Why are they all on the same day? Ms Laker—I believe that all of those ones were suspended as a result of non-payment of their annual registration charge. Senator WONG—Have they since remedied that? Ms Laker—I would have to take that on notice. If they have paid their annual registration charge and a late payment fee, that suspension can then be lifted.
E093_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IEG	118 (2)	Wong	What are the reasons for the cancellations of registration? Ms Laker—I would have to go take on notice the specific details of that. The first one I am not sure of, but the second and the third were on the basis of breaches of the ESOS Act. I will have to take on notice the details of that.
E094_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	Has the Research Quality Framework Development Advisory Group (RQFDAG) met yet to discuss the next phase of the RQF? If so, what progress have they made on how the Research Quality Framework (RQF) model could be most effectively implemented?
E095_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	Have they provided any advice to the Minister on the implementation of the RQF model yet?
E096_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	When will the Government decide whether the RQF model recommended by the Expert Advisory Group is to be adopted?
E097_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	When is the RQF likely to be implemented?
E098_07	15/09/06		IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	Will universities be compensated for the compliance costs of implementing the RQF?
E099_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	Have the compliance costs for the sector implementing the RQF been estimated? If so, what are the estimated costs?
E100_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	The 2006-2007 Budget included the sum of \$3 million to “allow further development of the (RQF) model and the next phase of the process.” Please provide a breakdown detailing how this funding will be used.
E101_07			IRSG	Written	Stott Despoja	The Education Minister has just announced a review of the National Research Priorities. What are the Terms of Reference of the review? When will the review report back?

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E102_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	44 (2)	Wong	<p>What is the time limit? Mr Robertson—I do not have those specific— Senator WONG—Is it 15 days? Mr Robertson—That is correct. Senator WONG—Is it 15 actual days or 15 sitting days? Mr Robertson—I would have to check that out in the act. Senator WONG—Either way, even if it is sitting days, we are well beyond that number of days, correct? Mr Robertson—Correct. Senator WONG—What is the reason for not tabling the document within the statutory time frame? Mr Robertson—One of the parts of the agreement also has attached to it bilateral agreements and what we call VET plans. Whilst they do not have to be tabled, they do form part of the agreement. We felt that it would best to make certain that those bilateral agreements were put in place, and that process has only just been completed. That is how we have been able to kick off that process. Senator WONG—I want to talk about the bilateral agreement shortly. As you have correctly identified, the statutory requirement table relates to the multilateral agreement and not to the specific bilateral agreements, does it not? Mr Robertson—I would have to check that out, but that is my recollection. Mr Davidson—I believe our interpretation is that the agreement is not in place until all elements of the agreement are place, so that is the multilateral, the bilateral and the VET plans. The department's view is that the agreement is not fully completed until all elements are completed. Senator WONG—Did you take legal advice about that? My recollection of it was that it referred to the agreement. I understood that to be the multilateral agreement. Given that you have not complied with it on the basis that Mr Davidson has indicated, was legal advice taken within the department? Mr Robertson—I know that we sought informal advice. I would need to check whether we sought that formally. Senator WONG—The difficulty I am facing is that it makes it obviously a little more difficult for this committee to scrutinise and consider funding arrangements if we are not able to consider the agreement which was supposed to have been tabled.</p>
E103_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	46 (2)	Wong	<p>Is the multilateral the only tabled document, which you have had since November? Ms Paul—It has been on the internet since November. Senator WONG—Have you had it since November? Ms Paul—We may have had it from before then. I will have to check. Senator WONG—I am sorry, I thought the signing was— Ms Andruska—It was signed by all parties by November. Senator WONG—Yes. On what date in November was it put on your website? Mr Robertson—I will have to take that on notice.</p>
E104_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	46 (2)	Wong	<p>Let us go back to the bilaterals. You said it is your intention that all aspects of the multilateral, bilateral and VET plans be made public. What is the process for bilateral and VET plans being made public, given, as I understand from Ms Paul's evidence, they are not to be tabled? Mr Davidson—Our view would be that they would be generally available either through the publication on our website or on request. Ms Paul—I imagine it is just a case of checking with each jurisdiction and then putting it on the web. Senator WONG—We have done the dates of the bilaterals. February was the finalisation of the last one? Mr Davidson—No, the bilaterals were in April. I think 20 April was the last one that was signed. Mr McAuslan—It was around 20 April, but I can get you the exact date if you would like.</p>

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E105_07			VTE	46 (2)	Wong	VET plans were referred by the ministerial council to the minister on 18 April and on 28 April the minister responded to his ministerial colleagues in the states and territories, indicating that the VET plans had been approved. Senator WONG—Can you provide to the committee the three sets of documents? Ms Paul—Multilateral, bilateral and the VET plans. We are happy to do so. I probably should check with the jurisdiction on the bilateral and the VET plans. Senator WONG—The multilateral is the one that is referred to in the act as the Skilling Australia's Workforce agreement, is it? Ms Paul—Yes. Senator WONG—That is the one that section 45 requires presentation to the parliament on? Ms Paul—Yes. Senator WONG—I ask you to consider if the process of awaiting all other aspects which are not referred to in the legislation is in fact what was contemplated by parliament. Ms Paul—I understand.
E106_07			VTE	53 (2)	Wong	Presumably you will be able to give me a copy of it with whatever bits removed that you do not like by the November estimates? Ms Cross—The constitution? Senator WONG—The contract? Ms Cross—Do we normally hand over contracts? Ms Paul—We will take it on notice. Senator WONG—You can take it on notice. There might be commercial-in-confidence bits that you might want to claim. Ms Paul—That is right. Senator WONG—Would this describe the sort of robust system of management of conflict of interest that you have described: It's only a conflict of interest if you don't declare and make it obvious to others that you may have an interest in something. The polite and useful procedure is to retire from the discussion.
E107_07			VTE	54 (2)	Wong	This is probably a bit of a legal question: will the conduct of the institute be able to be scrutinised by the Auditor-General? Ms McLaren—We will have to take that on notice. Senator WONG—Is the Ombudsman applicable too? Ms Cross—We will have to take that on notice as well.
E108_07			VTE	56 (2)	Wong	On notice, are you able to provide me with the list of the 330 and 170 and then the list of the 313? Ms White—Yes, I would be able to do that. Senator WONG—And their locations, presumably? Ms White—Yes, that would be the locations. Senator WONG—I assume so, not just the name. Will the total of \$106.7 million over four years buy any additional programs? Ms Paul—Yes, it does buy additional services.
E109_07			VTE	57 (2)	Wong	What did you call it? You said it was milestone or outcome based? Is there any component of the funding which is a performance target as a whole for a particular centre? Ms White—Our New Apprenticeships centres have a raft of KPIs. They might not have a numbered target, but they have to get proportions of Indigenous, for instance, and people with disabilities. In this next contract round we also have a requirement that three different business plans be submitted, against which they have to report activities and outcomes. We can take sanctions if the requirements are not met. There will be a plan that involves marketing and getting out and about and talking to schools and things like that. There will be a plan around key client groups—Indigenous, people with a disability, mature-age and school based New Apprenticeships. There is also a plan around occupations that are experiencing strong skill needs. Senator WONG—That is very detailed. Thank you. Could I trouble you to perhaps give me on notice the milestone or outcome payments structure that you have just structured and the KPIs? Ms White—Yes, that is not a problem.

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E110_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	58 (2)	Wong	How have you assumed they are broken up—Just a third each year? Ms White—I am not sure. That would have been done through our estimates modelling process. Senator WONG—So you cannot tell me that at all? Ms White—No, I do not know. We would have to take it on notice.
E111_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	60 (2)	Wong	What information can you give me, on notice, about the relative ranking of NACs under the last contract? Ms White—I would have to take that on notice. But certainly we would have the scores for every New Apprenticeships centre in the department. Senator WONG—Why do we do it this way? I will take some advice on how it is formulated, given your evidence about how you take the data, which is every six months over the entirety of the contract. There is not a final one, is there? Ms White—No, it is done regularly.
E112_07			VTE	61 (2)	Wong	Given that you have at least one, which you mentioned today, person or organisation that is delivering both services, have you considered any potential for double-dipping and ensured that that will not occur or cannot occur in terms of program delivery? Ms White—They are completely different services. What the Job Network does is place a person in a new apprenticeship or in any sort of employment. What the New Apprenticeships centre does is sign up the new apprentice to the contract of training, explain the rights and obligations to the employer, monitor the person and do those visits and so on while they are in the new apprenticeship itself. Ms Paul—I think Ms White has answered it in essence by saying that there is a requirement for the two to be separated and to have a conflict of interest plan—going to your point. Senator WONG—What is the conflict of interest requirement and what is the requirement as to separation? Is it simply two corporate structures with an identical owner? Would that satisfy the separation? Ms White—Each organisation has to have a conflict of interest plan, which is part of their contract. Senator WONG—No, this was not what I meant; I was going to get on to that. You talked about separation of the functions. Is legal separation sufficient even in reality? Where you have two corporate entities wholly owned by the same person or people, is that sufficient separation? Ms White—They have to be separate. The staff cannot work on Job Network and be in the New Apprenticeships centre, for instance. They have to have different phone lines and so on. But they are essentially two different services. Senator WONG—You just set out a number of conditions, guidelines or protocols, whatever word you would like to use. Are they set out somewhere? Ms White—I understand that the organisations put to us their conflict of interest plan and we approve that. Ms Paul—And it is part of the contract. Ms White—Yes, it is part of the contract. Mr Davidson—We would be delighted if the Job Network providers increased the number of people they placed into apprenticeships. That would be an excellent outcome for us. We would be very pleased to get that result. Senator WONG—I am not arguing against that at all. I am simply asking whether, in circumstances where related or the same organisation provides both services, there are (a) sufficient provisions to ensure no conflict of interest and (b) mechanisms to ensure the Commonwealth is getting value for its money—that is, there is not a double-dipping essentially for the same kind of service being provided by this provider in two different contexts and getting two different sets of outcomes. Mr Davidson—As Ms White commented before, at the present time there is no outcome payment for a Job Network provider for placement in an apprenticeship. Senator WONG—Is your evidence that there is no overlap at all in terms of the outcome fees? Mr Davidson—No, my evidence is that we will provide you with the information that you request. But fundamentally, as Ms

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						<p>White has indicated, the Job Network provider is doing a job placement service, and that is what they are contracted to do. The NAC is undertaking a process of signing up a person to an apprenticeship, monitoring the progress of that apprenticeship and hopefully ensuring that the completions of those apprenticeships continue to rise. Senator WONG—In relation to separation, Ms White, is that a protocol or a principle position by the department or is this simply something that was suggested by this organisation as a way around it? Can you see what I am saying? I am not clear as to whether you say, 'You have to manage their conflict of interest and we'll consider how you propose to do that' or whether you have a set of standards or principles against which you would judge what is put to you. Ms White—I will have to take that on notice and get back to you with those protocols. Certainly, there are many current New Apprenticeships centres that are also Job Network providers. The new organisation coming in is a Job Network provider, but many of the other ones are as well. I will get back to you with those. I will take on notice those protocols for how we approve it as part of the contract. Mr Davidson—In the tender document we were actively seeking people who were engaged in job placement activities. Just to clarify my point, there is an outcome payment for placement in a job, which would include an apprenticeship, but there is no payment for sign-up of apprenticeships.</p>
E113_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	64 (2)	Wong	<p>To what extent is the downward revision due to any factors other than the program cuts to which I have just referred? Mr Davidson—I suspect that it is actually to do with the changing categories of payments that go out through incentives as against the new items in the budget, which is classified under different headings. Ms McKinnon—The model that has been agreed by DOFA works on historic data to inform the forecasts. There are a fair few variables in the incentives structure that relate to whether or not an apprentice has a prior qualification that would make them ineligible for an incentive, what level of qualification they are doing, as well as what area or industry they are doing it in, and the skill shortage also affects the money paid out from the incentive. I guess the point is that the model is fairly complex and based on historic data and data afforded from the TYIMS, which has in itself a time-lag. All those factors go into a black box and that allows us to forward estimate how much we think we will spend on support for new apprentices. That is quite apart from the savings measures. Mr Storen—If I could add a little bit: what you are looking at there is a \$16 million reduction. If you look at the impact of the two measures that you mentioned, that is a \$7 million reduction. There is a residual of \$9 million, which would have been adjusted for reasons Ms McKinnon has mentioned, in that there is an estimates model that looks at actual incentive payments over a period and projects the trends. It has been reduced downwards by \$9 million. Senator WONG—What does that indicate, leaving aside the program cuts to incentives? Sorry, we have discussed the incentive program cuts. What are the parameters that have altered between the two budget rounds that have led to the \$9 million reduction? Fewer and fewer apprentices or— Mr Storen—Fewer incentive claims being made or lower level incentive claims being paid. That is probably a reflection of the overall reduction over the last 12 months in the NCVET apprenticeship data, which you were talking about. What you would be seeing there is that impacting on the incentive payments going out. Ms McKinnon—Another example is the skills areas that are identified. There was a change to that, I think in April of this year, when some occupations came off and some were added. Ms Paul—We would probably have to take it on notice. If you want the absolute accurate breakdown, we would probably have to take it on notice—interrogate the model. Senator WONG—It is just the \$9 million and whether the \$7 million was</p>

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						attributable to those others. Ms Paul—We will go away and have a look at it. If we find there are more factors than we have named here, we will take it on notice.
E114_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	64 (2)	Wong	In relation to the two programs that we have been discussing that were cut, can you tell me how many apprentices receive support under each of these programs each year? Ms McKinnon—In terms of the rural and regional skills shortage initiative and the qualifications affected, I do not have the numbers of apprentices for each of those. But the agriculture and horticulture qualifications removed from that incentive were about 10 per cent of that total payment of incentives across industry across the qualifications. In terms of women in non-traditional trades, I would have to also take that on notice to get exact numbers across the incentive.
E115_07			VTE	66 (2)	Wong	There is a comparatively high proportion of departmental output component to this measure, particularly in the forthcoming financial year. Can you explain to me why the department requires \$382,000—I do not know what it is over the full estimates period; I cannot add that up quickly enough—to implement this program? Ms White—I do not have the exact breakdown in front of me, but I understand there certainly are IT changes required to our TYIMS. Given it is a new incentive there will be a requirement of course for additional monitoring, which is done by our state and territory officers. There is some additional staffing there as well. We would also need funding to market this new initiative. This is the first time we have had incentives for diplomas and advanced diplomas in this program. Senator WONG—On notice, could you give me a breakdown into categories of the departmental output component? Ms White—Yes. Senator WONG—How much for marketing, how much for capital expenditure, et cetera?
E116_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	66 (2)	Wong	Also on notice, of the qualifications that you just outlined to me, could you give me information on how many people commenced these qualifications over the last 12 months?
E117_07			VTE	67 (2)	Wong	BITES for older workers—this is a program that has been cut or has finished? Ms Paul—It finished. The commitment was for four years. It was an election commitment. It is a discontinuing program. Senator WONG—The election commitment in the 2001 election? Ms Paul—Yes. Senator WONG—That program did not operate in any form prior to that? Ms Paul—No. Senator WONG—How many people benefited from it each year over the term of the program?
E118_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	69 (2)	Wong	There was an addition of 16 trades in March. How many more apprentices are expected to be eligible for the toolkit? Ms White—It is a little difficult for us to tell at this stage. The industry skills centres are still mapping what qualifications actually lead to those occupations for us. The occupational categories may have a number of qualifications sitting under them. Until that process is finished, we would not be able to estimate how many additional apprentices will be— Senator STEPHENS—When do you hope for that process to be completed? Ms White—We are hoping that will be done in the next couple of weeks. We only have a few of the industry skills councils still to hear back from, I understand. Senator STEPHENS—If it is possible to take that on notice and provide it, that would be helpful. Ms White—We could provide you with a full list of qualifications, yes.
E119_07			VTE	69 (2)	Wong	I see. At this stage you have not extrapolated out the costs? Ms White—That is correct. Senator STEPHENS—When do you hope to be able to do that? Ms White—We hope to do that within the next couple of weeks. Senator STEPHENS—Could you provide that out to the forward estimates?



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E120_07			VTE	69 (2)	Wong	I wonder if you could also provide on notice the complete list of qualifications that make an apprentice eligible for the toolkit and how many apprentices have commenced that qualification in the past 12 months? Ms White—Yes, we can do that for you.
E121_07			VTE	73 (2)	Wong	Very broadly, what reporting will be required? Ms Johnston—There is an annual report of, as I have mentioned, the number of students who have completed year 12, the number of students who are continuing on in their school based new apprenticeship after they complete year 12, an employer survey and a student satisfaction survey. I believe there is a fifth category, but I cannot remember. There were five. Senator WONG—So you will supplement that on notice?
E122_07			VTE	74 (2)	Wong	In light of the fact the minister already announced very publicly last month the funding for one of the colleges, I ask again, in respect of which a funding agreement has been signed, for the moneys available under those contracts to be provided to the committee. Ms Paul—I will say that I am happy to consider it, of course, but my initial view is that to give the full scope for the entire set of agreements already funded would offer a range of information which could be prejudicial. But I am happy to consider it. Senator WONG—You are entitled to take it on notice, Ms Paul. But I want to make the point that you did not indicate in your answer to question subparagraph (10) whether this was the release of all or some. Is it the case, therefore, that the release of one by the minister has prejudiced subsequent negotiations? Ms Paul—I do not know. I have not made an assessment of that. Senator WONG—When did the department become aware of the minister's announcement? Ms Johnston—When the media release was published, I imagine. Senator WONG—So you were not aware of it prior to that time? Ms Johnston—I do not believe so. Senator WONG—Were you asked to provide advice as to the appropriateness of releasing that detail, given the position the department has previously taken on this issue—which has actually been fairly consistent, Ms Paul, I will acknowledge that? Ms Paul—Yes. Did we give advice? Ms Johnston—We normally advise exactly the same as we have advised you, that any announcement would prejudice the future negotiations. Ms Paul—It sounds like we are entering the realm of advice, however.
E123_07			VTE	76 (2)	Wong	Ms Johnston—These are provided to us as part of their proposed budget for the next four years. Senator WONG—I have some questions on the individual colleges. Port Macquarie and Taree—does the college have a business plan? Ms Johnston—Yes, all colleges have a business plan. Senator WONG—Is this one available? Ms Johnston—The business plans would not normally be made available. They form the schedule to the funding agreement between us and the college. Senator WONG—Are you able to provide us with the funding agreement? Ms Johnston—I would have to take that on notice. I am not sure. Senator WONG—What you might want to consider, depending on the view you come to about the prejudicing of other negotiations, is whether we can have at least the bits that have that in it. Ms Johnston—We may well be able to provide a summary or an analysis of some of the parts— Ms Paul—In considering it, we would also seek agreement, presumably from the body itself. But I am happy to consider that, of course.

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E124_07			VTE	79 (2)	Wong	<p>WONG—In relation to the four that you have just given me, are you able on notice or now to give me the projected enrolments over the forward estimates period? Ms Johnston—I would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG—I am getting tired, Ms Paul. I cannot recall what you took on notice. In relation to these four, did I understand that the department took on notice first whether or not you could provide the total recurrent student expenditure for Commonwealth, state and private sources? Was that essentially where we got to? Ms Johnston—I think you asked for the figures they have included in their budget. That is my understanding. Mr Evans—We would not have private sources at this stage. That would be collected as part of our normal financial questionnaire that we collect. That is post the year of collection. Senator WONG—So I can request that information in respect of the open ones and also separately in relation to those where funding agreements have been signed but are not yet operative?</p>
E125_07			VTE		Wong	<p>Are you able to give me the projected enrolment in respect of each of those schools when you take that on notice? Ms Johnston—Not by the schools, because it will depend on the interest from the students. They would not be able to project at this stage that there will be 10 at that school and 11 at another. Senator WONG—But at least in respect of the 26— Ms Johnston—The 26 are vacancies for school based new apprenticeships. They have interviewed 30. My figure is now 34. They have done 34 interviews with students to match them to those vacancies. But I do not have the details of which schools those 34 students are attending. I would be able to provide you the schools that they are attending once they have signed up and are enrolled. Senator WONG—Did their business plan talk about how many there would be at each school? Ms Johnston—Not in the papers I have here with me. The business plan may have given projections by the campus. I simply have an estimate of the total numbers by trades. Senator WONG—What are they? Ms Johnston—In 2007 they are expecting to have a total of 65 students—35 in metals and engineering, five in automotive, 20 in building and construction and five in electrotechnology. Senator WONG—So you have them for each year? Ms Johnston—I do. Senator WONG—You could provide the rest of those on notice? Ms Johnston—For Gladstone? Senator WONG—Actually, I would like them for— Ms Johnston—For any one that we have a funding agreement signed? Senator WONG—That is correct.</p>
E126_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	81 (2)	Wong	<p>Was the 222 figure for Port Macquarie? Ms Paul—Yes. Senator WONG—Were they all students that were already at St Joseph's? Ms Johnston—Yes; that was for St Joseph's Vocational College. Moving from year 10 to 11, they probably were in the existing school. They are year 11 students, so they may well have been year 10 in that school or they may have moved from another school. I do not know the numbers. Senator WONG—Could you perhaps confirm that on notice? What I want to know is if there were any students that were not existing students at St Joseph's. Mr Davidson—Who are now enrolled there. Senator WONG—Yes. Mr Davidson—So the question is: had other students come from other schools to there? Senator WONG—That is correct.</p>

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E127_07			VTE	83 (2)	Wong	<p>Mr Davidson—All students would be existing students; they would all still be in secondary school. Senator WONG—What are the fees for Eastern Melbourne per student per annum? Ms Johnston—I think that was in the answer to questions on notice. Mr Evans—It is \$500, in the answer to question E990-06, part 3. Senator WONG—Do we have information about those not able to be answered on that front at the time this question was prepared? Ms Johnston—We would have it for anywhere we have a funding agreement signed, yes. Senator WONG—You do not have anything to add, basically? Ms Johnston—We will have to take it on notice. We have had at least another five funding agreements signed since then. Mr Evans—Since that answer was submitted. Senator WONG—Do you have the fees here for those five colleges? Ms Johnston—I have the fees. I need to go to the signed funding agreements. Senator WONG—We could go through it this way—Townsville? Ms Johnston—I do not have a specific fee for Townsville. Senator WONG—You might want to take that on notice. Ms Johnston—I do not have that now. Mr Davidson—It is probably best if we take this on notice. Senator WONG—Do you have any of them here? I am happy if you give me the ones you have and then take the rest on notice. I am just trying to work out whether you have any here. Ms Johnston—The figures per annum are: Adelaide South, \$230; North Brisbane—I think that might already have been answered—no fees; Bendigo, \$200; Hunter, \$350; and \$250 for the Gippsland one. Senator WONG—What is that called? Ms Johnston—It was Bairnsdale, but they are called Gippsland now. Senator WONG—And what was that amount? Mr Evans—\$250. Ms Johnston—Northern Tasmania I think you might already have. Mr Evans—Yes. Ms Johnston—Perth South is \$1,550, comprising \$100 for enrolment, \$200 for materials and a \$1,250 tuition fee. That is the signed— Senator WONG—So Illawarra has not had a funding agreement? Ms Johnston—No, not yet. Senator WONG—Townsville is nil and North Brisbane is nil? Ms Johnston—For Townsville I do not actually have a figure. It says that it is not higher than existing fees. Senator WONG—What about Warrnambool? Ms Johnston—It is not signed yet. Senator WONG—Western Sydney? Ms Johnston—It is not signed yet. Senator WONG—Whyalla-Port Augusta? Ms Johnston—No, it is not signed. Senator WONG—Adelaide North? Ms Johnston—Adelaide North, no. Senator WONG—No, what? Is it not signed? Ms Johnston—They are all the ones that are not signed. Senator WONG—Darwin? Ms Johnston—Yes. I have given you all the ones that are signed. Senator WONG—I am just checking. And Geelong also— Ms Johnston—It is not signed.</p>
E128_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	84 (2)	Wong	<p>You gave the disaggregation in Perth South in terms of tuition and other costs. Do I assume that for the rest of them you gave me a figure that is for tuition only? Ms Johnston—I have not identified that. It is just an enrolment fee. Senator WONG—Why is Perth so high? Ms Johnston—It is still a relatively low fee for a non-government school. It is the way they have decided to approach it. Some schools believe that the charging of fees is actually a useful way of encouraging strong commitment to the school. Senator WONG—Is there any change to paragraph 3 of your answer in terms of the fee levels, other than what you have just indicated? Have the fees been altered? Ms Johnston—I do not know. I do not believe so. If there is a change we will let you know. We can check that.</p>

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E129_07			VTE	88 (2)	Wong	Is there an assumption in relation to Port Macquarie of any industry contributions? Ms Johnston—In terms of actual cash? Senator WONG—Yes. Ms Johnston—I do not know. Senator WONG—You do not know? Ms Johnston—It would be included in their budget if there was. Senator WONG—That is what you are going to get back to me on? Ms Johnston—The requirement has been the industry contribution in terms of contribution in rate of governance, in terms of providing the student apprenticeships, and there may be others in terms of their assisting with providing training. There are some instances where they have indicated to us that they have industry that is willing to provide, for example, scholarships for students. There is a variety of industry support. Not much of it, I would think, would be cash quantified. Ms Paul—What sets these apart is the extent of industry involvement and the local business involvement on the councils and so on. That is one of the key features. Ms Johnston—Equipment is quite an important thing. Often industry has offered to provide some specific equipment related to training. Senator WONG—You can get back to me about that? Ms Johnston—I could get back to you. Senator WONG—I am interested generally for the ones in respect of which you have that information. Ms Johnston—It could be quite an extensive amount of information. Senator WONG—I do not know how you have the information. I am interested in cash or income sources versus other incoming contribution, and I do not mind if the other incoming contribution is— Ms Johnston—Just a general statement? Senator WONG—Yes, this much and this much for each of the schools.
E130_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	92 (2)	Wong	In E990-06 you listed a number of schools. If there is any update to that, could you provide that? Ms Johnston—Yes. Senator WONG—The RTO list remains the same? Ms Johnston—I am not aware of any change. I will let you know if there is. Senator WONG—You have indicated here: (MoUs) with other accredited RTOs as required I wanted to know whether any other RTOs had been approached or indicated their participation. Ms Johnston—Certainly. Senator WONG—You do not know that now? Ms Johnston—I do not.
E131_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	93 (2)	Wong	Is there any update to the information in E990? Ms Johnston—I do not think so, because that would have been provided on the basis of their business plan. The only areas that the Gold Coast is operating in this year are building and construction and commercial cookery. That is where their student numbers are—32 in building and construction and 12 in commercial cookery. Senator WONG—Is this the RTO? Ms Johnston—This is the Australian Institute of Technology, which is one of the partners in the Gold Coast. When I say ‘one of the partners’, it was one of the partners in the original consortium that established the college. Senator WONG—Ms Johnston, given what has been taken on notice—and if you would update E990 to include the other funding agreements which have been entered into—I think we can move now to getting some information about those regions for which there have been no announcements as yet. In relation to Dubbo, can you tell me how many proposals were received?

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E132_07			VTE	94 (2)	Wong	Is Lismore-Ballina also a location in respect of which two proposals were received, one from the New South Wales department? Ms Johnston—Yes, I think that is correct. Senator WONG—Did that include Ballina High School and the Northern Institute of TAFE? Ms Johnston—As a department? Senator WONG—Departmental, yes. Was there another proposal received? Ms Johnston—I believe so. Senator WONG—Are you able to tell me from whom? Ms Johnston—No, I am not. Senator WONG—Does that mean you do not know? Ms Johnston—I cannot recall at the moment the details of that. That was in the middle of last year. Senator WONG—Please provide me with details of that and of the one previously. Have any other proposals been received since that time?
E133_07			VTE	Written	Evans	How much direct funding is the Commonwealth providing for vocational education and training resourcing in Western Australia in 2006-07? How is this funding broken down between capital and program funding and / or direct funding for student / training places? How much growth funding for VET in WA is budgeted for the period of the forward estimates, and what is the total VET funding for WA for each year of the forward estimates? Please explain the process by which the department determines the level of growth funding that will be provided to Western Australia for vocational education and training, including the assumptions that are used, models applied and how the funding figures listed in response to questions 1 to 3 above were arrived at. N.B. For questions 1-7 below, please do not include funding to or places delivered by Australian Technical Colleges, except where such inclusion is necessary to provide a full explanation. Where ATC funding and places are included in responses to questions 1-7, please ensure that that funding or those places are explicitly identified.
E134_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Evans	How much direct funding is the Commonwealth providing for apprenticeships in Western Australia in 2006-07 and the period of the forward estimates (broken down by year)? Please provide details of how total apprenticeships funding to Western Australia is broken down between funding for new apprenticeships and apprenticeships in traditional trades in 2006-07 and the period of the forward estimates (broken down by year). Please indicate how many apprenticeships in WA will be funded by the Commonwealth, broken down by year and the type of apprenticeship in 2006-07 and over the period of the forward estimates. N.B. For questions 1-7 below, please do not include funding to or places delivered by Australian Technical Colleges, except where such inclusion is necessary to provide a full explanation. Where ATC funding and places are included in responses to questions 1-7, please ensure that that funding or those places are explicitly identified.

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E135_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Evans	Please indicate the level of funding for Australian Technical Colleges in Western Australia in 2006-07 and the period of the forward estimates (broken down by year). Given that the WA Australian Technical Colleges may be delivered through non-government organisations, in partnership with local government, please indicate the level of funding provided to those organisations by the Commonwealth, broken down by capital and program funding and by year, for 2006-07 and over the period of the forward estimates? Please also explain how the funding formula for the WA colleges is arrived at. Please indicate how many student places will be provided by Australian Technical Colleges in WA in 2006-07 and over the period of the forward estimates, broken down by year, and indicate how many of those places will be funded by the Commonwealth. N.B. For questions 1-7 below, please do not include funding to or places delivered by Australian Technical Colleges, except where such inclusion is necessary to provide a full explanation. Where ATC funding and places are included in responses to questions 1-7, please ensure that that funding or those places are explicitly identified.
E136_07			VTE	Written	Evans	Why was the New Apprenticeships program of Women in Non Traditional Occupations incentive abolished? What replacement programs have been initiated?
E137_07			VTE	Written	Evans	On what date(s) did each State and Territory sign: a. Commonwealth-State agreement for Skilling Australia's Workforce? b. Bilateral agreements required under section 7(2) of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005? For each State and Territory, on what date(s) did the Commonwealth Minister approve the annual VET plan as required by section 7(3) of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005? On what date(s) did the Commonwealth Minister approve payments of financial assistance to the States and Territories under the Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005 in respect of the 2006 year? On what date(s) were these payments made?
E138_07			VTE	Written	Evans	In answer to question E917_06, DEST advised that "The estimation of growth factor in the take up of New Apprenticeships range between 3 and 5 percent over the Budget and forward estimates period." What is the growth factor assumed for commencements of New Apprenticeship in each of the ASCO occupation groupings: a. Managers, administrators and professionals b. Associate professionals c. Trades and related workers d. Advanced clerical and service workers e. Intermed. clerical, sales and service workers f. Intermed. production and transport workers g. Element. clerical, sales and service workers h. Labourers and related workers. Please provide data on the number: i. in training; ii. commencements; iii. completions; iv. cancellations and withdrawals, of a. all New Apprenticeships; b. 'traditional apprentices'; c. New Apprenticeships in the trades and related workers ASCO category, by: I. federal electorate; II. state; III. industry grouping for the most recent 12 month period.
E139_07			VTE	Written	Evans	Following the expansion of eligibility for the Tools for Your Trade initiative in March 2006, please provide a complete list of eligible qualifications, and for each qualification the date an apprentice must have commenced their contract to be eligible. For each of the eligible qualifications for the latest available 12 month period, the total number of: a. Commencements b. In training c. Completions. Please also provide a breakdown of these figures by: a. State/Territory b. Federal Electorate.
E140_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Please provide a complete list of eligible qualifications, and for each qualification the date an apprentice must have commenced their contract to be eligible.

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E141_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Please provide, for each year since 1996, national the public expenditure per publicly funded nominal hour for the vocational education and training system.
E142_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Each of the following expense areas are identified in the document "Agency Budget Statements – Outcomes – DEST" (p. 67) a. Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005 b. Vocational and Technical Education - Priority Places c. Vocational and Technical Education - National Programmes d. National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd e. New Apprenticeship Centres f. Support for New Apprenticeships g. New Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development h. New Apprenticeship Access Programme i. Workplace English Language Literacy j. Career Planning k. Language, Literacy and Numeracy Training l. Basic IT Enabling Skills for Older Workers m. Disability Coordination Officers n. Targeted Training Initiatives For each of these, please provide: a. A list of activities funded under this heading, b. Who receives the funding, c. The actual and projected expenditure on these for the period to the end of the current forward estimates?
E143_07			CSG	Written	Wong	What the expenses are included under the heading "vocational and other education" as part of the "Education" function in Budget paper Number 1, Statement 6, Table 7? What expenses are included under the heading "vocational and industry training" as part of the "Other Economic Affairs" function Budget Paper No. 1, Statement 6, Table 16?
E144_07			VTE	Written	Wong	A graph is provided at p. 10 of the document "Budget Information 2006 at a Glance – DEST" which purports to show VTE expenditure for the period 2000-01 to 2006-07. What is the exact total of VTE expenditure depicted in the graph for each year? Which programs are included in this calculation? What is the level of expenditure for each of these programs for each year? Are departmental appropriations included? If so, what is the level of expenditure for this in each year?
E145_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Wong	What is the explanation for the difference in the amounts reported as expended as a result of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Act in Budget Paper No. 3, p. 46 and on p. 67 of "Agency Budget Statements – Outcomes – DEST"?
E146_07			VTE	Written	Wong	For each year since 2001, for programs where the Commonwealth has been involved in the direct purchasing of training (outside the Commonwealth-State agreement), how much has been awarded to a. public and b. private training providers?
E147_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Wong	What percentage of apprenticeship contracts are currently subject to User Choice policies in each State and Territory?
E148_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Wong	What is the estimated value of the 2006-2009 contracts for each New Apprenticeship Centre? How many New Apprenticeships Centres (in the 2006-2009 contract round) have affiliation to or are directly operated by ACCI and/or their state branches?
E149_07			VTE	Written	Wong	How much money is estimated to be spent in each year of the forward estimates on advertising New Apprenticeships? Under which Budget output group and line is this funding allocated?
E150_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Please update the table in answer to question E809_05 on indexation of vocational education and training funding to include most recent data.
E151_07			VTE	Written	Wong	For the 2003-2006 contract period, what was the total New Apprenticeship Centre (NAC) contracts awarded to the six ACCI affiliates listed in answer E389_05? What is this as a proportion of total NAC contracts for each year?

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E152_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Please provide a list the top 100 companies by dollar value of incentive payments under the New Apprenticeship Incentive Program in 2005. (Please aggregate information for companies with the same ABN) Please also provide these payments by type of incentives, indicate the number of apprentices applicable to each incentive payment type, and for relevant incentives which were in the 'trades and related workers' ASCO group.
E153_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Please provide a list of the top 100 companies (not including Group Training Companies) by dollar value of incentive payments under the New Apprenticeship Incentive Program in 2005 (Please aggregate information for companies with the same ABN) Please also provide these payments by type of incentives, indicate the number of apprentices applicable to each incentive payment type, and for relevant incentives which were in the 'trades and related workers' ASCO group.
E154_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Wong	For each year 2001-2005, please provide the total amount of funding paid under the New Apprenticeship Incentive Program by type of incentive payment.
E155_07			VTE	Written	Wong	For all initiatives under the COAG Skills Agenda: What individual programs are to be funded? What is the purpose of each program? How is this funding to be allocated? To whom and by whom? For each program, what is the funding in the current budget year and across the forward estimates? What are these by Administered Items and Departmental Outputs? For each program to which Output Group and budget line are they allocated?
E156_07			VTE	Written	Wong	For each New Apprenticeship Centre over the last two contract rounds (2000 – 2003 & 2003 – 2006) for each year how many a. commencements and b. Completions were facilitated by each Centre?
E157_07			VTE	Written	Wong	In the last financial year, how much was recovered from employers under the New Apprenticeship Incentive Program? What were the reasons for these recoveries?
E158_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Since 2000, can you provide the percentage of Commonwealth Government expenditure on vocational education and training which has gone to New Apprenticeship Incentive Program? For the same period can you also provide New Apprentices as a percentage of overall students in the VET sector?
E159_07			VTE	Written	Wong	For 2005, can you please provide a list of how many New Apprenticeship Employer Incentives were paid to each nationally recognised VET qualification, including to value of payments made?
E160_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Wong	On Tuesday 30 May 2006 Minister Hardgrave was reported in the Financial Review as "saying he was seriously considering government-funded inducements to lure the unemployed from job-poor regions to areas with a shortage of workers." (AFR, 30.5.06, P.3) a. Has DEST provided advice to the Minister on such a proposal? On what date was this advice provided? b. How much would such a proposal cost? c. Has DEST costed any proposal to increase the living away from home allowance? d. What would the cost of increasing the Living Away from Home Allowance to (a) \$100 per week; (b) \$200 per week? e. Has DEST commissioned any actuarial studies of such a proposal? f. If so, what is the estimated impact on demand of a \$100 or \$200 week increase?
E161_07			VTE	Written	Wong	Commonwealth Targeted funding - Please advise if any funding from Commonwealth targeted programs – such as for students with disabilities, Indigenous students, literacy and numeracy programs – is included in the Colleges' contracts or business plans? If so, please provide amounts and details of the approved projects.



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E162_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Wong	Fees: Please advise the level of tuition fees to be charged by the College. And advise if other fees, levies or charges are planned: materials, tools and equipment; travel costs; workers' compensation; capital levies; etc. Other sources of income - Please advise if the Colleges' business plans include estimated income from other private sources, e.g. levies and community donations; industry contributions; System support – including funding for liabilities such as superannuation, long service leave and the like.
E163_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	VTE	Written	Wong	How many New Apprentices has DEST implore it each year since 2001? Please provide a breakdown by certificate level, and subject. How much has DEST received from the Australian government in New Apprenticeship incentives for each year since 2001? How many of these New Apprentices went on to obtain continuing employment with DEST?
E164_07			CSIRO	14 (1)	Wong	Dr Garrett, you mentioned the 12 reviews in the last X number of years when you were responding to my value for money question. I may have a list of all of them, but could you please provide us on notice with a list of the 12 reviews to which you were referring in that answer?
E165_07			CSIRO	17 (1)	Wong	So why was the 2005-06 FTE staffing level at 6,030? Mr Whelan—I have just asked that question, Senator, and I do not have a satisfactory answer for you at the moment. Senator WONG—But you are the man who is supposed to know the numbers, Mr Whelan. Mr Whelan—I am sorry; there are a lot of numbers to know. Senator WONG—Will someone get back to us at some point as to why?
E166_07			CSIRO	20 (1)	Wong	What is the value that is attributed to Westridge House for the purposes of the calculation of FBT? Mr Whelan—I am happy to take that on notice. I do not have that figure with me.
E167_07			CSIRO	20 (1)	Ferris	What was added by the renovations at the back? Mr Whelan—I have to take that on notice. The material I have in front of me says a modest extension was provided, but I do not know the detail of it. Senator FERRIS—It is not modest; it is quite large. It is two storeys and it is quite significant. The house was originally a family home occupied I think by Mr Weston, the original designer of the arboretum. It was a large house; it is a large house, but it has been made significantly larger. I think it would be useful if we knew what was added to it.
E168_07			CSIRO	22 (1)	Stephens	Following on from the discussion prior to the break about Westridge House, I wonder if perhaps the most useful way to understand the extension program is if we could actually have a copy of the plans of the building—the original plans of the building and the extensions that have been undertaken since the refurbishment began. Mr Whelan—I can look into that. You will take that on notice? Thank you. I want to try to understand a little bit more about the staffing costs that we were discussing before the break.
E169_07			CSIRO	23 (1)	Stephens	Are you able to provide us with the details of the positions, their gradings and their pay scales? Dr Garrett—I am happy to do that.
E170_07			CSIRO	24 (1)	Wong	Let us do it this way: in answer to Senator Stephens, Dr Garrett, you indicated that the proportion of your remuneration which was at risk—that is, subject to performance targets—had reduced. Is that right? Dr Garrett—As I indicated, I have to take that one on notice because there are a number of elements of the package around leave accrual that make adjustments from year to year, so I would have to come back with that detail.

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E171_07			CSIRO	25 (1)	Wong	What is the current band of remuneration which is subject to performance? I will make this clear: I am not going to ask how much you were actually paid but, under the contract, what is the upper band? Dr Garrett—As Dr Sandland has indicated, the current policy that we have from the board remuneration committee is that we do not indicate components of the overall remuneration package. I would like to take that question on notice, if I may, and have discussions with the board, because I am obviously in a personally difficult situation here. I need to talk with the responsible authorities in my environment around that, and I will do so.
E172_07			CSIRO	30 (1)	Wong	These should all appear in revenue gains on page 286. As you said, what you have budgeted for is \$5 million over the forward estimate period each year. The figures that you have provided me with today indicate \$65 million for the three Queensland sites—which I assume will at least occur during the forward estimate period—plus \$4 million for the Woodville site, which I also assume, and please tell me if I am wrong, will also occur in the forward estimate period.
E173_07			CSIRO	30 (1)	Wong	Are you aware of anywhere else in the financial statements where this projected revenue would appear? Mr Whelan—It could be appearing in goods and services revenue, depending on the assumptions we have made. That is why I would like to check it. Senator WONG—All right. Are you able to do that today, or is that a lengthier process? Mr Whelan—I think it might take me a bit longer than that, Senator. Senator WONG—What would be the reason for the accounting treatment of revenue from asset sales not appearing under revenue from sales of assets but under revenue from goods and services? Mr Whelan—As I have said, I do not know the answer to that. I am happy to take it on notice. I literally do not know the answer to the question you are asking.
E174_07			CSIRO	31 (1)	Wong	Dr Garrett—It is either six or eight but I know that they have not been offered jobs elsewhere. Senator WONG—Perhaps you can confirm that on notice.
E175_07			CSIRO	32 (1)	Wong	What was the difference between your projected capital expenditure and the actual capital expenditure? Mr Whelan—That is not the reason. There has been an increase between the two, but it is not significant enough to drive the whole shift in the cash figure. I will take that on notice and provide you with a reconciliation.
E176_07			CSIRO	33 (1)	Wong	Again at table 5.2, I want to compare 2005-06 and 2006-07 PBS estimates, actuals and forward estimates in relation to infrastructure, plant and equipment. Again there is a reduction over the forward estimates period between the two financial statements for the 2005-06 year of \$16 million, for 2006- 07 of \$33 million, for 2007-08 of \$40 million and for 2008-09 of \$45½ million dollars. Do I infer from this that there is a reduction in expenditure on plant and equipment or is there some other reason for the reduction? Mr Whelan—At face value, there may have been some movement between those assets classified as land and buildings and those classified as infrastructure, plant and equipment, but I would have to take that on notice.
E177_07			CSIRO	34 (1)	Wong	Are you able to provide us, on notice, what your revised financial statements were insofar as they did not appear at the additional estimates? Mr Whelan—Yes.
E178_07			CSIRO	35 (1)	Wong	So this is only the capital component. What is your total capital component of debt financing, then? Mr Whelan—I do not have that level of detail, Senator. I can get that for you.

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E179_07			CSIRO	35 (1)	Wong	Are you able to give me an indication of what that relates to? Mr Whelan—It most likely relates to the financing of some scientific equipment. I can get the details for you. Senator WONG—Yes, if you can get the details.
E180_07			CSIRO	35 (1)	Wong	What was the sort of debt financing arrangement you described for such purchases? Mr Whelan—It would be a finance lease. Senator WONG—What is your total exposure in terms of those sorts of liabilities? Mr Whelan—I am happy to take that on notice, Senator, but it would be minimal in the overall liabilities of the organisation.
E181_07			CSIRO	38 (1)	Wong	I assume what you are actually doing is taking on notice my question about the production of the report.
E182_07			CSIRO	39 (1)	Wong	Do you have disaggregated categories for the suppliers line item? Mr Whelan—Yes. Senator WONG—Maybe on notice you could provide them. I would like to look at those categories for your 2005-06 projected expenditure and your 2006-07. Mr Whelan—That information will become available in detail when we finalise our operational plan and budget with the board in June, so I expect to have that in our operational plan some time in July.
E183_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	There you go; you can do it after you have done all that, Mr Whelan. Is CSIRO currently conducting research on geosequestration? Dr Garrett—Yes. As part of our energy activities in the energy flagship, we are engaged in a number of programs that relate to this area. Senator WONG—How many projects are there? Dr Garrett—I do not know exactly. I will ask my colleague Dr Morton to join us, if he has that detail, but I am not sure that he does. Dr Morton is the head of the sustainable energy and environment group of divisions. We do not know the exact number of projects. We can take that on notice and provide you with that information.
E184_07			CSIRO	40 (1)	Wong	How many of the projects are near conclusion? How advanced are they? Dr Garrett—In the portfolio of research projects, some are at early stages are some are maturing. Again, I could give you an indication of that appropriately; we do not have that level of detail with us. Senator WONG—Do you have any research already completed or preliminary findings in relation to any of the projects. Dr Garrett—I do not know the answer to that.

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E185_07			CSIRO	42 (1)	Troeth	Senator Wong made the observation that in CSIRO's original 2005-06 portfolio budget statements we had forecast cash at the end of 2005-06 of \$183 million and in the revised estimates for 2005-06 that number was \$139 million, a difference of \$43 million. That is correct. The difference between those figures is due to a range of factors. I would like to go through what they are. First of those is that we have increased capital outlays over that originally forecast by \$3.2 million. There has been an increase in the amount receivable by the organisation—that is people who owe us money—of \$3 million. There has been an offsetting increase in creditors, which actually provides more cash to the organisation of \$4 million. There has been an increase in other investments, which has an impact of \$4.8 million. There has been an increase of \$7.5 million associated with the increased deficit being run by the organisation. That is the cash component of that. There is \$10 million, which is the effect of the timing of property settlements associated with the Lindfield property. The final component, \$14 million, is associated with cash outlays associated with the creation of the intangible asset Senator Stephens was asking about, the SAP development. The reason that is different from the original estimate is that the business case to proceed with that had not been approved by the Minister for Finance and Administration prior to the finalisation of estimates. Once approved, we brought the cash effect to account. To save the senators adding all that up, in net terms that is \$38 million of the \$43 million difference. I will undertake to provide more detail in writing, but that is the basis for the difference between the two figures.
E186_07			CSIRO	42 (1)	Stephens	You said this morning that there were some changes in the responsibilities of the senior team. Are you able to provide an up-to-date organisational chart of the CSIRO and the management responsibilities?
E187_07			CSIRO	42 (1)	Stephens	Do the companies and organisations pay a fee to join the forum? Dr Sandland—Yes. Senator STEPHENS—Can you tell us what that fee was? Dr Sandland—We are not sure of the exact figures. We can provide that. Obviously we adopted a scale so that community organisations were not disadvantaged vis-a-vis major corporations.
E188_07			CSIRO	43 (1)	Stephens & Siewert	We wanted to get the views of all the relative stakeholders in determining a group of scenarios that really needed to be modelled in this critical domain. Senator STEPHENS—So it has approximately six months to run, and you said that it is modelling key energy scenarios. Do you know how many scenarios they are modelling? Dr Sandland—There are three core scenarios, with the possibility of variants around those three core scenarios. Senator SIEWERT—Can you tell us what they are? Are they in that program? Senator STEPHENS—No, they are not. Dr Sandland—I do not have that precise level of detail with me at the moment but I can certainly provide that for you.
E189_07			CSIRO	44 (1)	Siewert	Senator SIEWERT—Did you say 'one of the scenarios'? Mr Morton—It may crop up in several of them. As Dr Sandland said, there are some ancillary scenarios built around the core ones. So it will be in at least one of those. Rather than do it off the cuff, it might be much more reliable to give you the exact information of what comprises the scenarios.
E190_07			CSIRO	44 (1)	Stephens	Given that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change believes that global emissions need to be cut by at least 60 per cent, can you tell me whether or not one of the scenarios is looking at cutting emissions by that amount? Mr Morton—One of them has the word 'deep' in it. As to the precise quantity, a better way to find out is for us to provide you with the correct amount.

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E191_07			CSIRO	44 (1)	Stephens	Did the CSIRO contribute to the ANSTO report Introducing nuclear power to Australia—an economic comparison? Dr Garrett—I do not believe so. Senator STEPHENS—Can you confirm on notice that that is the case.
E192_07			CSIRO	45 (1)	Siewert	Are you therefore using the advice that they are providing on oil prices? Dr Morton—I do not know the detail to answer that question. Senator SIEWERT—If you could provide me with some information on that, that would be extremely useful.
E193_07			CSIRO	45 (1)	Siewert	My questions are: who are you getting your advice from; is it just from ABARE; and have you looked at the advice that ABARE is providing to you, in light of some of the international work that is going on around oil prices and scenarios. Dr Morton—The first answer is: yes, it is ABARE. I think we will need to provide answers to the two following questions on notice.
E194_07			CSIRO	45 (1)	Siewert	Okay. What I would like, if possible, is a breakdown of the different funding for the renewable and non-renewable energy research that is being done.
E195_07			CSIRO	45 (1)	Siewert	Is it possible to give me a time frame for when this research is likely to result in something that is viable as an energy source? For example, I read in the paper the other day that solar thermal technology could be available within seven years. Could I have some predications from you as to when the various technologies might be available for use? Dr Morton—Just to follow on from that, the time frame in which these technologies will become viable is clearly dependent upon various types of market signals, which depend upon certain policy settings. So you are presumably asking purely in technical terms when this work will be finished.
E196_07			CSIRO	46 (1)	Siewert	As I said, all I have seen is what is available in the media. The media says that what is in that report could be viable within seven years. Is that correct? Dr Morton—I am not sure. Senator SIEWERT—Could you check it for me?
E197_07			CSIRO	47 (1)	Siewert	Are you able to provide information on notice on that? Dr Morton—Of the design of the program? Senator SIEWERT—Of the design of the program and time lines for when the studies are going to be done. Dr Morton—Sure—that has all been agreed by the steering committee so that is readily available.

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1E98_07			CSIRO	48 (1)	Siewert	Do you have figures for the amount of what CSIRO invested in that project? Dr Steele—I can give you an answer which goes the following way: a decision was made to commercialise this project area in approximately September 2003 and a separate project was set up for a period of time for that purpose. I believe that there are very likely project accounts associated with that project. That was a divisional based activity. As part of that commercialisation process going forward, also the corporate business development of commercialisation team became engaged in part, although it was mostly led out of the division. At the corporate level, we have not kept a separate account for this individual project but, if it is helpful, we could do an estimate of what our time involvement would have been by thinking back, so we could end up with some indicative figures. Senator SIEWERT—That is for the corporate involvement? Dr Steele—I am going back to my recollection of March, but I believe there is also fairly likely to be project accounts for a defined project that was effectively around the technology transfer activities that were commencing in about September or October 2003, or something like that. Senator SIEWERT—Can you provide that information on the specific project? If the corporate information is available, I would like that. Dr Steele—We could do an estimate of that. I will take the transcript of this session as the question on notice.
E199_07			CSIRO	48 (1)	Siewert	Are they the only two? Dr Steele—The only other item, which we can readily find out as well, would be the cost of the patent. Senator SIEWERT—That would be useful. Is this not something standard that you do for all commercialisation projects that you undertake?
E200_07			CSIRO	50 (1)	Siewert	So the first two patents you referred to in your answer from last estimates related to the airborne technology. Is that correct? Dr Steele—Are you drawing a distinction between ground based and airborne in that question? Senator SIEWERT—Yes. Dr Steele—You are effectively asking a question as to whether or not the claim sets on those patents and reads on one and not on to the other. I am going to have to take that question on notice.
E201_07			CSIRO	50 (1)	Siewert	So you cannot tell me whether patent family 1, which is from 1990, covers the airborne and the ground based. Dr Steele—Personally, I cannot. I can certainly get the answer to that question on notice.
E202_07			CSIRO	50 (1)	Siewert	CSIRO might know but you do not know yet whether that covers airborne and ground based. Is that correct? What I am trying to find out is whether you have a patent over the ground based technology yet. Dr Steele—I am saying that CSIRO certainly knows that but that I do not know that answer now. It is a question for me to ask our patent attorneys. Senator SIEWERT—What I want to know is whether you have that patent yet. Dr Steele—That having been said, I am expecting that the answer is yes. Senator SIEWERT—So you think that the original patent from family No. 1 in 1990 covers the ground based as well as the airborne? Dr Steele—That is my expectation, and I will answer the question on notice.

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E203_07			CSIRO	52 (1)	Siewert	Does CSIRO have other scientists who are knowledgeable in this area that could answer these questions if it was a major issue? Do you have other experts in this technology? Dr Steele—A couple of comments. The first comment in response to that is: of course the CSIRO in-house folks and our patent attorneys would have access to the records we still have in relation to the research work. The second comment is: on each of these four patents there is in fact more than one inventor, so we are hoping that we would have at least one inventor— Senator SIEWERT—Still left! Dr Steele—able to assist us. The third comment is: I would have to take the third question on notice, which was: are we completely denuded of scientists who are competent in this area? Senator SIEWERT—I am not having a go at your scientists, by the way.
E204_07			CSIRO	53 (1)	Siewert	Does CSIRO have an estimate of the value of this technology once it is commercialised? Dr Steele—The answer to that question is that the present commercialisation plans by Tenix involve the formation of a spin-off company, and CSIRO has seen an early stage business plan for that. So that is one sort of view of the value of the technology. So the answer in that sense is yes. Senator SIEWERT—I may have misled the committee: I am going to ask another question! Dr Steele—How I am surprised, Senator! Senator SIEWERT—That did not answer my question, sorry! Dr Steele—And the answer to your next question is: I am happy to take that on notice. But can I just expand my answer one step further. The ‘value’ of the technology has different meanings in different contexts. One way of valuing the technology is to ask what it is worth to someone who has exclusive rights to commercialise it. The value of a piece of technology viewed from another perspective, when you lump in the public good component, could be quite different from that. So, if you are going to ask us for the value of the technology, I am afraid I am going to ask you to be specific about how you want us to answer that question. Senator SIEWERT—All right. Let’s go for part A first, and that is if you are the—sorry, what was the term you used? Dr Steele—If you are the exclusive licensee— Senator SIEWERT—Exclusive licensee, yes. Dr Steele—what would be a net present value of that estimate? Senator SIEWERT—Yes. Dr Steele—We would like to that take that question on notice, please, Senator.
E205_07			CSIRO	53 (1)	Siewert	Okay. So, when you entered into the relationship with Tenix, did you do forecasting about how much you thought this would be worth? Surely they do that when they are trying to commercialise a project. Dr Steele—The answer to that question is likely to be yes, but I have not actually seen that data myself and cannot answer that question now. Senator SIEWERT—Can you provide that data, please?
E206_07			CSIRO	53 (1)	Siewert	Thank you. I would also like to know—I am learning!—if there has been an update, as the project has developed, as to what people think is the commercial value of this technology. Dr Steele—I will make sure that you receive our most recent estimate of that.
E207_07			CSIRO	Written	Siewert	What records and costs were associated with: - Strategic research into volcanic ash detection? - Research into GbIRD? - Research into AHDS?
E208_07			CSIRO	Written	Siewert	Did CSIRO put a value on its IP when entering into the commercial relationship to develop GbIRD? If not? Why not? If so, how was it determined? What was the value of the IP?
E209_07			CSIRO	Written	Siewert	Is the approach taken to commercialising this project the same as that taken with the commercialisation of all projects by CSIRO? If not, where does it differ?

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E210_07			CSIRO	Written	Siewert	Have you started negotiations over IP with the spin off company? At what stage are those negotiations?
E211_07			CSIRO	Written	Carr	In terms of the forestry division, have either the division or ensis provided or considered providing Dr Paul Cotterill, a former chief of CSIRO access to improved eucalyptus genetic materials of several species developed by CSIRO and other state organisations for use in his own business ventures? CSIRO has indicated that it does not believe this to be the case with materials developed through the Australian low rainfall tree improvement project. This revised question seeks similar details relating to all research projects and any other work undertaken by CSIRO, either by itself, through joint ventures or through ensis in relation to all projects and research work other than the low rainfall tree improvement project.
E212_07			CSIRO	Written	Carr	It such access has been provided through any means whatsoever, on what terms and conditions has this been done and what competitive access has been offered to other private organisations for this material?
E213_07			CSIRO	Written	Carr	I refer to advice previously provided to the Committee through direct evidence and answers and clarifications, notably the CSIRO response to E202_05. In relation to the payment of \$740,000 paid to Mr Ian Dean, can you provide: a breakdown of these payments in Aus\$, US\$ and RSA Rand (and any other currencies that might have been used for payments)?
E214_07			CSIRO	Written	Carr	I refer to advice previously provided to the Committee through direct evidence and answers and clarifications, notably the CSIRO response to E202_05. In relation to the payment of \$740,000 paid to Mr Ian Dean, can you provide the addresses of the banks into which all payments to Mr Dean were made?
E215_07			CSIRO	Written	Carr	Were any payments made to accounts in tax free zones?
E216_07			CSIRO	Written	Carr	Does the \$740,000 include living allowances and incidental expenses? What were the total payments made to Mr Dean for living allowances, and incidental expenses?
E217_07			CSIRO	Written	Carr	Were all living and incidental expenses paid in Australian dollars?
E218_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What is the current status of the Corporate IT (or 'OneIT') initiative?
E219_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What is the progress of the internal review of OneIT? When will outcomes be known and communicated to staff?
E220_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How much has been spent to date in implementing the OneIT initiative?
E221_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What was the financial performance based on original budget forecasts?
E222_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Will additional funds need to be spent and why?
E223_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What savings in the overall IT area have been achieved since the implementation of the initiative?
E224_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How does this compare to original forecasts?
E225_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Have savings from the OneIT initiative gone back into funding science and/or funding back to Divisions or Flagships?
E226_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Is there a current freeze on all property projects, including projects that had previously been budgeted, or only partially implemented? Why?
E227_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What impact is this having on performance of the organisation against its Strategic Plan and Operational Plans?



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E228_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Has the Government/ Minister or DEST/DOFA been approached regarding this problem? Both in terms of the financial shortfalls and current/future infrastructure deficiencies? If not, why not?
E229_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How does this impact on any capital improvements in the future, particularly given minimal increases to CSIRO's appropriation funding under this Government?
E230_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What is the current status of the RSS review?
E231_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How many jobs are due to be lost in total?
E232_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Have all staff been notified whether their employment will be required following the restructure? If not, why not?
E233_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How many (and what type of) positions have been advertised so far?
E234_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Are staff at all classification levels being treated equitably in terms of when new positions are coming up?
E235_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What happens to indefinite staff that do not have a position at the end of the process?
E236_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Will staff be forced to relocate to another State?
E237_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Will staff have to accept a position at a lower level?
E238_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Have any lessons, been learned from OneIT, in implementing the RSS initiative?
E239_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How many jobs are affected and forecast to be lost because of the closure of Woodville? How many scientists? How many support staff?
E240_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How many staff have been, or will be, offered relocation to Clayton, or other CSIRO sites or Divisions?
E241_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	How many staff does the Division expect will take up the offer or relocation?
E242_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Is there a provision for any redundancies?
E243_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What happens to the support staff on the site?
E244_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Will they still be employed by the Division or by CSIRO Corporate (following the implantation of the RSS review)?
E245_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What happens to researchers such as Post Doctoral Fellows, whose projects have been terminated mid-stream?
E246_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Will CSIRO fulfil its obligations for training and development, and future opportunities for these staff?
E247_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What changes have taken place in CSIRO's Executive team in the last six months?
E248_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Could you explain the rationale behind the changes?
E249_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What has happened to Dr Rod Hill?
E250_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Is there an Executive Director of Business Development and an Executive Director of Commercialisation on the Executive Team?
E251_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Is this an acknowledgement of CSIRO's failure in these areas in the past?
E252_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Is there a review into Communications being undertaken at this time?

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E253_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What has happened to Dr Michael Barber and his role as Executive Director, Science Planning? Who is to perform the functions within that role now?
E254_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What has happened to initiatives like the Prestigious Post Doctoral Fellowships and the talent identification program? Have they been scrapped?
E255_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Who is now heading the Divisional Science Reviews that Dr Barber initiated?
E256_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Why is it not a conflict of interest for the Chief Scientist to also control CSIRO's Divisional Science Reviews?
E257_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Are there any planned mergers or dissolutions of current Divisions?
E258_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Is it true that CMIT (Manufacturing and Infrastructure Technology) will merge with CIP (Industrial Physics)?
E259_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What is the status of Livestock Industries following the resignation of the Chief?
E260_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Will the recommendations of the Divisional Science Review earlier this year still be implemented?
E261_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	In particular, what attention has been made to the inadequate funding of the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) by this Government?
E262_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What steps are in place to address this with Government and with DAFF?
E263_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Could you give us an update regarding the allocation of funding through your Science Investment Process (SIP)?
E264_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Are the allocations to Divisions you reported to this Committee last year still accurate? If not, why not?
E265_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	What other Divisions have suffered cuts to their 2006/07 budget in comparison to their 2005/06 budgets? Why is that?
E266_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Has more revenue from Intellectual Property (IP Returns) been funnelled away from Divisional budgets into central Corporate budgets?
E267_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Isn't the net effect of all of this, to reduce the amount of funds Divisions have to spend on science in order to reduce the huge operating deficit of the organisation?
E268_07			CSIRO	Written	Webber	Ultimately, aren't you currently losing an immense amount of scientific capability from the organisation (mainly through resignation) and not replacing it? E.g. conservation biology from Sustainable Ecosystems, methane abatement work from Livestock Industries, merino wool research in Textile and Fibre Technology.
E269_07			CSIRO	Written	Stott Despoja	What is the role of the Executive Review Team?
E270_07			CSIRO	Written	Stott Despoja	The Review Team was scheduled to report back to the Chief Executive in regard to the CSIRO Public Comment Review by May 31. Has the Review Team reported back to the Chief Executive? Are there any preliminary findings from this review?
E271_07			CSIRO	Written	Stott Despoja	What is the role of Dr Jim Peacock in CSIRO? For what period of time is he employed? What salary is attached to this role?
E272_07			CSIRO	Written	Stott Despoja	Has this role changed since Dr Peacock assumed the position of Chief Scientist?

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E273_07			CSIRO	Written	Stott Despoja	Given that CSIRO staff have been directed by CSIRO Chief Executive not to provide direct commentary – negative or positive on existing, past, or proposed government policies”, has CSIRO Communications requested Dr Peacock to refrain from publicly commenting on issues such as GM technology.
E274_07			CSIRO	Written	Stott Despoja	Has Executive Director of Communications, Ms Donna Staunton’s roles been reduced from nine to six? If so, has her salary been reduced to reflect her diminished responsibilities? Please provide details of her current roles.
E275_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SG	97 (2)	Wong	The targeted index since 2000 is a combined primary and secondary index. Are you able to tell me how that index varies from the primary and secondary figures? I presume it is a weighted average; is that how it works? Mr Evans—It just reflects the year-on-year movement in costs in those particular programs. It is not broken up into primary and secondary. Senator WONG—There is no weighted average? Mr Evans—It is not weighted. It simply looks at the overall movement of cost increases in that area. Senator WONG—But in 2004 it was actually higher than both primary and secondary. I do not quite understand how that works. Mr Evans—They can be higher or lower, primary, secondary or targeted. There is no great science to this, but it does closely measure the actual movement. Senator WONG—Perhaps the way to deal with this is for you to explain on notice to me how these indexes are calculated. Mr Evans—Yes, I am happy to do that. Senator WONG—That might be easier. I assumed there was some weighting or some contribution from primary and secondary to targeted, so I could not understand the 9.3 in 2004. Mr Evans—What I can do as a starting point is give you an extract of the program guidelines that explains the basis of how the indexes are determined. I can draw that to your attention.
E276_07	19/09/06		SG	100 (2)	Wong	In relation to Investing in Our Schools, on notice, are you able to give me any more detail on the reconciliation and the funding flows from that program, the rephrasing of which is reflected in the difference between the two figures? Ms Dacey—Yes, we will be able to do that.
E277_07	19/09/06		SG	100 (2)	Wong	There were two programs in which money was carried forward, which would have affected the estimates from 2005-06 into 2006-07. This is on page 31 of our portfolio budget statement, but I do not believe you have that. Senator WONG—Yes, I do. In the previous outcomes we were comparing PBSs, rather than budget papers. Dr Mercer—This is on page 31 of the PBS. One was the National School Drug Education Strategy, where \$250,000 was carried forward for resources. Senator WONG—I can see where that is. So they have been moved into this year, but they are administered funds, correct? Dr Mercer—They are administered funds, yes. Senator WONG—Are these all administered funds that we are looking at in Budget Paper No. 1? Mr Evans—Yes, they are. Senator WONG—They would also be reflected in that? Dr Mercer—Yes. Senator WONG—Is there anything else? Would Investing in Our Schools plus these at page 31 plus the supplementation be the explanations for the difference? Mr Evans—There were some other minor rephasings, tutorial vouchers and a bit of literacy money as well. Senator WONG—I am happy for you to provide those on notice.

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E278_07	21/08/06	14/09/06	SG	103 (2)	Wong	Were those contract variations requested by the brokers? Ms Weddell—I am not entirely sure which contracts you might be talking about. Senator WONG—Were any of the contract variations sought by the brokers? Dr Mercer—I think we would have to take that on notice. There was quite a lot of discussion with a number of the brokers to ensure that they were able to conduct the pilot.
E279_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	SG	103 (2)	Wong	Did NSDC Pty Ltd specifically request a variation to its contract in relation to Victoria and Queensland? Dr Mercer—I believe we would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG—All right—and if so, on what grounds? Ms Weddell—We will include that. Senator WONG—Can you confirm that the broker administration component payments in the contracts with NSDC Pty Ltd were varied? Ms Weddell—Again, I would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG—Is there nobody here who could give me— Mr Burmester—On the specifics of variations, we would want to make sure that what we gave you was absolutely correct. I do not recall variations to amounts or payments but, due to the slow commencement of the program in some areas, what happened in general was that the company and ourselves wanted to extend the period over which the contracts were run, so at least some of the variations—and it might not be all of them—went to ensuring that we could extend the period over which a contract was exercised. Senator WONG—Did the variations to NSDC go beyond the time frame of the contract and also extend to variation of the broker administration component payments? Mr Burmester—We will have to go and check that. Senator WONG—I would like to know what the variations were and why they were made. I would also like to know, and perhaps you can tell me, this: did DEST include a new broker administration payment in NSDC's Queensland contract of the amount of around \$52,000? Ms Weddell—I would have to take that one on notice. Senator WONG—Can you tell me whether that payment was made—if you could confirm that—to other brokers? Ms Weddell—Again, I will take that on notice. Senator WONG—Did DEST include a new broker promotion payment in NSDC's Victorian contract?
E280_07	21/08/06	14/09/06	SG	104 (2)	Wong	Can you tell me how much money in total was made available for brokers, subsequent to the contract commencing, for promotion? Dr Mercer—We would certainly be able to give you those promotion payments if they were specifically for promotion. Senator WONG—You just indicated that there was additional funding for promotion. Dr Mercer—Yes, for some brokers. Senator WONG—Who were they and what were the amounts? What led to that?

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E281_07			SG	105 (2)	Wong	I would like copies of the original contract plus variations between DEST and NSDC, trading as Progressive Learning. I will clarify where we might have the disagreement. In the FOI request documents a number of items, consistent presumably with the FOI legislation, are blacked out as business affairs. Because this is an estimates committee, are you able to tell me the basis of that or if you are able to provide them? Dr Mercer—Yes. This is in regard to a freedom of information request from Ms Macklin? Senator WONG—Correct. Dr Mercer—Yes, the shadow minister. The details of the information in the contract from brokers that were withheld related to standards and details of payments that are state or territory specific, and this decision was taken under the FOI Act because they may impact on Commonwealth-state relations or be prejudicial to commercial organisations' business affairs. This was because we are in ongoing deliberations with three states currently for contracts outside the pilot to ensure that the students will still receive tutoring. We are in ongoing contractual arrangements at the moment with Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia. Senator WONG—Obviously, estimates committees are not restricted in terms of a request for information under the terms of the FOI Act, so I ask you to provide the contracts without those aspects deleted.
E282_07	05/09/06 + 2 attach'ts	14/09/06	SG	111 (2)	Wong	Can you provide a copy of the current financial questionnaire? Mr Evans—No problem; I will do that.
E283_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SG	114 (2)	Wong	Can we have a copy of those new guidelines? Mr Simpson—No, they have not been finalised yet. But the new program does not start to operate until July. Senator WONG—When do you anticipate that they will be finalised? Mr Simpson—Certainly by July. We are in the process of doing that now. Dr Mercer—We certainly could provide a copy.
E284_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E849_05. Please also provide the advertising budget for 2006-07. For each of the last five years, please list the top 10 items of expenditure per outcome. Could I have a total advertising budget for the department, per outcome, as listed on pages 144 and 145 of the PBS? I would like to know the cost of advertising associated with each of those outcomes. In the forward years, if you could, please, and in the current year obviously.
E285_07			SG	75 (2)	Wong	You must have some understanding for each of them? Ms Johnston—What happens is that they complete, along with the business plan, a detailed budget which outlines all of their expected sources of funding. The department has been able to give advice to them on the likely funding available based on the SES score of similar nearby schools. It is an estimate. Senator WONG—Yes, I appreciate that. In respect of those where a funding agreement has been reached, are you able to provide the information requested, which I accept is an estimate? Ms Johnston—Yes, I think we could provide that. Mr Evans—I believe we can do that. Senator WONG—Does that include an estimate which I assume you verify or check off from state government funding? Ms Johnston—It would include an estimate of the state government funding. I am not sure whether we check that. We would certainly know whether it was in a ballpark benchmark range, yes. Senator WONG—I am interested in both sets. You may have a different view in respect of either set, but that is what I am asking you to take on notice.

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E286_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SG	77 (2)	Wong	Does Port Macquarie have an SES score? Mr Evans—It is a Catholic system school. I can give you the SES score for that particular school. I do not have that on me at the moment. Senator WONG—That is fine, you can provide that on notice. What about Eastern Melbourne? Ms Johnston—That is a government school. Mr Evans—We fund it at the secondary rate of Australian government general recurrent assistance. Senator WONG—And Northern Tasmania? Ms Johnston—That will be a new non-government school, which is completing registration. Senator WONG—Do we have an SES score? Ms Johnston—They will be able to estimate that at the moment. But until they actually enrol students— Mr Evans—The SES score has to come from the basis of the student population. Senator WONG—Do we have any SES scores available in relation to the tranche to be opened next year? Do you want me to go through them? They are Townsville, North Brisbane, Adelaide South, Bendigo, Bairnsdale, Illawarra, Perth South. Ms Paul—I think the principle here would be that for those in that set based on existing there would be a score. For those which are greenfields or new— Ms Johnston—There are no other existing non-government schools. Ms Paul—Yes, that is true. Senator WONG—So you can only give me the ones that we have been discussing to date that already— Mr Evans—That is correct. Senator WONG—And you will do that on notice?
E287_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SG	77 (2)	Wong	Back to Port Macquarie, you mentioned in answer to a question earlier from Senator Troeth I think that there is an existing school there? Ms Johnston—Yes. Senator WONG—Is that St Joseph's? Ms Johnston—St Joseph's Vocational College. Senator WONG—Does that have a current SES score of 95? Ms Johnston—Mr Evans said he will take that on notice.
E288_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SG	77 (2)	Wong	Can they also check this: can they confirm that the school also receives state grants of around \$2,000, being the estimated rate for a former category 10 school? My understanding is that the appropriate reference for that is table 3.10 in the MCEETYA National Report on Schooling in Australia. Ms Paul—That may take some time.
E289_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SG	87 (2)	Wong	Mr Evans—I think if you went to the principals of government schools and said, 'If you've got 1,000 students, do you get funding of 1,000 times that \$11,000 figure or is it likely that you are closer to the \$8,000 figure?' I think you would find there would not be too many principals saying that they are getting around about \$11,000 worth of recurrent funding. Senator WONG—Perhaps you could take it on notice. This is what I would like to know: if you do not agree that the MCEETYA figure is an appropriate figure to utilise in relation to student recurrent costs at an ATC, do you have a firmer estimate of the per student recurrent cost? Ms Paul—I think what we need to do for those— Senator WONG—I would like that taken on notice.
E290_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	SG	90 (2)	Wong	Maybe you can get back to me on the AGSRC issue. Do the administrative guidelines in relation to this indicate that Australian government grants to government schools are removed to arrive at an adjusted total state government expenditure? Mr Evans—I will need to come back to you on that one.
E291_07	21/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Crossin	The PBS Page 52 shows funding of \$11 million for 2006-07 and a further \$9.5 million for 2007-08 for vouchers to pay for tutor assistance for students who have failed to reach the benchmark 2006 year 3 reading skills. However on PBS page 42 it says \$20.6 million will be provided for 2007 school year. Can you explain why these differences? Why is funding only in the estimates for 2 years, 2006-07 and 2007-08? Is this not an ongoing need to assist individuals with reading problems?
E292_07	21/08/06		SG	Written	Crossin	Will this scheme be run in the same way as the pilot was in 2005?

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E293_07			SG	Written	Crossin	Do you have the final reports and evaluations from the providers of these pilot programs in the states and territories? If so are copies available?
E294_07	21/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Crossin	Will those same providers be used again or will this project go out to tender?
E295_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Crossin	Can you provide final numbers of a) those eligible and b) those actually using the vouchers in the pilots, broken down by state and territory?
E296_07			SG	Written	Crossin	How much was finally actually spent on the pilots? ( by state and territory)
E297_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Crossin	How much of this went to parents in vouchers and how much went to providers' admin costs?
E298_07			SG	Written	Wong	Commonwealth general recurrent grants: Please provide details of current or estimated general recurrent per capita grants and SES scores over the first four years of operation– based on existing scores or estimated income as incorporated in the colleges' business plans? a. \$ per student b. enrolments c. Total grant for each college.
E299_07			SG	Written	Wong	Commonwealth Capital grants: Please advise if any funding from the Commonwealth's general capital grants program – as administered by the Catholic and Independent schools' Block Grants Authority – is included in the Colleges' contracts or business plans? If so, please provide amounts and details of the approved projects.
E300_07			SG	Written	Wong	State recurrent grants: Please advise for each College the assumed level of State per capita recurrent funding in their business plans. (\$ per capita and total for each College over each of the four years).
E301_07			SG	Written	Wong	Please advise on the likely levels of income for the Colleges that will operate as non-government schools, under the following headings: a. Commonwealth programs for schools: i. General recurrent grants ii. Capital grants iii. Targeted programs b. State recurrent funding c. Student fees and charges d. Other sources of private income (if any).
E302_07			SG	Written	Wong	Please provide details of the elements determining the estimates and projections for each of the financial years in Table 7, as follows: a. Non-government schools: i. Supplementation/indexation (\$m): I. General recurrent grants (\$m) II. Capital grants (\$m) III. Targeted programs (\$m) ii. Enrolments (number of primary and secondary enrolments) iii. New or increased programs (other than for supplementation/indexation) (\$m) iv. Cash flows – carry-over or bring forward (if any) (\$m) v. Other as appropriate b. Government schools i. Supplementation/indexation (\$m): I. General recurrent grants (\$m) II. Capital grants (\$m) III. Targeted programs (\$m) ii. Enrolments (number of primary and secondary enrolments) iii. New or increased programs (other than for supplementation/indexation) (\$m) iv. Cash flows – carry-over or bring forward (e.g. Investing in our schools) (\$m) v. Other as appropriate.
E303_07			SG	Written	Wong	Please advise when the data in the tables provided in E599-06 (see also E872-06) will need to be updated for the years 2006 and beyond? When will final enrolments, AGSRC levels and per capita rates for 2006 be available? Please update the tables if later figures have become available following the Estimates hearings of 1st June 2006. And please provide these updated tables in Excel format for all the years in that table.

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E304_07			SG	Written	Wong	Please provide final figures for 2005 and any updated data for 2006 under the New Arrivals program, in the following categories a. Student enrolments i. By States and Territories and by Government, Catholic and independent schools ii. By region/location iii. By age / school level iv. By country of origin v. Temporary visa holders, by category, e.g. I. Skilled temporary migrants II. Refugee III. Humanitarian IV. Other vi. Permanent migrants by category, e.g. vii. Skilled migration stream viii. Refugee and humanitarian stream ix. Special eligibility migrants x. Other b. Funding. Please provide data for 2005 and 2006 on the total funding provided, under the same categories as set out above for students. (Note: this extends the Department's answer to QoN E993_06).
E305_07	05/09/06	14/06/09	SG	Written	Wong	Please provide detailed information of grants that have been approved under the Investing in our schools program in 2005 and 2006 (to date), under the following headings: a. government, Catholic and independent schools separately b. state and territory c. school d. federal electorate e. amount of grant f. brief description of project g. other information as appropriate.
E306_07			SG	Written	Wong	Please provide details of the funding levels and student participation in the Literacy, numeracy and special needs programme, separately for each state and territory and for the government, catholic and independent sectors: a. Students with disabilities. Recurrent element ii. Per capita element b. Literacy and numeracy support: i. For students from low socio-economic backgrounds ii. For students from language backgrounds other than English iii. For any other groups of students.
E307_07			SG	Written	Wong	Please provide details of the particular programs and expenditures that comprise the line for School education – specific funding in Table 7 of Budget Paper No. 1, page 6-9. Please provide this information for each of the years from 2005-06 to 2009-10, so that the totals reconcile with the figures in the table (e.g. \$114 million in 2005-06). Do these figures include assumed indexation? If so, is AGSRC used to index these programs? Please provide details. Explain the projected reductions in funding for 2008-09 and 2009-10.
E308_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Wong	Please provide the following information for the operation of the Tutorial Vouchers pilot in 2005 – by each state and territory and, where appropriate, for government, Catholic and independent schools: a. number of eligible students (i.e. students who did not achieve the Year 3 reading benchmark). b. number of students participating in the pilot, who received a voucher. c. The total value of the vouchers – and the average amount per student.
E309_07	21/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Wong	Why does the evaluation report use 'improvements in reading age' rather than measuring students' performance against the national reading benchmarks? a. Does the Department have information about the test results of the children who completed the tutorial assistance program in comparison with the national benchmarks? If so, please provide details b. Please provide any information about how the children performed in the Year 5 tests, which they should have done in 2005?
E310_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Wong	What does the average voucher buy – in terms of hours of tuition support?
E311_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Wong	Is the Department happy about the quality of the tutors used in the program? a. If so, please advise the quality criteria used? b. Did all the teachers meet state teacher registration/accreditation standards?
E312_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Wong	In what ways will the 2007 program 'streamline' the pilot (see Minister's media release, p3)?
E313_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Wong	Will private providers continue to be involved in the program? a. Please advise the meaning of the Minister's comment in her media release (p3) that "...this is a matter of detail which is yet to be



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E314_07			SG	Written	Nettle	For each non-government school in Australia for which school funding levels are not determined by their current SES rating (that is are funded according to their Year 2000 funding, their Year 2004 SES or are Maintained Catholic), please supply 1. School Number 2. School Name 3. Location 4. State 5. Post code 6. Electorate 7. 2000 ERI Funding Category 8. Current funding status 9. for each of the years 2005 to 2008, the estimated amount of money the school would have received in respect of primary students in per capita grants if it had been funded under its correct SES score 10. for each of the years 2005 to 2008, the estimated amount of money the school would have received in respect of secondary students in per capita grants if it had been funded under its correct SES score 11. for each of the years 2005 to 2008, the estimated amount of money the school will receive in respect of primary students in per capita grants 12. for each of the years 2005 to 2008, the estimated amount of money the school will receive in respect of secondary students in per capita grants.
E315_07			SG	Written	Carr	The Government has announced additional funding for non-government schools where students are at very high risk of dropping out. What initiatives will be taken for similar schools in the government sector?
E316_07	21/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Carr	In the light of the problems experienced with uptake of the Tutorial Voucher Initiative for literacy, how will the Department address these issues in the planned feasibility study for portable funding for students with disabilities, given that similar problems may be experienced? How is it proposed to ensure equity of access for: • Socially and economically disadvantaged students; and • Those in remote and rural areas?
E317_07			SG	Written	Carr	The continuation of the Tutorial Voucher Initiative will cover students failing to meet the 2006 benchmarks, while the initial scheme covered those who failed to meet the benchmarks in 2003. What is planned for those students who failed to meet the benchmarks in 2004 and 2005? If nothing is planned, what is the policy rationale for this decision?
E318_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SG	Written	Carr	Has DEST ever provided funding for the Rock Eisteddfod before? If so, can you please supply the final and budget estimates for 04-05, 05-06 and 06 07.
E319_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SAEG	111 (1)	Crossin	What I am really trying to find out is whether or not students would be disadvantaged in terms of Abstudy or the boarding grants, with the close proximity to the boarding school in the community.
E320_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Stott Despoja	When will the Government release its response to the Senate Inquiry into Student Income Support?
E321_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Stott Despoja	When will Rent Assistance be extended to all Austudy recipients as the Inquiry Report recommends?
E322_07			SAEG	Written	Stott Despoja	What are the Government costs of administering SFSS debt?
E323_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Stott Despoja	The Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Act 2005 alters the SFSS repayment thresholds and indexation. What will the increase in repayments be for those with an SFSS debt at each of the following income levels: \$38,000; \$44,500; \$62,200; \$70,000?
E324_07	19/09/06		SAEG	Written	Crossin	Why is the ABSTUDY School term Allowance paid in arrears and not up front?

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E325_07			SAEG	Written	Crossin	Please provide the expenditure (actual and estimates) for the following programs for the years: 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 (please also provide the figures on a calendar year basis): a. ABSTUDY, b. ISP.
E326_07 & E350_07	08/08/06 08/08/06	14/09/06 14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Wong	For each year since 1996, what is the number of year 12 completers in their first year out of school in, a. higher education; b. TAFE or VET programs? Please provide an update of E065_06. Answer to Question E479_05 provided figures on the percentage of Year 12 completers in higher education for the years 1996 - 2003. Please update information with 2004 figures.
E327_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Higher Education Support Act underspent by \$14.1 million for 2005-06 compared to last year's PBS estimates. Why? Where was the under-spend? Please provide figures to account for the \$14.1 million.
E328_07			ANSTO	72 (1)	Wong	So are you able to provide us with letters, correspondence, documents which set out the parameters of your request for the commissioning of the report from Professor Gittus? Dr Cameron—We can provide you the terms of reference, which were very short.
E329_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	72 (1)	Wong	Is there any mention whatsoever of renewable energy anywhere in the report? Dr Smith—I would have to take that on notice. There are 260 pages. I am not sure.
E330_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	81 (1)	Forshaw	Do you know what proportion that is? Dr Smith—Uranium, you know, is worth about \$90 a kilogram. Senator FORSHAW—I might know that. You see, this process is a means for ANSTO and Australia to deal with its waste, and therefore I understand that it is seen that there is a cost to be paid in shipping it overseas and bringing it back. But I am also conscious that someone else is getting some benefit out of the use of that material, and I would like to know, if you cannot give us the dollar figure, what the ratio is of the total cost against the benefit. It may not be much; I am not sure. I would not imagine that it would be much, but what is it? Dr Cameron—I do not think we would be able to answer that question, but— Senator FORSHAW—You can take it on notice, if you want to have a look at it. The other question I want to ask is about the Community Right to Know Charter Relating to ANSTO, which is published on your website. There is a long history to the development of this. Has that been endorsed by any of the community groups or the Sutherland Shire Council, or is this ultimately ANSTO's own community right to know charter? Dr Cameron—Ultimately, this is ANSTO's charter. As you know, Senator Forshaw, because you have had some experience of this, we did go through quite a long and tortuous process—
E331_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	1. Did ANSTO undertake any investigation of or give any consideration to John Gittus' commercial interests at any stage prior to, or during, the conduct of the consultancy he undertook for ANSTO? In particular, did ANSTO give detailed consideration to the question of whether John Gittus' commercial interests were likely to affect the credibility of his report or its conclusions?
E332_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	2. What advice did ANSTO seek from outside the organization in relation to a real or perceived conflict of interest arising from John Gittus' commercial interests? What was the source and nature of that advice?
E333_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	Does Lloyds of London provide insurance services for ANSTO? Please provide details. What is the value of ANSTO's insurance arrangements with Lloyds, i.e. the value and nature of the insurance policy and the annual premium?

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E334_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	Has ANSTO engaged a company called Quantum Research to conduct market research surveys or any other work? When were they engaged and for what purpose? Are they conducting any work for ANSTO at the moment? How much has ANSTO paid Quantum for their services in total?
E335_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	Please provide a copy of the standard questions asked as part of this research on behalf of ANSTO. Please also provide a list of interviewees; the research results and any market research report produced for ANSTO on this issue.
E336_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	How many market research surveys or polls all other activities has ANSTO undertaken in the last five years? How often does ANSTO conduct or commission market research surveys? Please provide details and dates. Has ANSTO paid other companies or organisations to do market research? Which ones and what was the value of the contract in each instance?
E337_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	Has ANSTO commissioned any market research on its recent Corporate Social Responsibility Report? When was the report released? Is it the case that Quantum research is conducting a survey on this report? Does the survey relate exclusively to this report? What are the other topics in the survey?
E338_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	Written	Wong	Did anyone instruct ANSTO, i.e. DEST or the Minister, to undertake market research on ANSTO's activities?
E339_07			SG	Written	Wong	Please update E078_06. For each electorate, please provide which schools have applied for flagpole funding and which schools have received funding from the Government. Can you give me a list of where these 1,649 are and which electorates they are in?
E340_07	7/08/06 (interim answer)	14/09/06	PAL	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E766_05. What I would like then is an indication of all polling – marketing research if you like – surveys and advertising conducted by the department as updated on the last published annual report. Can you provide that? I would like to know: a) the form of tender b) whether the tender was the lowest received c) if there was not a tender, whether a consultant arranged a service contract for such work d) I would also like to know the date due for reporting in such projects, if they have been let e) Whether or not there has been any involvement of the minister or his office in the commissioning of the work.
E341_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	PAL	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E862_05. How much was spent on advertising by DEST in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04?
E342_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	PAL	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E863_05. How much was spent on consultancies by DEST in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04?
E343_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Wong	5. Indigenous National report a. Check last year tabled. What's happened since then?
E344_07	11/09/06	14/09/06	I&T	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E023_06. The National Report to Parliament for 2003 tells us that there has been little improvement – and some losses – in performance of Indigenous students in literacy and numeracy over the period 2001-2003. Performance is still behind, and well behind in some states and territories and at some levels. (a) Given this situation, how seriously does DEST view the delays and problems in the funding and implementation of the in-class tuition program for 2005? (b) How many students needing assistance had funding for their program delayed? (c) Have the problems now been resolved?

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E345_07	19/09/06		I&T	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E024_06. Indigenous student commencements fell by 3.2% in 2003 – and male commencements by 6.1%. Not only that, but the “access rate” – the proportion of commencing students who are Indigenous – has fallen slightly on 2002, but quite significantly on 1999 figures: down from 1.75% in 1999 to 1.52% in 2003. To achieve access parity with domestic students as a whole, Indigenous students would have to constitute 2.5% of the total. (a) What has contributed to this decline? The Report says you conducted “informal conversations” with representatives of those institutions where the fall has been greatest. (b) Since then, has DEST undertaken any more systemic or scientific research? What did it find? Can you provide any reports produced?
E346_07			I&T	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E025_06. There is an astonishing trend among commencing Indigenous students – the fact that females now outnumber males in this category by around 2:1. Overall, Indigenous female students considerably outnumber males also. (a) What is happening here? (b) What social or cultural factors are operating? (c) What work have you done to improve the rates for male students? (d) What factors are contributing? (e) Please provide copies of reports on any research you have undertaken or commissioned.
E347_07	15/09/06		SG	Written	Carr	When will DEST publish on the internet the Australian Government Programmes for Schools Quadrennial Administrative Guidelines, 2006 edition?
E348_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	PAL	Written	Ludwig	(1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others). (2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services. (3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.
E349_07	7/08/06 (interim answer)	14/09/06	PAL	Written	Wong	Please provide an update of E850_05. Which contractors and consultants have been engaged for the first time by DEST on or after 26 November 2001? For what projects have these contractors or consultants been engaged? What has been the cost of each of these contracts?
E350_07 & E326_07	08/08/06 08/08/06	14/09/06 14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update of E065_06. Answer to Question E479_05 provided figures on the percentage of Year 12 completers in higher education for the years 1996 - 2003. Please update information with 2004 figures.
E351_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Is it possible that the Government will not proceed with an RQF at all?
E352_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	What was the justification behind setting up another advisory group instead of going ahead with implementation?
E353_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	What further work that DEST has done since the Final Advice was received - briefings, commissioning studies, other work (including dates of advice)
E354_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Is DEST undertaking any work on metrics or alternative models for assessing research quality to those proposed in the RQF discussion papers? What are the details, including the kind of models, costs incurred by DEST so far, consultants engaged, and expected completion dates? When was this work undertaken, who initiated the request for this work and why?
E355_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Please provide dates of RQF DAG meetings, i.e. meetings planned and already occurred.
E356_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	How much money spent on the RQF model development so far?

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E357_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Implementation date - is DEST still proceeding with a 2007 timeline for possible implementation of the RQF?
E358_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Has any work been done on the financial impact on universities of the model contained in the Final Advice on universities' funding? Or on the funding formula that would accompany an RQF model? Please provide a copy of this work.
E359_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Has any work been done on compliance costs to universities? Please provide details and a copy of this work.
E360_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Impact of UK's decision on the RQF development – have DEST, the Minister or her office contacted their UK counterparts?
E361_07		14/09/06	IEG	Written	Wong	In each year since the ESOS Act commenced operation, how many providers have not met the fit and proper test?
E362_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	IEG	Written	Wong	How many providers do not pay the annual registration charge by the due date?
E363_07	7/08/06 (interim answer)	14/09/06	PAL	102 (1)	Wong	What sort of report do you receive in relation to each of these services? Do you get an actuary's report in relation to a particular program et cetera? Mr Storen—That is correct. Senator WONG—Are you able to provide that?
E364_07			SAEG	Written	Wong	What is this measure expected to now cost in the current budget year and across the forward estimates?
E365_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Wong	For the years 1998-2006, how many students were in receipt of a. Youth Allowance, b. Austudy, c. ABSTUDY, By institution type (school/TAFE/university): i. Of each of these, how many were receiving the independent rate? ii. Of each of these, how many were receiving the away from home rate? iii. How many recipients were in each an age group: I. Under 18 II. 18 III. 19 IV. 20 V. 21 VI. 22 VII. 23 VIII. 24 X. 25 and over?
E366_07			SAEG	Written	Wong	The Department's New Apprentices Roundtable, held in November 2005, recommended that DEST: Recommendation 8 Review Centrelink's means testing for independence, as it is currently too rigid and inflexible and an extension of rent assistance to New Apprentices for the duration of their training regardless of age or when they moved out of home. Has the Department considered and responded to the recommendation of the New Apprentices Roundtable that means testing for independence and rent assistance be reviewed?
E367_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Wong	The DEST Portfolio Budget Statement 2006/07 reveals a projected reduction in the number of recipients of Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy. (Table 3.2.2B: Performance in delivery of Administered Outputs p.77). Why is there a projected reduction in recipient of: a. Youth Allowance b. Austudy and c. Abstudy? How many recipients, in each support category, do the Fraud and Compliance initiatives expect to remove from the student income support system?
E368_07	19/09/06		SCG	Written	Wong	Why is DEST funding 16 fewer CRCs in 2006-07 than last year? Was this always planned? Please provide estimates of the number of CRCs to be funded in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.
E369_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Is the CRC program funding being run down over the forward estimates? Will DEST be funding any CRCs beyond 2009-10?
E370_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Why has the CRC program been allocated \$18.8 million less this year than last year?
E371_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Will DEST allocate more funding per CRC on average this year compared to last year? Please provide average funding per new CRC for each year since 2000.

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E372_07	19/09/06		SCG	Written	Wong	Please provide a copy of CRC funding agreements for each round since 2000.
E373_07	19/09/06		SCG	Written	Wong	On notice, please provide a list of all CRC applicants (" Stage 1" applications), short listed applicants ("Stage 2" applicants), and CRC funding recipients (successful applicants) for each of 2004, 2005 and 2006 funding rounds.
E374_07	21/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Can DEST confirm that this is a reduction in funding to the CRC program over the forward estimates? Why? Was this tapering planned before this year's Budget or is this new?
E375_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Which CRCs and research areas has the Department of the Environment allocated funding to DEST for in each year since 2003? How much was given to each CRC or research area concerned in each year since 2003? Which CRCs or research areas will the reduction in funding affect?
E376_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	When was the decision to reduce funding from the Department of Environment to CRCs made? What were the justifications?
E377_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Have DEST or the Minister done anything to clarify Jim Peacock's role at CSIRO? Was advice or information sought from the CSIRO after the appointment was made? What dates? Was any advice sought prior to the appointment of Jim Peacock?
E378_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Has Jim Peacock provided a written or verbal statement to DEST or the Minister regarding his position or recent reports?
E379_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	As far as DEST is aware, what does Peacock do at CSIRO?
E380_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	What is DEST doing to manage the potential for conflict of interest in the Chief Scientist's role? What's the process for assessing any instances of potential and actual conflict, internal or external?
E381_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Has the Minister been involved in establishing conflict of interest guidelines or process for managing actual or potential conflict, given the appointment is hers?
E382_07	15/09/06		SCG	Written	Wong	What is Peacock's remuneration? Does Peacock's contract stipulate his relationship with CSIRO, or require any further conditions to be met regarding his role at CSIRO?
E383_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Does Peacock receive administrative and secretarial assistance at CSIRO to support his work as Chief Scientist? (e.g. Robin Batterham's personal assistant at Rio Tinto also supported his Chief Scientist role by handling phone calls, correspondence, organising his diary, making travel bookings, and facilitating Government contact with the Chief Scientist)
E384_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Robin Batterham had security clearance at the Top Secret level while his personal assistant at Rio Tinto had security clearance at Protected level. What is Peacock's clearance and that of any staff he is in charge of at CSIRO? How are access and security managed at Peacock's CSIRO office?
E385_07	19/09/06		SCG	Written	Wong	Was there any correspondence relating to Jim Peacock's role between CSIRO, the Minister or DEST either prior to or after his appointment? Please provide all correspondence between CSIRO and the Minister or DEST regarding Jim Peacock.
E386_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Please provide a copy of Peacock's contract at CSIRO, given DEST has previously made Robin Batterham's contract available to the Senate Inquiry into the Office of the Chief Scientist.
E387_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	National Radioactive Waste Management overspent by \$1.5 million in 2005-06. Why? Where was the over-spend? Please provide figures to account for the \$1.5 million.

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E388_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	National Radioactive Waste Management is set to spend \$3.4 million less in 2006-07 than listed in last year's PBS. What expenditure scheduled for 2006-07 in last year's PBS will not be occurring now? Please provide a breakdown. Is this expenditure cancelled or delayed? If delayed, when will each part of the expenditure occur?
E389_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	National Radioactive Waste Management – Please itemise the expenditure over the forward estimates.
E390_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Major national research facilities. Please provide the full list of the major national research facilities and how much funding has gone to each since the inception of the program. Will the facilities continue to be funded through NCRIS? Which ones are expected to revive continuing funding and how much? Will any of them shut down as a result of the discontinuation of the funding? Has the Government contacted universities and research institutions to organise continuing funding for any of them? Is this going to happen and for which ones?
E391_07			IRSG	Written	Wong	The 2006-07 Science and Innovation Budget Tables show that Commonwealth support for Science & Innovation as the percentage of total Commonwealth expenditure was as follows: It went from: 2.93% in 2003-04 to 2.79% in 2004-05 to 2.89% in 2005-06 to 2.78% in 2006-07 (Table 1, page 2) 1. Can DEST confirm this? Is expenditure on science and innovation declining as a proportion of Commonwealth expenditure since 2003-04? If Table 1 figures are worked out as a percentage of GDP, GDP, the result is the following: 1997-98-0.64%: 1998-99- 0.62%: 1999-2000 -0.62%: 2000-01- 0.61%: 2001-02- 0.63%: 2002-03- 0.62%: 2003-04-0.64%: 2004-05- 0.61%: 2005-06- 0.62%: 2006-07-0.59%
E392_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Can DEST confirm these figures? Is it the case that expenditure on science and innovation has declined from 0.64% in 1997-98 to 0.59% in 2006-07?
E393_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Which Departments are involved in the nuclear review announced by the Prime Minister recently? Who is the lead?
E394_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	What are the secretariat arrangements for the study? Please include how many staff are involved and from which departments, are extra staff being recruited, staff costs.
E395_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	What is the overall Budget for this inquiry? Please provide a full breakdown.
E396_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Did DEST provide any advice to Government Ministers or the Prime Minister on the selection of the review panel? What was the nature of the advice and the dates of advice? Did DEST develop a shortlist of candidates and if so, how many people were on it and who? If DEST did not develop a shortlist or the final list, where did the names originate?
E397_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Was anyone outside the Government consulted regarding the selection of the review panel or the terms of reference? Please provide details.
E398_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Was ANSTO consulted regarding the terms of reference or the selection of the review panel?
E399_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Was an original proposal for a review put to the Cabinet or the Prime Minister's office during Brendan nelson's time as Minister? Is the current review different to that proposal.
E400_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Why were the Academies excluded from conducting the review? Whose decision was it?
E401_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	What will this review consist of, e.g. submissions, hearings etc? What is the timeline for the review, including submission deadlines, hearings, and draft reports?
E402_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Will the Academies be involved apart from lodging submissions? How?

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E403_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Will energy, economic and other experts be involved apart from lodging submissions? How?
E404_07	08/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	What form will the peer review take? Who will be involved? What is Jim Peacock's role in the peer review?
E405_07			SCG	Written	Wong	When did DEST and the Minister's office first see a copy of the report? When did DEST and the Minister's office first see a copy of the Synopsis?
E406_07	15/09/06	Needs tabling	SCG	Written	Wong	When were DEST and the Minister's office made aware that ANSTO had commissioned a study?
E407_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Where did the idea for an ANSTO-commissioned study originate? Was it DEST, the Minister, her office or ANSTO's suggestion?
E408_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Did ANSTO seek the Minister's permission before commissioning the report and did the Minister approve it?
E409_07			SCG	Written	Wong	Why were the full report or the Synopsis not released on 25 May or in March 2006 if the report or the Synopsis were completed in March 2006? Did DEST or the Minister request ANSTO to not release the report or Synopsis until the Minister was ready to release it?
E410_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Did ANSTO seek DEST's advice on the commissioning, drafts or other stages of this report? On what matters and when was advice provided?
E411_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Did the Government provide any additional funds to ANSTO for this report?
E412_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	SCG	Written	Wong	Is DEST undertaking any activity relating to or in response to ANSTO's report? Please provide details.
E413_07	15/09/06	Needs tabling	SCG	Written	Wong	How does ANSTO's report interact with the nuclear study announced by the Prime Minister?
E414_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E852_05. Could you provide an update (where required due to changes) of the list of all administered programs in the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) – as provided in answer to a question from the February hearing - including: a. a description of the program; b. projected over-spends and underspends in each program for the year 2003-04 (to 30 June), including, where appropriate, details, elements or components of each program where over- or under-spending will occur and reasons for each; c. actual expenditure for each program to 30 April 2004, with over- and underspends identified and details as specified in b) above; d. in the case of programs where funding is provided to individual recipients (eg schools, schools systems, universities), whether any overfunding has been recovered, or is expected to be recovered by 30 June 2004, total amount of the overpayments and the total amount recovered or expected to be recovered; e. the policy objective of the program; f. whether the program is ongoing and if not, when it is due to expire; g. the funding in each financial year of the forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses) including: • how much funding has been allocated for the program; and • how much is committed to the program. h. Please provide an indication of whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted and: • if so, when the most recent evaluation occurred; • if so, the conclusion or recommendations of that evaluation; • if not, when an evaluation is scheduled; and • if an evaluation has not been scheduled, the reasons for this?



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E415_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E854_05. What was the base and top wages of APS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (or equivalent), Executive Level 1 and 2 (or equivalent), and SES Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3 (or equivalent) in DEST updated to 16 February 2005?
E416_07			CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E855_05. What was the average salary for an SES (or equivalent) in DEST updated to 16 February 2005?
E417_07	11/09/06	14/09/06	CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E861_05.( DEST staff travel) What was the total cost of domestic trips of staff for DEST (including a breakdown on the cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and flights) updated to 28 February 2005?
E418_07			CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E865_05. (please provide the number, location and cost of overseas trips taken by DEST staff for each financial year from 2001) How many overseas trips were taken by employees in DEST updated to 28 February 2005? What were the final destinations of these overseas trips?
E419_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E015_06. (Management retreats/training) Could you please list all 'management retreats/training' conducted by DEST that were attended by employees during 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-2005? For such meetings held off-site (from DEST), could you please indicate: • where (location and hotel) and when they were held; • how much was spent in total; • how much was spent on accommodation; • how much was spent on food; • how much was spent on alcohol/drinks; • how much was spent on transport.
E420_07			CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E012_06. Please also provide the number of AWAs at each classification level compared to the number of employees on a certified agreement at that classification level. b. What is the average annual salary or wage for an employee on an AWA at each classification level and for an employee on a certified agreement at the same classification level? a) How many staff are covered by AWAs in your Agency/Department? (b) Can you provide a breakdown of AWAs by gender and by classification? (c) Can you tell me how many of the staff on AWAs are paid more than the band for their classification under the certified agreement? (d) Why were these staff not simply promoted to a higher classification?
E421_07	19/09/06		CSG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update of E016_06. Please provide a breakdown of all costs incurred by year and type for these cars for each year since 2001.How many SES (or equivalent) were issued cars by DEST on 23 November 2001 and how many in each of 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05? If no new figures are available since this question was last answered please identify the most recently provided answer to this question?
E422_07	7/08/06 (interim answer)	14/09/06	PAL	102 (1)	Wong	I am reading from the RFT: In the last 12 months the department has spent approximately \$700,000 on actuary services. Mr Storen—We had two major pieces of work done by the Australian Government Actuary. Senator WONG—Did that expenditure appear in your annual report? Mr Burmester—It certainly would have been reported to the parliament, either through an annual report or through the Murray Order that notes all big contracts. Senator WONG—Are you able to tell us, perhaps on notice, what services or in respect of what programs those services were used? What was the \$700,000 used for?

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E423_07	08/09/06	14/09/06	SAEG	Written	Wong	In April, the Australian Vice Chancellors Committee announced it was to conduct research into student finances, living conditions and working arrangements. This will update Paying Their Way – Student Finance Survey, which was conducted by the AVCC in 2000. Will DEST be involved in any way in the AVCC's research into student finances, they announced in April this year?
E424_07			CSIRO	25 (1)	Stephens	In relation to the chief executive's office, you provided in your answer to me the expenditure for 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. Could you also provide 2001-02 and the planned expenditure for 2005-06?
E425_07	19/09/06		CSG	Written	Ludwig	The following questions relate to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services by the department/agency, broken down for each of the last four financial years. Where available, please provide 1. Total spending on these services. 2. The number of employees offered these services and their salary level. 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their salary level. 4. The names of all service providers engaged. 5. For each service purchased from a provider listed in the answer to the previous question, please provide: a. The name and nature of the service purchased. b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based. c. The number of employees who received the service. d. The total number of hours involved for all employees. e. The total amount spent on the service. f. A description of the fees charged (e.g. per hour, complete package). g. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part.
E426_07			SAEG	Written	Wong	Please provide an update to E864_05. What were the key findings of these surveys? What changes have been implemented as a result? Did DEST conduct any surveys of attitudes towards programmes run by their department in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 to date?
E427_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please explain the discrepancy between the Strategic Plan forecasts for IP revenue and income from Royalties in the 200607 PBS. (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000 :73,000
E428_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Is this related to pending legal action on IP? Which cases? (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000 :73,000
E429_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	How much of the downward revision can be attributed to the income that was expected from the IP that's in dispute legally? (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000: 73,000
E430_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	What are the other sources of downward revision of Royalties? Please itemise with amounts that are attributable to each.
E431_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Did CSIRO seek DOFA's permission or make to submission to DOFA in order to revise the 2005-06 PBS figures at the additional estimates stage? Please provide those details including amounts and reasons given. (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000: 73,000

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E432_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Does CSIRO have a policy, an approach, or any guiding principles in order to pursuing and protecting IP revenue? What is it and please provide details. (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000: 73,000
E433_07			CSIRO	<i>Written</i>	Wong	How was it developed? (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000: 73,000
E434_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Has CSIRO's approach changed in the last few years? How did this change occur? (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000: 73,000
E435_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Was there consultation in the development of its IP approach from other research organisations or industry? (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000:73,000
E436_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	What is the cost of pursuing and protecting CSIRO's IP? Please include legal and other relevant costs for each year since 2000. (\$000s) 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 Royalties (2006-07 PBS) 33,000 37,000 39,035 41,182 Royalties (2005-06 PBS) 45,315 72,051 76,950 76,950 IP (Strategic Plan) 46,000:73,000
E437_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please provide the updated forecasts that CSIRO provided to DOFA. Please include the other Budget line items that CSIRO sought to update as well, including all revenue and expenditure line items, assets and liabilities and other relevant figures. 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7:Senator WONG—So the first legal action, the CSIRO-initiated one, has been fought for over a year. There was no adjustment, was there, in the additional estimates round? Mr Whelan—Senator, we actually did seek to adjust our forecast in the additional estimates round, but they were not published because we were not seeking additional appropriation revenues. So they were not incorporated into the portfolio additional estimates statement. But we did provide updated figures to the department of finance as part of the additional estimates. Senator WONG—They were not included in the PAES? Mr Whelan—No, because there was no change to the appropriation revenues. It is not a decision taken by CSIRO, Senator. Senator WONG—Sure, but that is not the only purpose of ensuring there are accurate figures, is it—to seek more money from the parliament? Mr Whelan—I am not in a position to debate it with you, Senator. It was not a decision made by CSIRO. Senator WONG—Okay. Mr Whelan—We provided updated forecasts as part of the additional estimates process.

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E438_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	What was DOFA's response? Please provide documentation to support this. 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7: Senator WONG—So the first legal action, the CSIRO-initiated one, has been fought for over a year. There was no adjustment, was there, in the additional estimates round? Mr Whelan—Senator, we actually did seek to adjust our forecast in the additional estimates round, but they were not published because we were not seeking additional appropriation revenues. So they were not incorporated into the portfolio additional estimates statement. But we did provide updated figures to the department of finance as part of the additional estimates. Senator WONG—They were not included in the PAES? Mr Whelan—No, because there was no change to the appropriation revenues. It is not a decision taken by CSIRO, Senator. Senator WONG—Sure, but that is not the only purpose of ensuring there are accurate figures, is it—to seek more money from the parliament? Mr Whelan—I am not in a position to debate it with you, Senator. It was not a decision made by CSIRO. Senator WONG—Okay. Mr Whelan—We provided updated forecasts as part of the additional estimates process.
E439_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please account fully for the change in estimates for Revenue from Goods & Services from the 2004-05 PBS to 2006-07 PBS. Please provide a breakdown and full explanation for the approximately \$260 million difference. 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7: Senator WONG—I am a little confused about one thing. Since the 2004-05 PBS, estimates of revenue from the goods and services line item have declined by over \$260 million over the three-year period of 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08. I note that in the PBS, I think, in 2004-05, you did not separately itemise royalties. Mr Whelan—I do not have the 2004-05 figures in front of me. But I think, as we have discussed previously, probably the major factor in 2004-05 was that we withdrew from the forward estimates any revenue associated with joint ventures because we were not able to bring those to account as CSIRO revenue. But that is not a factor in any change as far as 2005-06 estimates are concerned.
E440_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Why were joint ventures part of the 200405 PBS? Why were they subsequently removed? 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7: Senator WONG—I am a little confused about one thing. Since the 2004-05 PBS, estimates of revenue from the goods and services line item have declined by over \$260 million over the three-year period of 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08. I note that in the PBS, I think, in 2004-05, you did not separately itemise royalties. Mr Whelan—I do not have the 2004-05 figures in front of me. But I think, as we have discussed previously, probably the major factor in 2004-05 was that we withdrew from the forward estimates any revenue associated with joint ventures because we were not able to bring those to account as CSIRO revenue. But that is not a factor in any change as far as 2005-06 estimates are concerned.
E441_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	What other sources of difference are there? 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7: Senator WONG—I am a little confused about one thing. Since the 2004-05 PBS, estimates of revenue from the goods and services line item have declined by over \$260 million over the three-year period of 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08. I note that in the PBS, I think, in 2004-05, you did not separately itemise royalties. Mr Whelan—I do not have the 2004-05 figures in front of me. But I think, as we have discussed previously, probably the major factor in 2004-05 was that we withdrew from the forward estimates any revenue associated with joint ventures because we were not able to bring those to account as CSIRO revenue. But that is not a factor in any change as far as 2005-06 estimates are concerned.

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E442_07			CSIRO	(31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7) Written	Wong	What was the amount of revenue that CSIRO expected to receive directly through the Flagships last year over the forward estimates? CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."
E443_07			CSIRO	(31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7) Written	Wong	What was the actual in 2004-05 and 2005-06? CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."
E444_07			CSIRO	(31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7) Written	Wong	What are the flagship revenue figures over the forward estimates this year? CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."
E445_07			CSIRO	(31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7) Written.	Wong	What in-kind revenue did CSIRO receive from the Flagships in 2004-05 and 2005-06? CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."
E446_07			CSIRO	(31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7) Written	Wong	What was the predicted value of in-kind revenue? CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."
E447_07			CSIRO	(31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7) Written	Wong	What in-kind revenue did CSIRO expect to receive over the forward estimates last year? What are those estimates now? CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."
E448_07			CSIRO	(31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7) Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown for each Flagship of direct and in-kind revenue to the Flagships. Please include the name of the contributor, the amount contributed, and whether the amount was direct or in-kind. CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."

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E449_07			CSIRO	Written (31 May 2006, EWRE, p.7)	Wong	Has CSIRO sought to include in-kind revenue in the PBS? On how many occasions did CSIRO seek to do this? Please provide dates of requests to DOFA. What was DOFA's response? CSIRO has said that the major reason for the change in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS was "a reduction in the amount of revenue we expect to receive directly associated with the flagship program. An increasing proportion of the revenue associated with the flagship program is being made in kind by partners."
E450_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.11 Written	Wong	Please list CSIRO's partners in each flagship at present.: Dr Sandland—When we set up the flagship program, we set up something that was unique in Australian science. It was tackling a number—six—of Australia's largest challenges and doing so in a way that involved cross-cutting science across the whole organisation, with collaboration outside of the organisation. In order to actually set up a program like that, we established a number of governance mechanisms and a number of internal mechanisms, but it was a huge challenge for the organisation. It was, if you like, a flagship in itself to be able to take on these kinds of challenges, and we did not know precisely how the revenue would flow, because it was doing business in a completely different way. I think as we went through the early years of the flagships we nevertheless expected that ramp-up in external revenue to occur, but what did emerge was that our partners—and we have many partners with the flagship—decided to make those kinds of investments themselves, and we are talking about this large amount of \$30 million. That is why I say the most important thing is actually achieving our goals. Yes, I understand that it may be frustrating that in terms of predicting external revenue—
E451_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.11 Written	Wong	Please provide details of the governance and 'internal' mechanisms set up during the flagship establishment process. What are they, what purpose does each serve and why were they put in place? What governance and internal mechanisms were in place prior to the introduction of flagship-related changes?: Dr Sandland—When we set up the flagship program, we set up something that was unique in Australian science. It was tackling a number—six—of Australia's largest challenges and doing so in a way that involved cross-cutting science across the whole organisation, with collaboration outside of the organisation. In order to actually set up a program like that, we established a number of governance mechanisms and a number of internal mechanisms, but it was a huge challenge for the organisation. It was, if you like, a flagship in itself to be able to take on these kinds of challenges, and we did not know precisely how the revenue would flow, because it was doing business in a completely different way. I think as we went through the early years of the flagships we nevertheless expected that ramp-up in external revenue to occur, but what did emerge was that our partners—and we have many partners with the flagship—decided to make those kinds of investments themselves, and we are talking about this large amount of \$30 million. That is why I say the most important thing is actually achieving our goals. Yes, I understand that it may be frustrating that in terms of predicting external revenue.
E452_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.11 Written	Wong	What years do the forecast estimates of \$30 million refer to?:Mr Whelan—I was simply going to go to the materiality of the difference. As it has played out over the course of 2005-06, yes, the impact is in the order of approximately \$8 million on the 2005-06 estimates. I know this might seem strange but, in a \$1 billion revenue budget, we will get variances of those orders from time to time. It is a much more material issue for us now than it was, given we have forecast estimates now of \$30 million in

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E453_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.11 Written	Wong	How much in each year and how much is forecast for each Flagship?: Mr Whelan—I was simply going to go to the materiality of the difference. As it has played out over the course of 2005-06, yes, the impact is in the order of approximately \$8 million on the 2005-06 estimates. I know this might seem strange but, in a \$1 billion revenue budget, we will get variances of those orders from time to time. It is a much more material issue for us now than it was, given we have forecast estimates now of \$30 million in kind when in the earlier periods it was a much smaller number.
E454_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.11 Written	Wong	Is it all in-kind? Mr Whelan—I was simply going to go to the materiality of the difference. As it has played out over the course of 2005-06, yes, the impact is in the order of approximately \$8 million on the 2005-06 estimates. I know this might seem strange but, in a \$1 billion revenue budget, we will get variances of those orders from time to time. It is a much more material issue for us now than it was, given we have forecast estimates now of \$30 million in kind when in the earlier periods it was a much smaller number.
E455_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.8 Written	Wong	What was the budgeted consulting revenue for 2005-06? What was the actual? Senator WONG—But the fact is, in terms of your external income, you have a \$21 million gap between budgeted and actual earnings for 2005-06. Mr Whelan—That is a different matter. If you want to understand the reason why the forecast revenue for 2005-06 is different to the estimate, the first factor is lower IP revenue; the second factor is lower interest; the third factor is slightly lower goods and services revenue—a mixture of consulting revenue being under budget and a mixture of flagship revenue being under budget.
E456_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.8: Written	Wong	What is the budgeted revenue from consulting for each year over the forward estimates, as calculated for this year's PBS? Senator WONG—But the fact is, in terms of your external income, you have a \$21 million gap between budgeted and actual earnings for 2005-06. Mr Whelan—That is a different matter. If you want to understand the reason why the forecast revenue for 2005-06 is different to the estimate, the first factor is lower IP revenue; the second factor is lower interest; the third factor is slightly lower goods and services revenue—a mixture of consulting revenue being under budget and a mixture of flagship revenue being under budget.
E457_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.8 Written	Wong	What was the budgeted revenue from consulting for each year over the forward estimates, as calculated for last year's PBS?: Senator WONG—But the fact is, in terms of your external income, you have a \$21 million gap between budgeted and actual earnings for 2005-06. Mr Whelan—That is a different matter. If you want to understand the reason why the forecast revenue for 2005-06 is different to the estimate, the first factor is lower IP revenue; the second factor is lower interest; the third factor is slightly lower goods and services revenue—a mixture of consulting revenue being under budget and a mixture of flagship revenue being under budget.

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E458_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.8 Written	Wong	What part of the \$59.4 million difference in Revenue from Goods and Services between the 200506 PBS and 200607 PBS is attributable to lower than expected flagships revenue? What part is attributable to lower consulting revenue than was expected in last year's PBS?: Senator WONG—But the fact is, in terms of your external income, you have a \$21 million gap between budgeted and actual earnings for 2005-06. Mr Whelan—That is a different matter. If you want to understand the reason why the forecast revenue for 2005-06 is different to the estimate, the first factor is lower IP revenue; the second factor is lower interest; the third factor is slightly lower goods and services revenue—a mixture of consulting revenue being under budget and a mixture of flagship revenue being under budget.
E459_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.8 Written	Wong	What is the reason for lowering the estimates for consulting revenue between the 2005-06 PBS and the 2006-07 PBS?: Senator WONG—But the fact is, in terms of your external income, you have a \$21 million gap between budgeted and actual earnings for 2005-06. Mr Whelan—That is a different matter. If you want to understand the reason why the forecast revenue for 2005-06 is different to the estimate, the first factor is lower IP revenue; the second factor is lower interest; the third factor is slightly lower goods and services revenue—a mixture of consulting revenue being under budget and a mixture of flagship revenue being under budget.
E460_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.10 Written	Wong	What proportion of the "130 million new dollars" was spent on actual research projects? How much was spent on corporate, research support, senior management and other non-research areas?: Dr Garrett—And if we look over that history, just to give you additional facts, in 2000-01, the total revenue was \$761 million; in 2004-05, it was \$892 million. That is 130 million new dollars spent on science. If you look at our deficit figures over the last five years.
E461_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.10 Written	Wong	What is the reason behind the increase in depreciation costs? What is the increase and over what period?: Mr Whelan—No, it is not at all. It is funding from the gains we have made in the past. We could have chosen not to run a deficit. We could have chosen, given increased costs, to have gone and cut science in the organisation—\$14 million worth of science. We think that would have been very short-sighted, given the two factors that were driving the deficit: that of increased depreciation costs and that associated with increased legal costs. We are very comfortable now. The department of finance have recognised that there is an issue to be addressed around the depreciation costs, and we have correspondence from them that suggests that matter will be addressed in the additional estimates for 2006-07. So our perspective on it is that a deficit was the totally appropriate thing to do in those circumstances.
E462_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.10: Written	Wong	What has DOFA told CSIRO about changes to depreciation as mentioned above? Please provide the correspondence referred to by Mr Whelan above? Mr Whelan—No, it is not at all. It is funding from the gains we have made in the past. We could have chosen not to run a deficit. We could have chosen, given increased costs, to have gone and cut science in the organisation—\$14 million worth of science. We think that would have been very short-sighted, given the two factors that were driving the deficit: that of increased depreciation costs and that associated with increased legal costs. We are very comfortable now. The department of finance have recognised that there is an issue to be addressed around the depreciation costs, and we have correspondence from them that suggests that matter will be addressed in the additional estimates for 2006-07. So our perspective on it is that a



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E463_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13:	Wong	What were the 30 positions? What were the 40 positions? What are they now? Please list titles, brief job description and the person who occupies that position at present. Senator WONG—But they are an increasing proportion. When you have a third again, you are up to 40, just under 11 million. Dr Garrett—The number of officers reported in the executive management council, it is agreed, went from 36 to 40 at that time. Senator WONG—Over the last four years, it has gone from 30 to 40. Dr Garrett—Yes, I understand.
E464_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13:	Wong	In the case of positions which have been retained since 2000, please list the person who occupied that position in 2000 and 2001. Senator WONG—But they are an increasing proportion. When you have a third again, you are up to 40, just under 11 million. Dr Garrett—The number of officers reported in the executive management council, it is agreed, went from 36 to 40 at that time. Senator WONG—Over the last four years, it has gone from 30 to 40. Dr Garrett—Yes, I understand.
E465_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13	Wong	What was the total executive remuneration in 200506? How many executives does that refer to?: Senator WONG—But they are an increasing proportion. When you have a third again, you are up to 40, just under 11 million. Dr Garrett—The number of officers reported in the executive management council, it is agreed, went from 36 to 40 at that time. Senator WONG—Over the last four years, it has gone from 30 to 40. Dr Garrett—Yes, I understand.
E466_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13	Wong	What are the 12 reviews?: Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years— independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.
E467_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13	Wong	Why was each review undertaken?: Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years— independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.

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E468_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13 Written	Wong	What were the terms of reference? Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.
E469_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13:	Wong	Who conducted the review? Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.
E470_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13 Written	Wong	What was the cost of each review, including costs of staff support from CSIRO?: Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.
E471_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13:	Wong	Where consultants were involved, what was the cost of the consultancy? Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.

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E472_07			CSIRO	Written 31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13	Wong	What were the findings? Please table a copy of the review report in each case.: Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.
E473_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13: Written	Wong	Has the flagships performance review been completed? Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.
E474_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13: Written	Wong	Why was it undertaken? Was it a condition placed on CSIRO by the Government? Is it part of CSIRO's triennial funding agreement or the ongoing triennial funding negotiations? Senator WONG—Without trying to put too fine a point on it, we have your office with annual costs of over \$1 million, with various components of that remuneration being housing, travel et cetera. Do you think the public and the organisation are getting value for money? Dr Garrett—I think it must come back to what we are delivering. Looking at what this organisation is achieving, we have had 12 independent external reviews of our divisions in the last two years—independent international panels looking at the quality of our science and the impact of what we deliver—and we are shortly to release a flagship performance review, a copy of which we will obviously make sure you get at a very early stage. We want to be judged by the outputs of that program.
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E480_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13 Written	Wong	Please provide an update on which Divisions will receive additional funding under the SIP, which Divisions will remain the same and which Division will be cut? Please provide dollar amounts for the cuts and increases.: Dr Garrett—Yes. As I think we talked about last time, Senator, we have over the last 18 months implemented a major review process in our science investment process around the appropriate investment of our parliamentary appropriation resources. We tabled the broad direction-setting document under cover of a question on notice last time and it indicates the trends of some of the areas that are growing and some of the areas that are staying the same and a couple of areas that we are pulling back on. So there will be shifts in our overall science portfolio as we go forward, but overall we are looking at net growth in science, as Mike has indicated.
E481_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13: Written	Wong	Can CSIRO now provide an update on which research projects will be provided with extra revenue, which will be reduced and which will be cut altogether? What are the amounts? Dr Garrett—Yes. As I think we talked about last time, Senator, we have over the last 18 months implemented a major review process in our science investment process around the appropriate investment of our parliamentary appropriation resources. We tabled the broad direction-setting document under cover of a question on notice last time and it indicates the trends of some of the areas that are growing and some of the areas that are staying the same and a couple of areas that we are pulling back on. So there will be shifts in our overall science portfolio as we go forward, but overall we are looking at net growth in science, as Mike has indicated.
E482_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13 Written	Wong	At Estimates, CSIRO has said that some staff reductions are expected as part of the SIP. Which Divisions will see staff cuts? How many of these scientists? Dr Garrett—Yes. As I think we talked about last time, Senator, we have over the last 18 months implemented a major review process in our science investment process around the appropriate investment of our parliamentary appropriation resources. We tabled the broad direction-setting document under cover of a question on notice last time and it indicates the trends of some of the areas that are growing and some of the areas that are staying the same and a couple of areas that we are pulling back on. So there will be shifts in our overall science portfolio as we go forward, but overall we are looking at net growth in science, as Mike has indicated.
E483_07			CSIRO	31 May 2006, EWRE, p.13: Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown of the 29 FTE reduction referred to on page 17 of the Estimates transcript. Dr Garrett—Yes. As I think we talked about last time, Senator, we have over the last 18 months implemented a major review process in our science investment process around the appropriate investment of our parliamentary appropriation resources. We tabled the broad direction-setting document under cover of a question on notice last time and it indicates the trends of some of the areas that are growing and some of the areas that are staying the same and a couple of areas that we are pulling back on. So there will be shifts in our overall science portfolio as we go forward, but overall we are looking at net growth in science, as Mike has indicated.
E484_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Where was the \$10.6 million extra spent? Why was there an overspend? Table 5.1 on p 286 of the 2006-07 PBS details employee expenses. A comparison with last year's figures (p 265, 2005-06 PBS) shows: • CSIRO spent \$10.6 million more on salaries in 2005-06 than was budgeted. • CSIRO plans to spend \$7.9 million less on salaries during 2006-07 compared to their estimates in the 2005-06 PBS.

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E485_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Does the \$7.9 million reduction compared to last year's forward estimates projections relate to staff cuts planned in 200607? Table 5.1 on p 286 of the 2006-07 PBS details employee expenses. A comparison with last year's figures (p 265, 2005-06 PBS) shows: • CSIRO spent \$10.6 million more on salaries in 2005-06 than was budgeted. • CSIRO plans to spend \$7.9 million less on salaries during 2006-07 compared to their estimates in the 2005-06 PBS.
E486_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	How does CSIRO expect to meet the target for 200607 (i.e. \$7.9 million less than last year's estimate) when there is an over-spend of \$10.6 million in 200506? Table 5.1 on p 286 of the 2006-07 PBS details employee expenses. A comparison with last year's figures (p 265, 2005-06 PBS) shows: • CSIRO spent \$10.6 million more on salaries in 2005-06 than was budgeted. • CSIRO plans to spend \$7.9 million less on salaries during 2006-07 compared to their estimates in the 2005-06 PBS.
E487_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please provide a full and itemised explanation of the difference between last year's PBS and this year's PBS over the forward estimates. Table 5.2 on p 287 of the 2006-07 PBS sets out CSIRO's projected cash reserves. A comparison with last year's figures (p 266, 2005-06 PBS) shows two issues: • During 05-06, CSIRO spent \$43.4 million of its cash reserves for which it had not budgeted. • Cash reserves are also down over the forward estimates on last year's PBS figures (\$24 million & \$11.5 million respectively over 2006-09).
E488_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Has CSIRO used or is it planning to use its cash reserves to fund expenditure? What expenditure, how much and why? Table 5.2 on p 287 of the 2006-07 PBS sets out CSIRO's projected cash reserves. A comparison with last year's figures (p 266, 2005-06 PBS) shows two issues: • During 05-06, CSIRO spent \$43.4 million of its cash reserves for which it had not budgeted. • Cash reserves are also down over the forward estimates on last year's PBS figures (\$24 million & \$11.5 million respectively over 2006-09).
E489_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please provide a full list of consultancies CSIRO used in 200405 and 200506. Please also provide the amount paid to each consultant and the purpose for which consultants were sought.
E490_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	What properties does CSIRO plan to sell in 200607, 200708 and 200809? What is currently on those properties?
E491_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Will staff jobs be affected and if so, how many, including scientists and non-scientists?
E492_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	How much does CSIRO expect to receive from the sale of each property?
E493_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please provide an update on E744_06. Please include staffing costs under each item for each year. Please provide a comparative table showing changes in the staffing profile of CSIRO over the years 2000/2001 to 2005/2006? Please include total staff numbers; scientific staff (broken down by classification), scientific and research support staff (technicians, lab assistants, etc) also broken down by classification; non-scientific support services (broken down by functions adopted by CSIRO itself, e.g., commercial and business development, libraries); as well as any other categories that may be needed to include all staff (Executive, for example). Please provide this information on an annual basis. Please also provide a breakdown of each of these categories by gender.
E494_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Why has the number of staff on individual contracts increased so dramatically?
E495_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please provide a breakdown of the type of staff on individual contracts for each year since 2000.
E496_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please update the costs for CSIRO's Business Development & Commercialisation Unit.

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E497_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	What were the costs of Corporate communications, public relations and marketing for each year since 2000? Please provide a breakdown of staff costs, including executive remuneration separately (i.e. non-science related communication), overheads, travel, and consultancies.
E498_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Please provide the total legal costs incurred by CSIRO, including internal legal costs and external lawyers for every year since 2000. Please provide a breakdown of each case or matter involved.
E499_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	The Department of Environment's Environment Budget Overview 2005-06 provides the information below. Please explain why the Department of Environment is reducing funding to CSIRO for some projects. Will these projects be affected as a result? Is CSIRO or anyone else substitute funding? What projects will be affected or cut entirely?
E500_07			CSIRO	Written	Wong	Will staff jobs be lost? How many scientists and non-scientists?
E501_07			ARC	54 (1)	Stephens	How soon before the bill was tabled was the council made aware of the final draft of the bill? Wednesday, 31 May 2006 Senate—Legislation Mr Marsden—That is testing my memory, but I think it would be around mid-March. But I can take that on notice and provide a more precise answer to that question.
E502_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	81 (1)	Forshaw	What was the name of the facilitator again? I have forgotten his name. Dr Cameron—We are going back a few years now. I can certainly find out.
E503_07	31/07/06	14/09/06	ANSTO	66 (1)	Crossin	This whole issue about nuclear waste and the facility is hypothetical. If that dump is not built by them for whatever reason and we do have casks returning in 2010-11, where would they be stored? CHAIR—That is a hypothetical question. That is compounded by two hypotheticals. Senator Vanstone—That is a good point. Senator FORSHAW—That is not correct. This stuff is coming back. We know that. There is a contract; this stuff has to come back. It is coming back in 2011 at the earliest. So I do not see where the hypothesis is. CHAIR—I was chair of the committee that did the bill. I understand the hypothesis is 'if it goes to Sydney'. Senator FORSHAW—It is not for me to answer the question. Senator Crossin is asking the question. CHAIR—I still say that it is bordering on hypothetical. Senator Vanstone—The officers might like to get some advice. Senator FORSHAW—ANSTO know the answer. Senator Vanstone—The officers might like to get some advice and have time to reflect on the answer. They will take it on notice.
E504_07	19/09/06		ARC	56 (1)	Stott Despoja	On the issue of consultation, I understand that that may occur anyway, but I just want to clarify: can the ARC's CEO initiate an inquiry without the sign-off of the minister, without the minister's permission? Mr Marsden—Senator, would you mind if we took that question on notice so we can provide a clear, specific answer? I would like to be able to consult more widely, if we need to—with, say, the Australian Government Solicitor's office and that sort of thing—because you have raised a small doubt in my mind, which did not exist until recently. Senator STOTT DESPOJA—You can see why I have had a doubt in my mind on this one; I cannot seem to get an unequivocal comment on it. Can I also ask you, Mr Marsden—and, if you cannot answer at the moment, can you take it on notice—to provide me with the reference to the Public Service Act, because my understanding is that it does not refer to the ability of the CEO to initiate inquiries, and it is that specificity that I am after.
E505_07			ARC	Written	Wong	Did the ARC offer the Minister and DEST advice on previous drafts of this Bill? On how many occasions?
E506_07			ARC	Written	Wong	Did the ARC raise any issues about the final Bill with the Minister or DEST?

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E507_07			ARC	Written	Wong	1. What opportunities does the ARC offer for PhDs and Post-doctoral students to be placed for some time in industry? Is it the case that the Linkage – Projects grants fund placement of researchers into industry to the value of up to \$100,000? What other opportunities exist? 2. How often are these opportunities taken up? Any figures on industry placements funded by the ARC? Are they under-utilised? 3. What are some examples of successful placements? 4. Why does the ARC believe that the take up rate is poor (or good)? What can be done to encourage better industry take up of postgraduate students and researchers? 5. What is the feedback from those who do take up an industry placement – i.e. what do the students/researchers, universities and industry think about the program? 6. Any evaluation done that we could get a copy of?
E508_07 & E515_07			IRSG	Written	Wong	Will the ARC retain the same powers to initiate inquiries on research matters under the current ARC Bill? Are there any differences in theory or in practice between the ARC's powers under the existing ARC Act and the Bill?
E509_07	05/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	How soon before the Bill was tabled was the ARC made aware of the final draft of this Bill?
E510_07	19/09/06		IRSG	Written	Wong	Is it the case that the College of Experts can be appointed directly by the Minister? Was this the case under the existing ARC Act? Is it possible for the Minister to appoint anyone to the College of Experts?
E511_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	Has DEST received correspondence on the impact of the proposed changes to the ARC? Please table all correspondence.
E512_07	11/09/06	14/09/06	IRSG	Written	Wong	The ARC Bill also prevents the Minister's decisions in selecting committee members and the CEO from being regarded as a legislative instrument. Is this the case? Why was this included? How does it assist transparency if the Minister's decisions are to be exempt from parliamentary scrutiny?
E513_07	19/09/06		IRSG	Written	Wong	ARC said the following at Estimates: Senator STEPHENS—It is my understanding that, under the new bill, the college of experts can be appointed directly by the minister—is that correct? Mr Marsden—That is correct. Senator STEPHENS—And this is a significant change from the existing act. Mr Marsden—It is certainly a change from the existing act, where the board establishes the committees. Does DEST agree that with the ARC that the Bill is a significant change from the existing act?
E514_07	19/09/06		CSG	Written	Wong	Please update E018_06. For each of the years listed in E018_06 as well as the most recent data, please provide a breakdown but how many staff are at each SES level. How many Senior Executive Staff (or equivalent) were employed on 23 November 2001 and how many in each of 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05? If no new figures are available since this question was last answered please identify the most recently provided answer to this question?
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E516_07	22/08/06	14/09/06	SCG	103(1)	Stephens	Do we have a list of the major national research facilities? Dr Arthur—One certainly exists. I do not think I have that list in front of me. The program is currently managed by Science Group, but certainly we can take that on notice and there will be no difficulty in providing that. Senator STEPHENS—Thank you. Perhaps, in providing that, you could also provide how much funding has gone to each since the inception of the program, if you would? Dr Arthur—I am sure Science Group will be able to assist me in providing that information.
E517_07			SCG	104(1)	Stephens	Thank you for that. Can you include the detail of that program in the summary of the funding? Dr Arthur—We certainly can.
E518_07			SAEG	Written	Wong	How many New Apprentices are receiving Youth Allowance? How does compare with DEST's original take up estimates? What is the reason for any difference?