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<b>QoN No.</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Written/ Hansard Ref</b>	<b>QUESTION</b>
EW001_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	What percentage of people over the age of 65 remained in the workforce from date? (same as questions 356 & 562)
EW002_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	What sector of the labour market is currently experiencing the largest skills shortages? (same as question 357 & 563)
EW003_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	How many disabled people have moved into employment as a result of Department initiatives? (same as question 358)
EW004_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	How many pieces of research did the department commission on the labour market since date and what topics were these on? Who wrote each piece of commissioned research and how much were they paid?
EW005_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	What is the average duration (in weeks) of unemployment relative to labour market performance?
EW006_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	What is the labour market experience (as an average duration in weeks on full rate unemployment allowance) for: - Long Term unemployed - Indigenous Australians - Mature Aged - People of cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds - Sole parents - People with disability - Young people.
EW007_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	Does the Labour Market Information Portal use any of the figures from the ABS job vacancies data?
EW008_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	Can the Department confirm that DEEWRS Labour Market Information Portal is reliant on ABS Labour Force data?
EW009_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	Has any analysis been conducted on the impact of the funding cuts to the ABS as a result of the 2008-09 Budget which will reduce the Labour Force survey sample size by 24%?
EW010_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	According to the ABS, how many people were Long Term Unemployed (LTUE) in may 1998, and what proportion was this of unemployed persons?
EW011_09	8	WATSON	LP	Written	According to the ABS, how many people were Long Term Unemployed in 2008, and what proportion was this of unemployed persons?
EW012_09	7	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>Parenting Payment</b> Please provide the data for the numbers of Parenting Payment recipients by age of youngest child, family status (PPS or PPP) and employment status (employment or not employed), by State?

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EW013_09	7	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>Newstart/Youth allowance</b> Please provide the data for the numbers of Newstart and Youth Allowance recipients by employment status, principal carer status, partial capacity to work status, those exempted from activity requirements, (including specifically: temporary exemptions for parents), by duration on those payment (less than 1 year, 1 year and less than 2, 2 years and less than 5, 5 years or more), State?
EW014_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	Please provide a table which summarizes the Department's best estimate of funding for schools for each of the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, broken down by each separate program and by each sector (i.e. government schools, Catholic systemic schools, independent schools).
EW015_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	Please also provide this table for expenditure in respect of each state and territory.
EW016_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	Please provide details of the elements determining these estimates and projections for each of the years above, as follows: a) Non-government schools: i. Supplementation/indexation (\$m): I. General recurrent grants II. Capital grants III. Targeted programs ii. Enrolments (number of primary and secondary enrolments) iii. New of increased programs (other than for supplementation/indexation) iv. Cash flows – carry-over or bring forward (if any) v. Other as appropriate b) Government schools: i. Supplementation/indexation (\$m): I. General recurrent grants II. Capital grants III. Targeted programs ii. Enrolments (number of primary and secondary enrolments) iii. New or increased programs (other than for supplementation/indexation) iv. Cash flows – carry-over or bring forward (e.g. Investing in our schools) v. Other as appropriate
EW017_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	When will the details of the 2009-2012 non-government school per capita funding package be finalised?
EW018_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	When will the SES scores for non-government schools be finalized and applied
EW019_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	Will the categories of 'funding maintained', 'maintained Catholic' and 'funding guaranteed' be continued in the same form as in the current funding quadrennium? Will there be any new categories of non-government school funding?
EW020_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	Please provide a formal definition of the funding determination algorithm for each funding category above.

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EW021_09	2	NETTLE	AG	Written	<p>Based on the estimated SES scores for all non-government schools announced by the Minister in May 2008, please provide a table in Excel format that lists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) School Number</li> <li>2) School Name</li> <li>3) Location</li> <li>4) State</li> <li>5) Post code</li> <li>6) Current federal Electorate</li> <li>7) To which if any system of private schools does this school belong?</li> <li>8) 2009-2012 estimated SES Score</li> <li>9) 2009-2012 % of AGSRC (based on SES Score)</li> <li>10) 2009-2012 % of AGSRC or FM</li> <li>11) Funding Status as at 1/1/2009</li> <li>12) For each year 2009 to 2012, estimates of             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Number of Primary Students in that year</li> <li>b. Number of Secondary Students in that year</li> <li>c. Primary Per Capita Rate in that year</li> <li>d. Secondary Per Capita Rate in that year</li> <li>e. Total Per Capita Funding in that year</li> <li>f. Capital grants in that year</li> <li>g. Other funding in that year</li> <li>h. Total funding for that year</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
EW022_09	3	NETTLE	AG	Written	<p>Please provide the following information on the Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Total numbers of students participating in the programme, by year</li> <li>b) Total number of public schools and private schools acting as host schools for the programme, by year</li> <li>c) Total number of students at each school</li> <li>d) Retention rates of students, by school</li> <li>e) Amount of funding allocated per student and to each host school</li> <li>f) Strategies that the managing agency, the Foundation for Young Australians, have put in to place to ensure that public schools are able to participate in the programme</li> </ol>
EW023_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	<p>According to the Skilling Australia fact sheet on the Productivity Places website, 90% of the courses offered will be offered at a Certificate III level or higher. Based on this, how does the Department plan to restrict the intake of people into Certificate II courses?</p>
EW024_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	<p>Will there be quotas for Certificate II and Certificate III in each of the phases?</p>
EW025_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	<p>Will there be quotas on a State by State basis? If so, what are these quotas?</p>
EW026_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	<p>Can the Department confirm whether any providers actually tendered to offer Certificate II or III qualifications in any drilling courses?</p>

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EW027_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How many tenders does the Department currently still have to assess?
EW028_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	What was the average time taken for assessment of each tender?
EW029_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Were all tenders assessed in Canberra, or is each State Office assuming responsibility for local tenders?
EW030_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	The Draft Contract states that 'We may, at Our absolute discretion and by notice to You in writing, extend this Contract for a further period or periods not exceeding five years after the Completion Date. If We exercise that discretion, the same terms and conditions of this Contract will apply during those renewal period(s) unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Us'.
EW031_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Does the Department intend to extend this contract? If so, for what duration?
EW032_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	What was the probity process for the tender assessment?
EW033_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Had all tender assessment panel members' undergone probity training within the last 12 months?
EW034_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	What is the Department's probity policy for tender assessments?
EW035_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Under heading 11, Contractual Arrangements, 11.2 (page 40 of the draft guidelines), it states 'Services contracts may be entered into with approved RTOs at any time during the period of the programme. Services contracts will expire on June 30, 2008, unless the Commonwealth, at its absolute discretion, decides to extend the contract period. Is it the Commonwealth's intention to extend these contracts past 30 June, 2008
EW036_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	When does the Department intend to send out these contract variations, bearing in mind the turnaround time required? (Likelihood of providers falling out of contract?)
EW037_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Will the Industry Skills Councils be required to gather their own 'job vacancy data' in order to ensure that they accurately predict the areas of greatest demand? If so, how do they intend to do this?
EW038_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How is DEEWR encouraging Employment Service Providers to refer job seekers to training under the Productivity Places Programme? Are Employment Service Providers able to use the Job Seeker Account to fund items for job seekers undertaking this training?
EW039_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How frequently will the Department undertake on-site monitoring of each provider?
EW040_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	What information will the Department be able to access through the PIMS system, to undertake desktop monitoring of this programme?
EW041_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	What is the average course fee payable to provider?
EW042_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How is recognition of prior learning generally ascertained by a provider?
EW043_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	DEEWR has decided that organisations will be eligible to receive the entire cost of an eligible vocational qualification, even if a participant is granted RPL. Is there the potential that the Department may be paying more for service provision than if they were paying separately for the RPL assessment, and just for the qualifications to be undertaken by the student?
EW044_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Say, for example that Kevin was granted RPL for 100% of a course, can DEEWR confirm that in accordance with the draft guidelines, the full fee will be paid to the provider.

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EW045_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How many DEEWR Contract Liaison Officers are there for the Productivity Places Programme?
EW046_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Are they based in each State and Territory?
EW047_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Do they report to management in the State Offices, or do they report back to the Industry Skills Council Branch head?
EW048_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	Have any State Governments made provision for Phase 2 in their budgets?
EW049_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How many people are expected to undertake training in Phase 2?
EW050_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How many of these are expected to be existing workers?
EW051_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How many in each state?
EW052_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	What proportion of these people are expected to be job seekers
EW053_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	When is the proposed Commonwealth/State Training Agreement expected to be certified?
EW054_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	What is the total amount of this funding over the duration of the contract- and how has it been determined? Is it a set fee for each Australian Apprenticeship Centre, or a fee for service arrangement?
EW055_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How many Skills and Training Information Centres (STICs) have been established to date?
EW056_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How many STICs does the Department plan on establishing?
EW057_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	How much funding has been allocated for this? Over how many years?
EW058_09	4	MASON	LP	Written	The Government has outlined prescriptive quotas for each phase of Skilling Australia. How many participants are expected to commence each year in the programme according to the Department's forecasts?
EW059_09	3	MASON	LP	Written	When will the additional 200 teachers announced by the Rudd Government be deployed in schools?
EW060_09	3	MASON	LP	Written	Will these teachers be paid an additional amount?
EW061_09	3	MASON	LP	Written	Which authority will pay and administer these teachers?
EW062_09	Workplace Authority	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>Workplace Authority</b> How many agreements are waiting to be assessed under "fairness test"/NDT?
EW063_09	Workplace Authority	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>Workplace Authority</b> How many agreements have failed the test. How many agreements were required to be amended by employers?
EW064_09	Workplace Ombudsman	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>Workplace Authority</b> Has any compensation been paid to employees employed under agreements that failed or required to be amended? If yes how many employees?
EW065_09	8	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>Social Inclusion</b> What is the role of DEEWR in Social Inclusion?
EW066_09	8	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>Social Inclusion</b> How will it relate to the Unit in PM&C?
EW067_09	1	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>JET</b> Was any modelling done on how many more people would be helped by the extension of this program to 2 years? If so how many additional people are predicted to be assisted by this measure?

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EW068_09	1	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>JET</b> If so how many additional people are predicted to be assisted by this measure?
EW069_09	4	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>VET fee-help</b> Am I right in my understanding that for RTOs (registered training organisations) to access VET FEE-HELP for students they need to be a body corporate whose principal purpose is to provide education?
EW070_09	4	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>VET fee-help</b> Are you aware this leaves a number of RTOs in the not-for-profit community services sector unable to access VET FEE-HELP as they are either not corporations or do not have training as their principal purpose?
EW071_09	4	SIEWERT	AG	Written	<b>VET fee-help</b> For example, RTOs that are part of a church organisation may not be incorporated (and may have governance restrictions that prevent them from forming a separate corporation) and training may be an important but not principal part of their operations.  There are areas of community services that desperately require trained staff, for example, the federal government recently invested in the development of new vocational qualifications for practitioners in family relationship services. The requirements on FEE-HELP potentially preclude many RTOs in the sector from offering fee relief to students undertaking VET study in relevant courses.  Is there any intention to look at this issue further and see if an exemption for the not-for-profit community sector can be developed?
EW072_09	Cross Portfolio	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	LP	Written	<b>Government Appointments</b> What appointments have been made to boards, advisory committees, or any other quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations (quangos) within the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and agencies within the responsibility of the department since 24 November 2008
EW073_09	Cross Portfolio	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	LP	Written	Please list all quangos within the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and agencies within the responsibility of the department.
EW074_09	-	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	LP	Written	<b>Programs/Initiatives</b> In relation to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and agencies within its responsibility, please answer the following questions in relation to each of the Federal seats of Banks, Lowe, Bennelong, Macquarie, Cunningham, Throsby, Barton, Watson, Charlton and Werriwa: a) What programs, initiatives, or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be maintained under the Rudd Government? b) What programs, initiatives, or other undertakings of the Howard Government will be reversed under the Rudd Government? c) What new programs, initiatives or other undertakings will be allocated to these seats under the Budget?

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EW075_09	-	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	LP	Written	<p><b>Election Promises</b> Please advise whether the list of items under the policy heading on the ALP website <a href="http://www.alp.org.au/">http://www.alp.org.au/</a> constitutes the total sum election "promises" made by the Rudd Government within the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.</p> <p>If not, please provide a comprehensive list which includes all promises referred to on the ALP website as well as those that were made but are not contained on the ALP website?</p>
EW076_09	9	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	LP	Written	<p><b>MUA Document</b> I refer to an article in the Sunday Telegraph of 23 March 2008 by Glenn Milne with the title Secret union deals. Please provide details including:</p> <p>Does the Department or any minister within the portfolio have a copy of the confidential union strategy document. If so, please provide a copy.</p>
EW077_09	9	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	LP	Written	<p><b>MUA Document</b> Did the department provide any information to the MUA or any other union of the nature alleged in the article and in particular, regarding "scabs and parasites" crewing non-union ships? If so, what was the nature and extent of the information provided? Who provided the information? When was it provided? To whom was it specifically provided?</p>
EW078_09	9	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	LP	Written	<p><b>MUA Document</b> What other discussions may have occurred between the MUA or other union regarding "new industry arrangements" and in particular, "pattern bargaining"? Please provide details in relation to the same incl. the date of such discussions and the participants to the discussion.</p>
EW079_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<p><b>Workskill Vouchers/Business Skills Vouchers</b> How many workskill vouchers were issued from January 1 2007 to 30 March 2008?</p>
EW080_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<p><b>Workskill Vouchers/Business Skills Vouchers</b> How many workskill vouchers were issued per qualification?</p>
EW081_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<p><b>Workskill Vouchers/Business Skills Vouchers</b> How many workskill/business skills vouchers were issued per state over the life of the program?</p>
EW082_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<p><b>Workskill Vouchers/Business Skills Vouchers</b> On average, how much did each workskill voucher cost the federal government?</p>
EW083_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<p><b>Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development</b> Does this mean that school-based apprentices will no longer be able to receive these payments?</p>
EW084_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<p><b>Institute For Trade Skills Excellence</b> Labor has cut the institutes funding by \$20.9 million over four years. It is unclear whether the institute will now be viable. (Page 353 of Budget papers no. 2) How long has the institute been operating?</p>

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EW085_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<b>Institute For Trade Skills Excellence</b> How much funding has the institute received from the federal government?
EW086_09	4	BOYCE	LP	Written	<b>Institute For Trade Skills Excellence</b> Will Labor's decision make the continuation of the institutes work unviable?
EW087_09	8	COONAN	LP	Written	What percentage of job seekers are rated as Highly Disadvantaged?
EW088_09	8	COONAN	LP	Written	Will the implementation of streaming via JSCI require additional resourcing from Centrelink?
EW089_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>134,000 job losses</b> <b>Background:</b> The budget's labour market forecasts show: o Employment growth halving from 2.5% to 1.25% in 2008-09 o Unemployment increasing from 4 to 4.75% by June 2009. Translating these forecasts into an actual number, the halving of employment growth will result in 134,000 jobs being lost or not being created  How have budget forecasts of dramatically slower employment growth and rising unemployment affected the department's own budget and its operational planning for 2008-09?
EW090_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>134,000 job losses</b> In particular, how have the implications of these forecasts been quantified in each of the relevant employment and other programs within the department?
EW091_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>134,000 job losses</b> Has the Department done any analysis (either before or since the budget) on how many of these 134,000 people will require servicing from the Department and what type of servicing they will require (quantify numbers in each category)?
EW092_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>134,000 job losses</b> What budget resources have been allocated to servicing these people?
EW093_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>134,000 job losses</b> What liaison occurred between DEEWR and the departments of Finance and Treasury on the impact of workplace relations changes on economic and financial estimates, forecasts and projections in the budget?
EW094_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>134,000 job losses</b> Do these forecasts of dramatically slower job growth and increased unemployment include the impact of Labor's workplace relations changes? o If the answer is yes, what is the impact of workplace relations changes on the forecasts?
EW095_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Which agreements made under the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and prior to the introduction of Forward with Fairness can be extended or varied prior to their nominal expiry date?
EW096_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Is it possible for parties to these agreements to take industrial action in support of an extension or variation prior to the nominal expiry date?



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EW097_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Which agreements made after the introduction of the government's transitional legislation (28 March, 2008) can be extended or varied prior to their nominal expiry date?
EW098_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Is it possible for parties to these agreements to take industrial action in support of an extension or variation prior to the nominal expiry date of these agreements?
EW099_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Forward with Fairness When varying or extending agreements made prior to 28 March, 2008 will it be possible to include content that was previously considered prohibited content under the Workchoices reforms?
EW100_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Has the Department received advice from anyone in relation to the capacity for collective agreements or AWAs that were made under the Workplace Relations prior to 28 March 2008 to be varied or extended?
EW101_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Can agreements made after 28 March 2008 include prohibited content (as defined in the <i>Workplace Relations Act 1996</i> ) in these agreements?
EW102_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Is it possible to take industrial action in support of the inclusion of prohibited content in these agreements?
EW103_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Workplace Relations Reforms - Alternative Dispute Resolution</b> Why has there been such a large increase in the funding for this programme?
EW104_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Workplace Relations Reforms - Alternative Dispute Resolution</b> Is the Government expecting an increase in industrial disputes in the next 12 months?
EW105_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Workplace Relations Reforms - Alternative Dispute Resolution</b> Has the criteria of the scheme been amended in any way? (if so, how?)
EW106_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Workplace Relations Reforms - Alternative Dispute Resolution</b> Were there any outside parties consulted regarding a budget increase for this scheme?
EW107_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Workplace Relations Reforms - Alternative Dispute Resolution</b> Can the Department provide an outline of the performance of the scheme in the last 12 months?
EW108_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Workplace Relations Reforms - Alternative Dispute Resolution</b> Who was provided with funding under this scheme in the last 12 months?
EW109_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Workplace Relations Reforms - Alternative Dispute Resolution</b> The budget sets targets of 95 per cent processed within 5 days, has this target been met in the past 12 months?
EW110_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> How much funding has been allocated to the Commonwealth/State Relations Unit within the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations?

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EW111_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> What are the current number of positions and their classifications and has this increased from February this year?
EW112_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> Are the meetings attended by state government officials, or is the unit also meeting with other stakeholders?
EW113_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> Who has the unit met with?
EW114_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> Where were the meetings held?
EW115_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> Has a representative from the Minister's office been present at the meetings?
EW116_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> Under the Governance Framework for a uniform system States will be able to elect if and how they opt into the national system – isn't this at odds with Forward with Fairness's objective of achieving a truly national system?
EW117_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> Has the state of NSW indicated is preparedness or otherwise for its state government workers to become part of the federal system?
EW118_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Commonwealth/State Relations Unit</b> Under this framework will it be possible for some states to have the option of opting out of the national system? Under the framework could this extend to organisations that are constitutional corporations?
EW119_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on Forward with Fairness?
EW120_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic of unfair dismissal laws? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW121_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic of good faith bargaining? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW122_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic of right of entry laws? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW123_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic of the Fair Dismissal Code? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW124_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic of prohibited content? If yes, what date did this occur?

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EW125_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic industrial action or industrial disputes? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW126_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic of unfair contracts? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW127_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters on the topic of the definition of employee or employer? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW128_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters with respect to the (1) creation of the National Employment Standards; and (2) the interaction of those standards with awards? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW129_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters with respect to a topic on the exemption of employees earning more than \$100 000 from any aspect of the operation of the new workplace relations system? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW130_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters with respect to any aspect of the making of (1) union collective agreements (2) non-union or employee collective agreements; (3) union greenfield agreements; (4) non-union or employer greenfield agreements; and (4) a form of individual statutory agreement? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW131_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters with respect to any aspect of the making of agreements and the topic of individual flexibility clauses? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW132_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Has the Department issued drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Drafters with respect to any amendments or replacement of the Building Construction Industry Improvement Act and the National Building Code and implementation guidelines? If yes, what date did this occur?
EW133_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Can the Department provide a complete list of topic areas for which drafting instructions have been provided to the Parliamentary Drafters and the dates on which this occurred?
EW134_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Drafting Instructions – Forward With Fairness</b> Can the Department provide copies of the Drafting Instructions to the Committee?

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EW135_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Which branch or group of employees within the Department are responsible for co-ordinating the preparation of Ministerial briefs and responding to Ministerial requests on the issues of workplace relations and employment?
EW136_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> How many staff members are in this group/branch?
EW137_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> What other roles and responsibilities do these staff members have with respect to carrying out Ministerial requests?
EW138_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> At what time in the morning do staff members from the Department responsible for providing media clips and early morning briefings commence work to assist the Minister with media monitoring or preparation of Departmental and Question Time briefs?
EW139_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Do staff members within the Department arrange events and functions for the Minister's office?
EW140_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Which branch of the Department is responsible for arranging events and functions? Please list the branch names and number of employees within each branch.
EW141_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Since 1 December 2007 can the Department provide a breakdown of the events and the dates of these events in the areas of workplace relations, employment, and education that have been organised or attended by the Department, the Minister and/or a representative or staff member of the Minister?
EW142_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Since 1 December 2007 can you provide a detailed description of each event that has been organised by the Department, and the names of the organisations who have attended these events?
EW143_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Since 1 December 2007 can you provide a costing of each event organised by the Department where the Minister, a representative of the Minister or one of her staff members has attended?
EW144_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Can the Department provide a list of electorates that Departmental staff have visited with the Minister, the Minister's staff members or a representative of the Minister since 1 December 2008? In the same document and placed against the respective electorate can the Department include a list of dates when these visits occurred?
EW145_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Can you provide a breakdown of all purchases made by the Minister's office and paid for by the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations since 1 December 2008? <i>(same as question 165)</i>

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EW146_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Can the Department provide a breakdown of Departmental funded lunches, morning teas and other events arranged by the Department and held at Parliament House since 1 December 2008?
EW147_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Co-ordination of Ministerial Briefs and advice from the Department</b> Can the Department provide a breakdown of Departmental funded lunches, morning teas and other events arrange by the Department and held in the offices of government MP's or Senators since 1 December 2008?
EW148_09	AFPC	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> Last year the APFC was provided with funding to make pay scales that could be accessed by employer and employees to determine wage increases. Will the AFPC be undertaking this role again? If not – how will employers and employees be able to access information about wage increases?
EW149_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> Which agency or area of the Department will be responsible for developing and publishing pay scales?
EW150_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> How many officers from the agency will be dedicated to preparing the pay scales?
EW151_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> What experience and qualifications will the officers posses in the areas of award interpretation and workplace relations?
EW152_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> How much funding from the Agencies budget will be absorbed in the preparation of pay scale summaries?
EW153_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> How will the public be able to access the pay scales?
EW154_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> When will the public be able to access the scales?
EW155_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> How many pay scales will the agency be developing and publishing?
EW156_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> How will employees and employers be able to access awards where pay scales haven't been developed?
EW157_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> What process will an employer or an employee or a union or an industry group or lawyer be required to follow if they do not think the interpretation of the decision is reflected in the pay scale summary?
EW158_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Pay Scales</b> Which area of the Department or Agency will people be required to liaise with if they do not agree with how the pay scale is summarised?

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EW159_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> What is the breakdown of employees working within the Deputy Prime Minister's office? (same as 576)
EW160_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> How many Senior Advisers? How many Advisors? How many Media Advisors? How many Assistant Advisers? (same as 576)
EW161_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> How many Department Liaison Officers work in the Deputy Prime Ministers office? (same as 576)
EW162_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> How many employees from the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations or any other government department are working in the Ministers office on a secondment arrangement? (same as 576)
EW163_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> How much funding has been allocated to the Minister's office for items such as cameras, phones, printers, foxtel subscriptions? (same as 577)
EW164_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> Can you confirm the expenditure to date for the Minister's media monitoring services? (same as 578)
EW165_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> Can you provide a breakdown of all purchases made by the Minister's office and paid for by the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations since 1 December 2008? (same as question 145)
EW166_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Staffing and Resources</b> Has the Department been asked to pay for media training or other training courses for any member of the Minister's office? (same as 579)
EW167_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many staff are being cut from the Department in each programme area as a result of the budget? (same as 572)
EW168_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many staff were made redundant under section 29(3) (a) since January 2008?
EW169_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> Which classifications were these staff?
EW170_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> What programme/s will the agency be cutting as a result of these staffing cuts?

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EW171_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> Which sections of the agency will these staff be cut from? (corporate, policy, specific programmes, etc?)
EW172_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How will this impact on existing workloads for remaining employees?
EW173_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many employees continue to work within this particular programme/agency?
EW174_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> Which classification will the majority of staff be made redundant from?
EW175_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> Has any analysis been carried out on where the agency can most/least afford to lose staff?
EW176_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> What are the average hours of work for your EL1 staff since January 2008?
EW177_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> What are the average hours of work for your EL2 staff since January 2008?
EW178_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> What are the average hours of work for your SES staff since January 2008?
EW179_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many claims for stress related illness were registered by the agency's staff in 2007?
EW180_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many positions have been advertised at the EL1 classification level since January 2008? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW181_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those positions have been filled to date? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW182_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW183_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates and which agencies have they come from? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW184_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many positions have been advertised at the EL2 classification level since January 2008? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW185_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those positions have been filled to date? <i>(same as 572)</i>

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EW186_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW187_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates and which agencies have they come from? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW188_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many positions have been advertised at the SES classification level since January 2008? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW189_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those positions have been filled to date? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW190_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW191_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates and which agencies have they come from? <i>(same as 572)</i>
EW192_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How many contractors has the agency hired since January 2008?
EW193_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> At what level are these contractors working?
EW194_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> What programme/project etc is each of these contractors working on?
EW195_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> What is the duration of the contract arrangements for each of these contractors?
EW196_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> Has the agencies learning and development budget been cut as a result of the Budget?
EW197_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> Has any analysis been conducted on how this will affect the ability of the agency to recruit and retain talented staff?
EW198_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Departmental Staffing</b> How much has the agency spent on advertising recruitment opportunities since January 2008?



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EW199_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Economic impact or modelling on Workplace Relations policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What economic analysis or modelling has been provided to the Government on its workplace relations policies to assess the likely impact on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Unemployment</li> <li>o Employment</li> <li>o Labour productivity</li> <li>o Real wages</li> <li>o Income distribution, especially effects on the less skilled</li> <li>o Economic growth</li> <li>o Inflation, and</li> <li>o Interest rates</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
EW200_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Economic impact or modelling on Workplace Relations policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If analysis has been undertaken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o When was it prepared and by which agency/external consultant?</li> <li>o What are the conclusions of this analysis?</li> <li>o Will the analysis be made public?</li> <li>o Is the analysis sufficiently rigorous, detailed and comprehensive to be definitive?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
EW201_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Economic impact or modelling on Workplace Relations policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If analysis has not been undertaken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Given that media reports have drawn attention to relevant economic analysis and modelling including Computable General Equilibrium modelling by Econtech for the Department in September 2007, has the available information been reviewed and provided to the minister?</li> <li>o Will the department prepare detailed economic analysis, including modelling, with assistance from Treasury, on the workplace relations policies?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
EW202_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Program funding and Outcome (DEN &amp; VRS)</b></p> <p>Significant increases in expenditure on the following programs are estimated to achieve worse results than in 2007-08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Employment assistance and other services has a 17% increase in its budget resulting in a 9 to 10 % reduction in use of the disability employment network and other disability employment services</li> <li>o Vocational rehabilitation services has an 18% increases in its budget, resulting in a 12.5% reduction in commencements.</li> </ul> <p>• What is the rationale for proceeding with planned changes in these programs when they increase costs and yet make things worse?</p> <p>References: Portfolio Budget Statements 2008-09, Budget related paper no. 1.5. Pages 113, 122, 123.</p>

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EW203_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Program funding and Outcome (Work for the Dole)</b>            In addition Work for the Dole has a 33% increase in its budget but only achieves a 12.5% increase in use of program capacity. Why is the increase in use so much lower than the increase in the budget?</p> <p>References: Portfolio Budget Statements 2008-09, Budget related paper no. 1.5. Pages 113, 122, 123.</p>
EW204_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>  <b>Background:</b> The department is one of the key operational departments implementing the policy of a 37,500 place increase in the migration program for 2008-09. This is a significant activity for the department, costing an estimated \$398.5 million over four years.</p> <p>The Department also has an important role in providing information on skills and occupations in demand.</p> <p>Expense measure: BP 2: 257; BP 1: 2-27 and 4-19</p> <p>Can the estimated annual DEEWR expenses for the implementation of this policy be broken down into major educational and employment services?</p>
EW205_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            How have the expenses for these services been estimated? (In particular, what is the profile of the additional migrant intake and the estimated expenses associated with the profile?)</p>
EW206_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            Expenses within DEEWR rise significantly over the four year estimates. Why?</p>
EW207_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            Is it expected that significant costs of this program will continue after 2011-12?</p>
EW208_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            What is the department's personnel strategy for implementing this policy? Will it mainly be hiring permanent staff or does it envisage a significant role for short term or contractual appointments?</p>
EW209_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            What analysis did the Department provide to the Government on the skills and occupations in demand?</p>
EW210_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            How does the program specifically address these particular areas of shortage?</p>
EW211_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            Are there targets within the program for specific skills and occupations?</p>
EW212_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>Skills and occupations in demand</b>            Has analysis been undertaken about the probability of meeting these targets?</p>

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EW213_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Section 24 (1) of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i></b> Have any determinations under section 24 been made in the department since 24 November 2007?
EW214_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	If so, how many were made and what were the reasons for each determination?
EW215_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	Given that AWAs are no longer available to the department as an employment contract option, is it expected that the use of section 24 contracts may become more important?
EW216_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	Do section 24 contracts offer the same flexibility of employment negotiations as an AWA? If so, are they simply AWAs by another name?
EW217_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	Are other forms of employment contract available to the department?
EW218_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Labour market assistance - Small Business work and family</b> What economic analysis or modelling has been undertaken on this measure? In particular what analysis has been undertaken on: o The annual financial cost to the government o The benefits to users of the service o Other effects, for example, on business o Distributional effects (that is winners and losers from the policy)
EW219_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Labour market assistance - Small Business work and family</b> If analysis has been undertaken: o What are the conclusions of this analysis? o Will the analysis be made public? o Is the analysis sufficiently rigorous, detailed and comprehensive to be definitive?
EW220_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Labour market assistance - Small Business work and family</b> If analysis has not been undertaken: o Will the department undertake analysis on this measure and make it publicly available?
EW221_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> <b>Background:</b> The Government will provide \$12.0 million over three years to support small businesses to implement family friendly working arrangements.  • Budget Paper No. 2 – page 154  What criteria will be applied to assessing whether the business will be a ‘small business’ or not? o Will it be on turnover (\$?) o Will it be on staff numbers? Will that be full time equivalents or head count?
EW222_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Has the Department advised the Minister how many employees are expected to benefit from this funding over the entire allocation?
EW223_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> What analysis or investigations were conducted or undertaken by the Department to determine whether this programme would be effective?

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EW224_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Will a business be able to fully fund the works of programmes with the government funding, or will it be a capped contribution? o (For example, the Government would only contribute up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the works or programme)
EW225_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> What analysis or submissions did the Department conduct or consider when determining how the amount of funding was to be provided to this programme?
EW226_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> How many small businesses contacted the Department or Minister requesting the introduction of this programme?
EW227_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Did the direction for the funding, including the amount originate in the Minister's office?
EW228_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> What proportion of the \$12 million will be allocated to salary and staffing requirements?
EW229_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> What proportion of the \$12 million will be allocated to advertising or promoting this programme?
EW230_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> On what criteria on will grants be assessed?
EW231_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> If a grant application is unsuccessful for a \$15,000 grant, would they be offered a grant at a lesser amount?
EW232_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> How will grants be announced? Will they be announced by the Minister or the Department?
EW233_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Will a register of grant recipients be publicly available?
EW234_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Will a register of grant applicants be publicly available?
EW235_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> What caveats will recipients be required to abide by?
EW236_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Has the Department drafted the grant contract?
EW237_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Has the Department estimated the cost to a small business of constructing a breastfeeding room?
EW238_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Work and Family support for small business</b> Has the Department modelled the ongoing costs to a small business annually in maintaining a breastfeeding or family friendly room? (Avg \$/m2 x space of room)

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EW239_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> Why has this scheme had such a big increase?
EW240_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> The Treasurer has made much of how tight this budget was going to be, why then was a decision taken by the Government to increase this programme by such a large amount?
EW241_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> Is the Government expecting a massive increase in termination over the next 12 months?
EW242_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> Has the criteria of the scheme been amended in any way? (if so, how?)
EW243_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> Were there any outside parties consulted regarding a budget increase for this scheme?
EW244_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> Can the Department provide an outline of the performance of the scheme in the last 6 months?
EW245_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> Who was provided with funding under this scheme in the last 6 months?
EW246_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Unlawful termination Assistance scheme</b> The budget sets targets of 95 per cent processed within 5 days, has this target been met in the past 12 months?
EW247_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Job Network</b> What is the average duration (in weeks) of unemployment of the current Job Network caseload for each of the following? o Long term unemployed o Indigenous Australians o Mature aged Australians o People of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds o Single parents o People with disability o Young people
EW248_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 119 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the average duration on income support by current income support payment in weeks is estimated to rise for Newstart Allowance and Parenting Payment Single. Can the Department explain this expected increase?
EW249_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 119 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the percentage of income support recipients who exit income support within 3 months of grant of Youth Allowance (other) is estimated to decrease to 38% from a 2007-08 estimate of 40%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW250_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 120 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual total job placements achieved under Job Network is 600,000. Can the Department explain why the 2008-09 estimate has decreased to 550,000?

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EW251_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 120 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of job seekers in employment 3 months following participation in Employment Services, Job Placement, is 72%. The estimate for 2008-09 is 70%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW252_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 120 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of job seekers in education/training 3 months following participation in Employment Services, Job Placement, is 12%. The estimate for 2008-09 is 10%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW253_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 121 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual percentage of Work for the Dole activities that address one or more skills in demand is 90%. The 2008-09 estimate is 75%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW254_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 121 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of job seekers in employment 3 months following participation in Employment Services in New Enterprise Incentive Scheme is 85%. The 2008-09 estimate is 80%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW255_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 121 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of job seekers off benefit 3 months following participation in Employment Services in New Enterprise Incentive Scheme is 81%. The 2008-09 estimate is 80%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW256_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 121 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of job seekers off benefit 12 months following participation in Employment Services in New Enterprise Incentive Scheme is 83%. The 2008-09 estimate is 80%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW257_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 121 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of job seekers in employment and/or education/training (positive outcomes) 3 months following participation in Indigenous Employment programs is 72%. The 2008-09 estimate is 65%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW258_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 122 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual level of satisfaction of participants with the Green Corps Program is 87%. The 2008-09 estimate is 80%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW259_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 122 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual proportion of Disability Employment Network job seekers who received assistance during 2007-08 that achieve a sustainable employment outcome (8 hours of work per week for 26 weeks) in the capped stream is 39%. The 2008-09 estimate is 35%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?

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EW260_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Table 2.7B on page 123 of the Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that the 2007-08 estimated actual percentage of Personal Support Program (PSP) participants exiting PSP who have social outcomes is 43%. The 2008-09 estimate is 40%. Can the Department explain this expected decrease?
EW261_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	Is it true that the predicted 52% of job seekers who are job ready will receive less assistance under the new model?
EW262_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) The Discussion Paper (Minister's foreword) and Portfolio Budget Statement (page 111) commits \$3.7 billion over 3 years to a new generation of employment services; however, the Portfolio Budget Statements do not provide forward estimates for the breakdown of this funding. Has the Department undertaken any forward estimates of how this money will be spent and can we be provided with a breakdown of expected expenditure by financial year and by programme? ii.) The Budget papers refer to savings of \$370 million in Employment Services over the term of the next Contract (ESC4), however, a figure of \$350 million is given in the Discussion paper. Why is there a \$20 million discrepancy between the two? iii.) What is the actual breakdown- can you provide a detailed list of the savings, and how each of those savings has been calculated? What type of modelling has been undertaken to arrive at these savings? • With the axing of Job Placement Licence Only organisations and with abolishing the Green Corps Allowance there will be some savings but can the Department provide
EW263_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) How many people have been placed into permanent employment as a result of the Job Network since 1 January 2008? ii.) How many of these people retained their jobs for three months or longer?
EW264_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Will the Department implement a 'Stop the Clock' policy, so that providers are not disadvantaged performance-wise, when a job seeker is in training, therefore extending their duration of unemployment?
EW265_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	The Employment Services Discussion Paper focuses heavily on winding back red tape. Can the Department provide examples where this can be undertaken against the current contract?
EW266_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can the Department provide current figures for the number of job seekers in each phase of the Active Participation Model Continuum?
EW267_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) What percentage of the job seekers in Job Network are eligible to access funding from the Job Seeker Account? ii.) What has been the average expenditure per job seeker from the Job Seeker Account over the last 12 months? iii.) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of how many job seekers of the current Job Network caseload have used Job Seeker account funding?
EW268_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) The Employment Services Discussion Paper (page 8) states that 'an evaluation of the JSKA has shown the value of a flexible funding pool'. Why has the decision been made that the JSKA notional account will be replaced by the Employment Pathway Fund (EPF)? ii.) Will the Employment Pathway Fund have the same flexibility as the Job Seeker Account?

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EW269_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many people benefited from Job Search Support?</p> <p>ii.) How many people benefited from Intensive support for more disadvantaged job seekers?</p>
EW270_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many job seekers are on the Job Network caseload at this point in time?</p> <p>ii.) Is there any trend data indicating whether this figure is trending upwards or downwards?</p> <p>iii.) What is the average duration for a person on the Job Network caseload to gain employment?</p> <p>iv.) How many job seekers receiving Job Network services have partial work requirements?</p> <p>v.) What is the actual expenditure to date on the Job Network for this financial year?</p> <p>vi.) What is the breakdown of this expenditure?</p> <p>vii.) Under the current contract, what is the current average cost per person who has found employment?</p> <p>viii.) What is the predicted average cost per person for the new Employment Services Contract 4?</p>
EW271_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.)What was the actual figure for rejected claims over the last 12 months? What percentage is this of the overall amount paid to providers over the same period?</p> <p>ii.)How many Job Network claims has the Department believed to be fraudulent over the last 6 months?</p> <p>iii.)How much has been recovered?</p> <p>iv.)What was the process behind these recoveries?</p> <p>v.)Is there any ongoing legal action?</p> <p>vi.)Has there been an increase or decrease in fraudulent claims over the duration of the DEN contract to date?</p> <p>vii.)Has the Department implemented more stringent guidelines to decrease the likelihood of fraudulent activity?</p>
EW272_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i. How are service fees currently paid to providers for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.) Job Network</li> <li>b.) DEN</li> <li>c.) VRS</li> <li>d.) Work for the Dole</li> <li>e.) Green Corps</li> <li>f.) NEIS</li> <li>g.) Personal Support Program</li> <li>h.) JPET</li> <li>i.) Harvest Labour</li> </ul> <p>ii. Are they paid on an upfront basis and what is the frequency of payment?</p> <p>iii. If paid in advance, what is the process used to determine the amount and how frequently/much does the Department recover on an annual basis?</p>



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EW273_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) With the new contract for the provision of 7 programmes, will employment service providers be tendering on an Employment Services Area basis?</p> <p>ii.) Will separate contracts for the provision of Remote Servicing be entered into?</p> <p>iii.) Will Remote Servicing fees be set as a pro rata amount of the general servicing (if so, how much) or will service fees be tendered separately?</p> <p>iv.) Will Remote Servicing be conducted face-to-face? Will this impact on the frequency of servicing?</p> <p>v.) What financial modelling has been undertaken to assess whether the fees payable for Remote Servicing are adequate?</p>
EW274_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Under the new contract, what are the proposals to ensure contractual obligations around frequency of servicing job seekers are being met?</p> <p>ii.) The Discussion Paper on 'The Future of Employment Services in Australia' predicts that under the new contract, more job seekers will be meeting their requirements and thus avoiding non-payment penalties. How does the new contract intend to decrease non-compliance?</p>
EW275_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many of the current Job Network providers also have a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) arm of their business?</p> <p>ii.) What mechanisms will the Department have in place to ensure that providers are not referring the majority of their caseload to training programmes that their RTO arm offers?</p>
EW276_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Under the new Employment Services contract will job seekers who are reassessed in order to transfer from one stream to another be required to undergo a JSCI or a JCA or both?</p> <p>ii.) When will a JCA be used?</p> <p>iii.) If under the new contract, a job seeker does not turn up for a scheduled JCA, what happens to them?</p> <p>iv.) How does the Department plan to address the risk of job seekers 'over-inflating' their individual barriers when they undertake a JSCI?</p>
EW277_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) What percentage of job seekers currently being serviced by the Job Network under ESC3 would be considered 'work ready'? Of these, what percentage finds employment within three months?</p> <p>ii.) Have the predictions around the 'streaming' for the new model been based on the current ESC3 contract? If so, was it done from a 'one off' point in time snapshot of the current caseload or compiled from on-going data? If from on-going data, over what time frame and can this information be provided?</p> <p>iii.) If job seekers have not found employment within three months they are set to undertake an approved 'intensive activity'.</p> <p>iv.) What is classified as an 'intensive activity'?</p> <p>v.) Will these activities be funded separately by the Department or will the provider be required to fund these from the service fees?</p> <p>vi.) Will JSSO job seekers be eligible for the same Servicing fees?</p>

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EW278_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many job seekers have commenced Employment Preparation? What is the breakdown (mature age, parents or carers)?</p> <p>ii.) Which client group has benefited most from this programme?</p> <p>iii.) What has been the average cost per servicing a job seeker in this programme?</p> <p>iv.) What has been the total cost of delivering this programme over the last 6 months?</p> <p>v.) Will the Employment Preparation programme be retained as a component of employment servicing under Employment Services Contract 4?</p>
EW279_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can the Department provide a current list of the participation failures by type for the last two quarters?
EW280_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Which of DEEWR's programmes are health check reports provided for?</p> <p>ii.) What is the frequency that health check reports are undertaken for each provider?</p> <p>iii.) Are reports generated for each individual site?</p> <p>iv.) How many complaints have been received by the Department about health check reports in the last six months, and can we have a breakdown by program?</p>
EW281_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many hits does the AJS website average per week?</p> <p>ii.) How many of these are for jobs advertised by Job Placement Licence Only organisations?</p> <p>iii.) Will job seekers continue to be given their own page on the AJS website in the next contract?</p> <p>iv.) What has been the success rate of auto-matching so far?</p> <p>v.) How has this data been collected?</p> <p>vi.) What has been the cost of incorporating this into the job search process?</p> <p>vii.) Was any analysis undertaken as to whether it would be better to upgrade the system rather than abolish it?</p>
EW282_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) In the last six months how many job seekers have had an 8 week non payment period applied?</p> <p>ii.) Of the job seekers who did undergo an 8 week non-payment period, how many sought financial case management?</p> <p>iii.) How many Job Network agencies currently offer the entire suite of programmes that they would be required to offer under ESC4?</p> <p><b>(Part (i) same as 551 and (ii) same as 552)</b></p>

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EW283_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many Job Placement Licence Only organisations are there at the moment?</p> <p>ii.) What are the predicted savings for the Department from cancelling this contract?</p> <p>iii.) How is it intended that the role of these providers will be absorbed by other Employment Service providers?</p> <p>iv.) Has any modelling been done to consider how cancelling the JPLO contract will impact on the servicing of job seekers?</p> <p>v.) How many job seekers have been placed by Job Placement Licence Only organisations in the last financial year?</p> <p>vi.) How many of these were dual or multiple placements?</p> <p>vii.) How many of these job seekers were eligible for Job Network servicing?</p>
EW284_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Under the new contract, what will be the maximum assistance that can be provided to someone (who previously would have been eligible for NEIS), from the Employment Pathway Fund?</p> <p>ii.) Under Employment Services Contract 3, what was the maximum assistance provided to a NEIS participant, including the NEIS Allowance, and NEIS Rental Assistance?</p>
EW285_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How much funding was provided to employers of DEN participants under the wage subsidy scheme?</p> <p>ii.) What has determined the timeline for the extension of the current DEN and VRS contracts until 28 February 2010?</p> <p>iii.) Why isn't it possible to have the new DEN and VRS contracts commencing to schedule on 1 July 2009 when, ultimately, the review should be comparable in duration to the one undertaken for Employment Services?</p> <p>iv.) On the current caseload, how many job seekers are currently in DEN Capped and DEN Uncapped?</p> <p>v.) How many providers are below the 90% utilisation benchmark?</p> <p>vi.) Have any providers lost their business share in the last financial year as a result of not being able to maintain this utilisation?</p> <p>vii.) Can the Department provide a breakdown of Disability Pre-Employment Instrument and Disability Maintenance Instrument ratings of the job seekers?</p> <p>viii.) Has any trend data been collected around these levels since DENs transfer to DEEWR?</p> <p>ix.) If not, is it the Department's belief that there are increasing numbers of job seekers</p>
EW286_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How much funding was provided to employers of DEN participants under the workplace modifications scheme?</p> <p>ii.) What was the major Workplace Modifications expenditure on? (Was it on a.) IT, b.) access, c.) workstation modifications or d.) other?</p>

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EW287_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How much funding was provided to employers under the Supported Wage Scheme?</p> <p>ii.) Is the Department able to provide a breakdown on the type of employers that use the Supported Wage Scheme?</p> <p>iii.) How frequently are people reassessed for SWS?</p> <p>iv.) Is a person able to have a reassessment done earlier?</p> <p>v.) Is there any delay in having an assessment done- i.e what is the average time between booking an assessment, and having an assessor able to undertake this assessment?</p> <p>vi.) Can the Department provide information on the average wait on a state by state basis?</p> <p>vii.) What happens to the job seeker if there is a delay in assessment? How much are they paid per week?</p> <p>viii.) Has the Department received any complaints from people who believe they have been inaccurately assessed?</p> <p>ix.) What process does the Department follow to check whether this is the case?</p> <p>x.) Is it possible that certain employers would establish good relationships with Supported Wage Assessors, in order to have an employee assessed at a lower pro rata pay level?</p> <p>xi.) Are all SWS employees enrolled with a Disability Employment Network provider?</p>
EW288_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>How is the National Disability Recruitment Coordinator program progressing to date?</p> <p>i.) How many placements is the provider required to make this financial year?</p> <p>ii.) Are numbers allocated equally across states and territories?</p> <p>iii.) How many Memorandums of Understanding has the provider entered into?</p> <p>iv.) As the DEN and VRS contracts are being rolled over until 28 February, 2010, as a result of the delay in undertaking the Disability and Mental Health Review, will the NDRC Contract also be rolled over, as with the DEN and VRS contracts?</p> <p>v.) Is this programme guaranteed to continue once this contract concludes?</p>
EW289_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Is it possible that someone will be able to indefinitely avoid Work for the Dole?</p> <p>ii.) What will be the difference between Work for the Dole and Green Corps projects under the new Employment Services Contract?</p> <p>iii.) What is the extent of the savings predicted by the removal of the Green Corps Allowance?</p> <p>iv.) Post 1 July 2009 will people still be able to volunteer for Green Corps if they are not linked to an Employment Services provider?</p>
EW290_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Considering providers tendered to offer a range of services under the STEP ERS contract, how are their Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) measured? For example, how do you compare the performance of a provider who is only offering mentoring services, with one who is focussed on employment placement?</p> <p>ii.) Have any STEP ERS providers either voluntarily handed back their business, or had their contracts cancelled due to poor performance?</p> <p>iii.) Will Indigenous Employment Programmes continue to be offered under a separate contract?</p>

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EW291_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Can the Department provide a list of all STEP activities approved on a month by month basis for each state and territory?</p> <p>ii.) How many STEP projects are there currently Australia-wide?</p> <p>iii.) What is the average expenditure per STEP activity?</p>
EW292_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many people are currently in the personal support programme?</p> <p>ii.) How many of these were facing mental illness challenges?</p> <p>iii.) How many of these were facing homelessness?</p> <p>iv.) How many of these were facing drug or alcohol problems?</p> <p>v.) How many of these were facing anger management issues?</p> <p>vi.) How many of these were facing gambling problems?</p> <p>vii.) How many of these were facing domestic violence?</p> <p>viii.) Are there any estimates for projected demand over the next financial year?</p> <p>ix.) How many participants were moved from the personal support programme to employment services?</p> <p>x.) Can you give the figures to date for the number of capped places and number of participants in this current financial year?</p> <p>xi.) How many job seekers are currently on the PSP waitlist?</p> <p>xii.) With approximately 27,000 people on the waitlist can you explain why there is a decrease in administered appropriations of \$2,341,000 for the Personal Support Programme, (as outlined in Table 1.2, Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates,</p>
EW293_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many people are currently being serviced by rehabilitation services?</p> <p>ii.) What is the average caseload size per provider, CRS excluded?</p> <p>iii.) What is the average duration of service?</p> <p>iv.) How many of these are people with disability?</p> <p>v.) How many of these were injured or had a health condition?</p> <p>vi.) How many commencements have there been to date in VRS?</p> <p>vii.) According to the Portfolio Supplementary Additional Estimates Statements (p 7) there has been a decrease in administered appropriations for Rehabilitation Services of \$3,635,000. Was this a result of the programme receiving fewer referrals than expected, or something else?</p> <p>viii.) If it was a result of fewer referrals, how many?</p> <p>ix.) How many referrals have been rejected as 'inappropriate' by the VRS provider?</p> <p>x.) What proportion of the total estimate in the PBS for VRS has been paid to CRS?</p> <p>xi.) What percentage of the total VRS business does CRS currently hold?</p> <p>xii.) Is the intention to increase the contestability for the next VRS tender?</p> <p>xiii.) Does the Department compare the service delivery provided to job seekers by CRS</p>
EW294_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) How many people have transferred from Parenting Payment to Newstart Allowance between July 1 2007 and June 30, 2008?</p>
EW295_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p>i.) Can the Department provide current figures for the number of job seekers in receipt of the Disability Support Pension?</p>

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EW296_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) How much has been budgeted for upgrading the former DEWRs Employment Services IT system, EA3000/SmartClient for the new Employment Services Contract 4? ii.) Will all employment services be run on the same IT system? iii.) Will education programmes be run on the same system? iv.) Will employment services and education system programmes be run on the same system?
EW297_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) When will the Mature Age Employment Workplace Strategy regions for 2008-09 be published? ii.) Have JobWise Expos been held in each of the 10 2 MAEWS regions for this financial year? (2007/08) iii.) What was the average attendance?
EW298_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) How many calls have been made to the Customer Service Line and the Complaint Resolution Referral Service in the last six months? ii.) What has been the average duration of each call? iii.) What has been the average time taken to answer each call? iv.) How many DEEWR staff are there on the Customer Service Line? v.) What are the top 5 complaints by complaint type?
EW299_09	7	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) Is DEEWR committed to retaining the National Contract Management Framework? If so, will this be applied to the contract management of all contracts? ii.) Can you explain the Risk Assessment model that is used for the Job Network to monitor financial risk and performance risk amongst others? Is this current across all former DEWR programmes? Will it be introduced? iii.) How are the former DEST programmes risk assessed? iv.) Is there a standard IT based process in place?
EW300_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	i.) Does the Labour Market Information Portal use any of the figures from the ABS job vacancies data? ii.) Is DEEWR's Labour Market Information Portal reliant on ABS Labour Force data? iii.) Has any analysis been conducted on the impact of the funding cuts to the ABS as a result of the 2008-09 Budget which will reduce the Labour Force survey sample size by 24% and stop collection of the Jobs Vacancy Data from July 2009? iv.) According to the ABS, how many people were Long Term Unemployed (LTUE) in May 1998, and what proportion was this of unemployed persons? v.) According to the ABS, how many people are Long Term Unemployed in 2008, and what proportion of this is unemployed persons?
EW301_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How much funding has been provided to the Homeworkers Committee? What proportion of the funding has been paid to the Homeworks Committee?
EW302_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Did the Department and /or the Minister consider whether the Workplace Ombudsman might be better placed to investigate claims of outworkers being exploited?
EW303_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Where are the offices of the Homeworkers Committee located?
EW304_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What is the Homeworkers Committee?

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EW305_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many employees work for the Homeworkers Committee on a full-time basis?
EW306_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many employees are directly paid by the Homeworkers committee?
EW307_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	The Minister's press release states that there are 330 000 Home Workers in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry. How have these numbers been calculated? Has the Department conducted their own analysis of the number of outworkers in the sector?
EW308_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What analysis or submission did the Department conduct or consider when determining the amount of funding to be provided to the Homworkers Code?
EW309_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How did the department arrive at the figure of \$4 million? Did the Minister suggest this amount?
EW310_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has a budget or proposal been submitted to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations as to how the four million dollars is to be spent?
EW311_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How is the four million dollars being distributed?
EW312_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What proportion of the four million dollars will be allocated to salary and staffing requirements of Textile Clothing and Footwear Union employees?
EW313_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many other non-Textile Clothing and Footwear Union employees are working for the Homeworkers Committee?
EW314_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What proportion of the four million dollars will be allocated to campaigns?
EW315_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Who will co-ordinate the campaigns?
EW316_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has the Department been provided with a submission or proposal from the Home Workers Committee as to subject nature of the campaigns?
EW317_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can the Department provide the Committee with a copy of the funding proposal?
EW318_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has the Department requested a detailed breakdown of how the four million dollars will be spent?
EW319_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has a contract been signed with the Homeworkers Code? When was the contract signed?
EW320_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Which area within the Department is overseeing the contract?
EW321_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What deliverables or outcomes are set out in the contract?
EW322_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	To what bank account has the funding been paid into?
EW323_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Who is the responsible officers from the Home Workers Committee for the funding?
EW324_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has the Department requested a record of expenditure, to date? Has the Department requested a record of expenditure, in the future?
EW325_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How often does the Homeworkers Committee meet?
EW326_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Who attends the meetings?
EW327_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has the Department requested a copy of the minutes of the meetings?
EW328_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can we get an indication of how often committee members are actually attending the meetings?
EW329_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Where are the meetings being held?
EW330_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many clothing suppliers have signed up to the Voluntary Code?
EW331_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many retailers have signed up to the Code?

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EW332_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Will employees still be required to pay a fee to sign up to the code now that the government is funding the committee?
EW333_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What is the fee structure?
EW334_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What does the clothing supplier or the retailer get in return for paying the fee?
EW335_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What was the total income received by the Committee in fees from employers for 2006/2007?
EW336_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How was this funding used by the committee?
EW337_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has the Committee submitted a copy of its financial statements for 2006/2007 year to the Department?
EW338_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can the Department provide a detailed overview of the Homeworkers Voluntary Code?
EW339_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How does this differ from the NSW Mandatory Code?
EW340_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Is an employers required to follow the Mandatory Code if they have signed up to the voluntary code?
EW341_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What information is an employers required to provide to the TCFUA under the Voluntary Code?
EW342_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	In 2006 the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations wrote to the TCFUA to raise concerns about attempts by the TCFUA to extract cash settlements from employers in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry where they had allegedly breached the Clothing Award - is the Department familiar with this letter?
EW343_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can the Department provide the committee with a copy of all letters sent to the TCFUA from 1 January 2005 until 1 December 2007?
EW344_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can the Department provide the committee with a list of all meetings held between Departmental officers and employers in the textile footwear and clothing industry in Queensland from 1 January 2005 until 1 December 2007?
EW345_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What measure will the Department be taking to ensure the government funding is not utilised by the TCFUA under the guise of the Homeworkers Committee to unnecessarily harass and publicly vilify employers who refuse to join up their members to the TCFUA or who cannot afford or do not want to sign up to the voluntary code?
EW346_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What economic analysis or modelling has been undertaken on this measure? In particular what analysis has been undertaken on: The annual financial cost to the government The benefits to users of the service Other effects, for example, on business Distributional effects (that is winners and losers from the policy)
EW347_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	If analysis has been undertaken: What are the conclusions of this analysis? Will the analysis be made public? Is the analysis sufficiently rigorous, detailed and comprehensive to be definitive?
EW348_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	If analysis has not been undertaken: Will the department undertake analysis on this measure and make it publicly available?
EW349_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	There is approximately a 20% increase in the budget for this program this year, is the government predicting more businesses to go out of business in the next 12 months?



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EW350_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many more businesses is the government expecting to use this scheme in the next 12 months?
EW351_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What types and size of businesses is the government expecting to be failing in the next 12 months?
EW352_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has GEERS met its performance indicators for 2007-08?
EW353_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Job Network</b> What economic analysis or modelling has been undertaken on this measure? In particular what analysis has been undertaken on: - The annual financial cost to the government. - The benefits to users of the service. - Other effects, for example, on business. - Distributional effects (That is winners and losers from the policy).
EW354_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Job Network</b> If analysis has been undertaken: - What are the conclusions of this analysis? - Will the analysis be made public? - Is the analysis sufficiently rigorous, detailed and comprehensive to be definitive?
EW355_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Job Network</b> If analysis has not been undertaken: - Will the department undertake analysis on this measure and make it publicly available?
EW356_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	What percentage of people over the age of 65 remained in the workforce from 1 January 2008? <i>(same as question 1)</i>
EW357_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	What sector of the labour market is currently experiencing the largest skills shortages? <i>(same as question 2 &amp; 563)</i>
EW358_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many disabled people have moved into employment as a result of Department initiatives? <i>(same as question 3)</i>
EW359_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many pieces of research did the department commission on the labour market since 1 January 2008 and what topics were these on? Who wrote each piece of commissioned research and how much were they paid?
EW360_09	8	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can a list be provided of all research conducted identifying availability of each piece of research on the Department website/hard copy or where else available?
EW361_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	During Senate Estimates the Department advised that it continues to fund the Wages Policy and Economic Analysis Branch. Can information be provided on how many employees work in this branch and what their responsibilities are?
EW362_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Have these employees conducted any analysis on the impact of <i>Forward with Fairness</i> ?
EW363_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Ms Bennett confirmed that the Workplace Authority has provided agreement data to be analysed by this group. Can the results of the analysis of agreements made under the transitional arrangements to <i>Forward with Fairness</i> be provided?

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EW364_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many notices under section 52 of the <i>Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005</i> (the Act) to attend and answer questions in relation to breaches of the Act have been issued by the ABCC since 1 January 2008?
EW365_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many notices under section 52 of the <i>Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005</i> (the Act) to attend and answer questions in relation to breaches of the Act were issued by the ABCC between 1 January 2007 and 1 June 2007?
EW366_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many notices have been issued under section 52 (1)(d) of the <i>Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005</i> (the Act) with respect to examinations to be conducted, or documents or information to be produced in relation to potential breaches of the Act have been issued by the ABCC since 1 January 2008?
EW367_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many notices under section 52(1)(d) of the <i>Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005</i> (the Act) with respect to examinations to be conducted, or documents or information to be produced in relation to potential breaches of the Act have been issued by the ABCC between 1 January 2007 and 1 June 2007?
EW368_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of these investigations have resulted in proceedings being taken in Court, based on evidence provided by witnesses at these examinations?
EW369_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many challenges relating to the ABCC's compliance powers have been taken to the Federal Court? What were the outcomes in those matters?
EW370_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How effective have the compliance powers under Section 52 of the BCIIA been with respect to witnesses providing information about lawlessness in the construction industry?
EW371_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	If these powers were removed, how would this effect investigations into lawlessness in the construction industry?
EW372_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	What economic analysis or modelling has been undertaken on the economic impact of the ABCC?
EW373_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	In particular, what analysis is available to the government on the effect of the ABCC on: - labour productivity and multifactor productivity in the construction industry - construction costs and prices - the consumer price index, the economic welfare gain to consumers and the gross domestic product?.
EW374_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Is the analysis regarded as meeting appropriate academic and professional standards and are the results therefore regarded as robust?
EW375_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Will the ABCC be undertaking further economic analysis or modelling to update these results? If so, when will this be completed?
EW376_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can you advise how many site visits and audits have been conducted by the ABCC from 30 June 2007 until 1 June 2008?
EW377_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has this figure increased when compared against the same number of months for 30 June 2006 until 1 June 2007?

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EW378_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many agreements in the building industry were reviewed for prohibited content and code compliance by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and your agency for the period 30 June 2006 until 30 June 2007?
EW379_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many agreements in the building industry were reviewed for prohibited content and code compliance by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and your agency for the period 30 June 2007 until 1 June 2007?
EW380_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many education seminars did ABCC conduct with employers, unions and employees in the building industry for the period 30 June 2006 until 30 June 2007?
EW381_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many education seminars has the ABCC conducted with employers, unions and employees in the building industry for the period 30 June 2007 until 1 June 2008?
EW382_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	An average, how many downloads from the ABCC website were there per month in 2007, compared to 2008?
EW383_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	In 2006/07 the ABCC pursued 216 investigations into suspected contraventions of workplace laws – how many investigations has the ABCC pursued since 30 June, 2007?
EW384_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of these investigations have been finalised and how many are continuing?
EW385_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Provide a breakdown of the subjects of the investigations and the contraventions investigated?
EW386_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Does the Code Monitoring Group still exist under the government?
EW387_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Which departments form part of the Code Monitoring Group?
EW388_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How often has the Code Monitoring Group met since 1 January 2008?
EW389_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Is the ABCC still required to refer the results of its investigations to the Code Monitoring Group?
EW390_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many code site visits has the ABCC conducted from 30 June 2007 until 1 June 2008?
EW391_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	On average, have the number of these visits increased or decreased on a monthly basis since 1 January 2007?
EW392_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many Australian projects currently under construction would you estimate are, or have been subject to the code since 30 June 2007? - What proportion of these projects are directly funded by the government? - What proportion of these projects are indirectly funded by the government? - What proportion of these projects are privately funded?
EW393_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	Does the Project Code Monitoring Group still exist under the new Labor government?
EW394_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How often has the Project Code Monitoring Group met since 1 January 2008?
EW395_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	What projects have the Project Code Monitoring Group monitored and reviewed since 1 January 2008?
EW396_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many penalty proceedings has the ABCC been involved in before courts in the period 1 July 2007 to 1 June 2008?
EW397_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How have the penalty proceedings improved the practices and culture of the building industry?

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EW398_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many AIRC proceedings has the ABCC intervened in since 1 July 2007?
EW399_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many court interventions (in accordance with s71 of the BCII Act) has the ABCC Commissioner intervened in since 1 July 2007?
EW400_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	What is the purpose of the industry forums held by the ABCC?
EW401_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How often are these forums held? Who generally attends these forums?
EW402_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many industry forums have been held by the ABCC since 1 July 2008?
EW403_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many requests for advice and assistance or enquiries in relation to the services of the ABCC have been made since 1 July 2007?
EW404_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can you provide a breakdown of what the enquiries are about?
EW405_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How are enquiries made by building industry participants?
EW406_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can you provide a breakdown of how enquiries are made from 1 July 2007 until 1 June 2008?
EW407_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can you confirm the current number of staff at the Australian Building and Construction Commission?
EW408_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Can you advise how many site visits and audits have been conducted by the ABCC from 30 June 2007 until 1 June 2008?
EW409_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	Has this figure increased when compared against the same number of months for 30 June 2006 until 1 June 2007?
EW410_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many agreements in the building industry were reviewed for prohibited content and code compliance by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and your agency for the period 30 June 2006 until 30 June 2007?
EW411_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many agreements in the building industry were reviewed for prohibited content and code compliance by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and your agency for the period 30 June 2007 until 1 June 2007?
EW412_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many education seminars did ABCC conduct with employers, unions and employees in the building industry for the period 30 June 2006 until 30 June 2007?
EW413_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many education seminars has the ABCC conducted with employers, unions and employees in the building industry for the period 30 June 2007 until 1 June 2008?
EW414_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	Written	An average, how many downloads from the ABCC website were there per month in 2007, compared to 2008?
EW415_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> There is no allocation in the Budget papers for the funding of the Wilcox inquiry into the ABCC;
EW416_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> How will this inquiry be funded? Which agency or Department is funding the inquiry?
EW417_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> Provide a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the inquiry
EW418_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> When was the decision made to select Murray Wilcox QC to investigate and report on the replacement of the ABCC?

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EW419_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> Who made the decision to select Murray Wilcox QC to head the inquiry?
EW420_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<del><b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b></del> Given the overwhelming success of the ABCC, why has the Minister decided not to consult Commissioner Lloyd with respect to determining the role and scope of the specialist division within Fair Work Australia?
EW421_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> Will Commissioner Lloyd and/or any other ABCC officers be called on to provide advice and information as to the formation of the new division?
EW422_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> Will Commissioner Lloyd and/or any other ABCC officers be called on to provide advice and information on its compliance activities and the powers required by it and its inspectors?
EW423_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<del><b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b></del> The National Building Code is fundamental to the success of the ABCC and the reduction of lawlessness in the Building Construction Industry. In the press release distributed by the Minister for Employment, Education and Workplace Relations there is no reference to the National Building Code and Implementation Guidelines. Is this because the National Building Code and Implementation Code are being abolished?
EW424_09	9	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Replacement of the ABCC – Wilcox Inquiry</b> The government has indicated it will retain the ABCC with all its powers and resources until 2010 until it becomes part of Fair Work Australia. Will the government be amending the Building Construction Industry Improvement Act or the National Building Code and Implementation Guide within the next six months?
EW425_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>The Australian Industrial Registry has been provided with \$13.3 million to assist with the rationalisation and simplification of awards</b> How many awards are being rationalised?
EW426_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	What are the priority awards?
EW427_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	Will the Commission be modernising public service awards?
EW428_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	To ensure all awards are rationalised by 2010 how many awards per week will the Commission be required to rationalise?
EW429_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	Is it the government's intention to make these rules common rule awards?
EW430_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	When will this take place?
EW431_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	How will the Commission ensure that workers are no worse off, yet employers will not be hit with further costs and regulation?
EW432_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many employees worked for Workplace Authority at 1 December 2007?
EW433_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many non-ongoing employees worked for the Workplace Authority as at 1 December 2007?
EW434_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> By what number have ongoing employees been reduced at the Workplace Authority since 1 December, 2007?

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EW435_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> By what number have non-ongoing employees been reduced at the Workplace Authority since 1 December, 2007?
EW436_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What is the total number of on-going and non-ongoing employees that have been either terminated or made redundant since December 2007?
EW437_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many staff have been made redundant under section 29(3)(a) of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> since January 2008?
EW438_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Were these forced redundancies?
EW439_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many meetings have been held with the CPSU in relation to agency redundancies?
EW440_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> In which classifications did the redundancies occur?
EW441_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What services will the agency be cutting as a result of these staffing cuts?
EW442_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Which sections of the agency will these employees be cut from? (a) agreement processing and assessment; (b) policy (c) education and information services (d) workplace advice line/contact centre (e) marketing (f) legal division
EW443_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How will this impact on existing workloads for remaining employees?
EW444_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many employees continue to work within this agency?
EW445_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Which classification will the majority of staff be made redundant from?
EW446_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Has any analysis been carried out on which areas within the agency can most/least afford to lose staff?
EW447_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> In which states have redundancies occurred?
EW448_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many Workplace Authority employees remain in each state? What classifications are the remaining employees?
EW449_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Which agency offices have closed since 1 January 2008?

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EW450_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Budget Paper 2 confirms a reported \$60 million has been removed from your budget for the 2007/8 & 2008/9 financial years. Is this correct?
EW451_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many more Workplace Authority employees will be terminated over the next twelve months?
EW452_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Can you provide a timeframe and a breakdown as to when these redundancies will occur?
EW453_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Will these be forced redundancies?
EW454_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many non-ongoing or temporary employees will be terminated in the next twelve months?
EW455_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Can the agency provide a timeframe and a breakdown as to when these terminations will occur?
EW456_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Which sections of the agency have these staff be cut from? (a) agreement processing and assessment; (b) policy (c) education and information services (d) workplace advice line/contact centre (e) marketing (f) legal division
EW457_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How will this impact on agency agreement processing turnaround times?
EW458_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many Workplace Authority offices have closed since 1 December 2007?
EW459_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each EL1 staff member since January 2008?
EW460_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each EL2 staff member since January 2008?
EW461_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each SES staff member since January 2008?
EW462_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each APS1 staff member (or equivalent classification level) since January 2008?

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EW463_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each APS2 staff member (or equivalent classification level) since January 2008?
EW464_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each APS3 staff member (or equivalent classification level) since January 2008?
EW465_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each APS4 staff member (or equivalent classification level) since January 2008?
EW466_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each APS5 staff member (or equivalent classification level) since January 2008?
EW467_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What are the average hours of work for each APS6 staff member (or equivalent classification level) since January 2008?
EW468_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What is the average number of flex-hours taken by Workplace Authority staff in classifications SES, EL1, EL2 & APS1 – APS6 (or equivalent classification levels) since January 2008? Please list separate averages for each APS level.
EW469_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> What is the average number of flex hours accrued (but not taken) by Workplace Authority staff in classifications SES, EL1, EL2 & APS1 – APS6 (or equivalent classification levels) since January 2008? Please list separate averages for each SES, EL and APS level.
EW470_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many claims for stress related illness were registered by the agency's staff in 2007?
EW471_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Which classifications did staff claiming stress fall within?
EW472_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many on-going agency staff have resigned since January 2008?
EW473_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> How many non-ongoing agency staff have resigned since January 2008?
EW474_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Of the ongoing and non-ongoing staff who have resigned since January 2008, how many have been replaced by new staff?
EW475_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Budget cuts and impact on staffing and processing of agreements</b> Where and when were these positions been advertised?
EW476_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many positions have been advertised at the EL1 classification level since January 2008?
EW477_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those positions have been filled to date?



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EW478_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates?
EW479_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates? List which agencies they have come from?
EW480_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many positions have been advertised at the EL2 classification level since January 2008?
EW481_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those positions have been filled to date?
EW482_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates?
EW483_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates and which agencies have they come from?
EW484_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many positions have been advertised at the SES classification level since January 2008?
EW485_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those positions have been filled to date?
EW486_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	11. How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates?
EW487_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates and which agencies have they come from?
EW488_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	How many contractors has the agency hired since January 2008?
EW489_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	At what level are these contractors working?
EW490_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	What programme/project etc is each of these contractors working on?
EW491_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	What is the duration of the contract arrangements for each of these contractors?
EW492_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Publication of Agreement Statistics and Collective Agreements</b> When will the Workplace Authority be posting monthly and quarterly statistics on agreement lodgements and assessments on its website?
EW493_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Publication of Agreement Statistics and Collective Agreements</b> When will the Workplace Authority be publishing approved collective agreements on its website?
EW494_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Publication of Agreement Statistics and Collective Agreements</b> By what percentage has there been a decline in the number of monthly lodgements of (1) employee collective agreements; (2) union collective agreements; (3) union Greenfield agreements; and (4) employer Greenfield agreements, with the Workplace Authority since the introduction of the government's transitional legislation in early February 2008?

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EW495_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Publication of Agreement Statistics and Collective Agreements</b> Has the Workplace Authority provided the Wages Policy and Economic Analysis branch of the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations or any other branch with agreements and other information to assist with sampling of agreements made under Forward with Fairness Transitional legislation?
EW496_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> Page 13 (Clause 2.1.1) of the NDT Policy Guide – there is an admission in the guide that terms and conditions such as penalty payments for work such as shift work, night work and work on weekends can be removed or traded away. Is this correct?
EW497_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> With respect to the application of the No Disadvantage Test can you answer yes or no as to whether the following terms and conditions can be modified, varied or traded away under the government’s new No Disadvantage Test: - Can uniform or laundry allowances be modified or traded away in the government’s new individual agreements or under any of the other allowable collective agreements? - Can overtime or penalty rates be modified or traded away in the government’s new individual agreements or under any of the other allowable collective agreements? - Can vehicle allowances be modified or traded away in the government’s new individual agreements or under any of the other allowable collective agreements? - Can meal allowances be modified or traded away in the government’s new individual agreements or under any of the other allowable collective agreements? - Can annual leave or sick leave be cashed in, modified or removed in the government’s new individual agreements or under any of the other allowable collective agreements? - Can redundancy payments be cashed in, modified or removed in the government’s new
EW498_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> <i>Refer to Appendix 1 of the No Disadvantage Test policy guide.</i> Are these default working patters considered to be ordinary hours for the purposes of applying the No Disadvantage Test? How are they applied by the Workplace Authority when working patters are not provided by the employer or employee and assessment is made?
EW499_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> With respect to call centres and fast food outlets, is it the case that ordinary hours are considered to be twenty-four hours in the event that working patters are not provided by the employer?
EW500_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> When applying the No Disadvantage Test to an agreement that may have a life of three or four years, do the assessors at the Workplace Authority take into consideration future minimum rate adjustments by the Australian Fair Pay Commission when assessing whether the agreement will pass the No Disadvantage Test for the life of the agreement?

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EW501_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> How do the assessing officers take into consideration future changes to working patterns when conducting the No Disadvantage Test?
EW502_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> When trading away allowances, overtime or redundancy provisions will the Workplace Authority consider that a car park might be adequate compensation or payment where some of those conditions are traded away?
EW503_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> When trading away allowances, overtime or redundancy provisions does the Workplace Authority consider that a training course might be adequate compensation or payment where some of those conditions are removed or traded away?
EW504_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> Is it possible for a new individual statutory agreement or a collective agreement to reduce redundancy entitlements?
EW505_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> Refer to Clause 2.2.11 (Hours of Work) – Ordinarily a worker that works outside their normal span of hours or beyond 38 hours a week is entitled to overtime and/or penalty rates depending on when they work. Doesn't clause <b>2.2.11</b> of the Workplace Authority NDT Policy Guide remove the obligation for employers to pay penalty rates or overtime where there is a preferred hour's arrangement?
EW506_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> Is it possible for agreements to be approved by the Workplace Authority where they do not pass the No Disadvantage Test?
EW507_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> When the Workplace Authority is conducting the No Disadvantage Test the agency confirm whether every agreement is checked to ensure it contains the Australian Fair Pay and Conditions Standard?
EW508_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> When the Workplace Authority is conducting the No Disadvantage Test can the agency confirm whether every agreement is checked to ensure it contains future wage increases, or at the very minimum includes future wage increases handed down by the Australian Fair Pay Commission?
EW509_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> Does the Workplace Authority check agreements for prohibited content?
EW510_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> How many agreements since 1 January 2007 have been identified as containing prohibited content?
EW511_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b> Do you have a breakdown of the type of prohibited content that is being included in agreements?

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EW512_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b>                  Since 1 April, 2008 can the agency confirm what proportion of (i) ITEA's; (ii) union collective agreements; and (iii) non union collective agreements have removed or modified one or more of the following clauses or entitlements that would ordinarily appear in the reference instrument or instrument used in the application of the No Disadvantage Test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- overtime</li> <li>- penalty rates</li> <li>- meal breaks</li> <li>- rest pauses</li> <li>- food allowances</li> <li>- uniform allowances</li> <li>- wet weather allowances</li> <li>- leave loading</li> <li>- annual leave</li> <li>- personal leave</li> <li>- compassionate leave</li> <li>- a rates of pay</li> <li>- rest pauses</li> <li>- travel allowances</li> <li>- uniform allowances</li> <li>- shift loadings</li> <li>- parental leave</li> <li>- hours of work</li> <li>- span of hours</li> <li>- ordinary hours</li> <li>- crib breaks</li> <li>- rostering arrangements</li> <li>- redundancy provisions</li> <li>- rostered days off</li> </ul>
EW513_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b>                  Since 1 April, 2008 can you confirm what proportion of (i) ITEA's; (ii) union collective agreements; and (iii) non union collective agreements do not contain reference to a pay increase?</p>
EW514_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b>                  Can the agency confirm what agreement data has been provided to Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations? When was the data provided? Does the agreement data relate to agreements that have been made since 1 April, 2008?</p>
EW515_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	Written	<p><b>No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide</b>                  When conducting an assessment of agreements as to whether they pass the No Disadvantage test how has the Workplace Authority altered its phoenix system to test agreements under the new No Disadvantage Test?</p>

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EW516_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many positions have been advertised at the EL1 classification level since January 2008?
EW517_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those positions have been filled to date?
EW518_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates?
EW519_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates? List which agencies they have come from?
EW520_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many positions have been advertised at the EL2 classification level since January 2008?
EW521_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those positions have been filled to date?
EW522_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates?
EW523_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates and which agencies have they come from?
EW524_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many positions have been advertised at the SES classification level since January 2008?
EW525_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those positions have been filled to date?
EW526_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been external (to the APS) candidates?
EW527_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many of those appointees have been internal (to the APS) candidates and which agencies have they come from?
EW528_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many contractors has the agency hired since January 2008?
EW529_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> At what level are these contractors working?
EW530_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> What programme/project etc is each of these contractors working on?
EW531_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> What is the duration of the contract arrangements for each of these contractors?

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EW532_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many offices does the Workplace Ombudsmen have around Australia. Can the Ombudsmen provide a list of offices, their addresses and the number of staff in each office?
EW533_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> Of the additional funding provided to the Ombudsmen in the most recent budget, what proportion of the funding will be allocated to the opening of new offices?
EW534_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Additional resources and staffing</b> How many new Workplace Ombudsmen offices have opened since 1 December 2008?
EW535_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Australian Industrial Registry</b> Can you provide a breakdown of existing staff levels at the Australian Industrial Registry?
EW536_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Australian Industrial Registry</b> Has the number of employees increased since 1 December 2008?
EW537_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Australian Industrial Registry</b> The Registry has been provided with an additional \$13.3 million dollars over four years to lodge collective agreements and rationalise and simplify awards – can you provide a more detailed breakdown of how these funds will be allocated?
EW538_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Australian Industrial Registry</b> When will the Registry become responsible for the lodgement of collective agreements?
EW539_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Australian Industrial Registry</b> What IT arrangements are currently being investigated to assist the Registry with this process or is it the intention of the government for agreements be approved as they were by the Commissioners and other members of the Commission prior to 28 March 2006?
EW540_09	AIR	ABETZ	LP	Written	<b>Australian Industrial Registry</b> Has the Registry been involved in discussions about the establishment of Forward with Fairness?
EW541_09	8	WATSON	LP	4 & 5	<b>Working Age Policy</b> Pg 4 - Senator WATSON—The outcomes of all these inquiries that you have been having, in terms of how you have delivered on your budget commitments, can you give us a paper on this? Pg 5 - Ms Paul—The No. 1 thing at the moment, which I am sure we will discuss, is the review of employment services. And if I look at the program for today and I see 'Working age policy', that is probably our No. 1. We are happy to give you a summary of each of those and provide that to the committee
EW542_09	8	WATSON	LP	5	<b>Employment Services Review</b> Mr Carters—The employment services review—that component..... discussion paper <i>The future of employment services in Australia</i> is available. Senator WATSON—Could we table that?

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EW543_09	8	FISHER	LP	6	<p><b>Employment Services Review</b> Mr Carters—The modelling that has been done to cost the proposed new employment services system extends to the range of employment services which will be provided under the new model. It is not just in respect of Job Network. It does include Job Network; Personal Support Program; JPET, Job Placement, Employment and Training for young people; National Harvest Labour Information Service; New Enterprise Incentives Scheme; and the remote service bundling service, excluding the Disability Employment Network component of that. There are seven of them, though I am not sure I have mentioned seven. We can give you the list.</p>
EW544_09	8	FISHER	LP	7	<p><b>Employment Services Review</b> What are the time frames around your economic modelling since 24 November last year that you have been talking about?</p>
EW545_09	7	FISHER	LP	9	<p><b>Newstart</b> There is an increase of \$800 million in the budgeted amount for Newstart this year. Is that right? Can you explain the reasoning behind the increase? (546 relates)</p>
EW546_09	7	FISHER	LP	10 & 11	<p><b>Newstart</b> Pg 10 - Senator FISHER—We are headed into a scenario where we have projected increased unemployment, and we have a projected additional budgeted amount of \$800 million for Newstart. I am trying to understand why. Pg 11 - Ms Paul—I think it is, actually. I have not been able here to break down precisely all of those components. Basically, you know that it is going to be a combination of policy effect and economic projection, which is what the minister went to through the budget paper. Those things are all in the public arena. Basically, you have to combine them together to get this result. We have given you some indications of some of the major movements, for example, in the parenting area and so on. There is probably nothing much further. I am happy to take on notice to offer more details. (545 relates)</p>
EW547_09	7	WATSON	LP	20	<p><b>EEP</b> The \$104 - Is that taxable?</p>
EW548_09	7	WATSON	LP	21	<p>How many people are going to be affected?</p>
EW549_09	7	WATSON	LP	23	<p><b>Job Network</b> Could you give some idea of the average duration before a person on the Job Network case load gains employment?</p>
EW550_09	7	WATSON	LP	23	<p><b>Job Network</b> Again on notice, how many people benefit from the supply of clothing and equipment?</p>
EW551_09	7	FISHER	LP	27	<p><b>Eight week non payment period</b> Can you provide on notice the number of job seekers in the last six months? (same as 282(i) )</p>

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EW552_09	7	FISHER	LP	27	<b>Eight week non payment period</b> Those job seekers who did experience an eight-week non-payment period, how many of them sought financial case management? <i>(same as 282 (ii) )</i>
EW553_09	9	WATSON	LP	29	<b>Homeworkers Code of Practice</b> How many people work full time for this committee?
EW554_09	9	WATSON	LP	30	<b>Homeworkers</b> Ms Gillard's press release refers to 330,000 home workers in the textile, clothing and footwear industry. How did we get to that figure? Can you confirm where we got that figure from?
EW555_09	9	WATSON	LP	30	<b>Homeworkers (\$4M)</b> Do you know how much they set aside for advertising, to ensure good practices and that sort of thing?
EW556_09	9	MARSHALL	ALP	30	<b>Homeworkers</b> Is that the sort of report that will be tabled in the parliament, or is it simply a report to the department? CHAIR—How do we get copies? How does the committee receive copies? Ms Paul—We can provide it if you wish to have it.
EW557_09	9	WATSON	LP	30	<b>Homeworkers</b> \$4 million to help subsidise the work of this home workers' committee. Is there a contract that is given or is it just a budgeted figure each month? Can we have a copy of that contract, or is that confidential?
EW558_09	9	WATSON	LP	30 & 31	<b>Homeworkers</b> How many meetings does the committee have a year, in terms of all the different groups that you mentioned earlier that participate on the committee? You would have formal meetings—how often are they, once a month? Quarterly? Half yearly?
EW559_09	9	WATSON	LP	31	<b>Homeworkers</b> What is the total income received by the committee from the employers for 2006-07, the last financial year?
EW560_09	9	WATSON	LP	31	<b>Homeworkers</b> How does the homeworkers voluntary code compare or differ from the New South Wales mandatory code?
EW561_09	7	WATSON	LP	31	Can table 2.7 on page 113 of the portfolio budget statements be provided to the committee with the figures for each of the three forward estimates for the program? Is that possible?
EW562_09	8	WATSON	LP	31	The percentage of people in the workforce over the age 65. What is the last available data? <i>(same as question 1 &amp; 356)</i>
EW563_09	8	WATSON	LP	32	What sector of the labour market is currently experiencing the largest skills shortage? And how many people with a disability have moved into employment as a result of departmental initiatives? <i>(same as question 3 &amp; 357)</i>



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EW564_09	9	FISHER	LP	38	Is the answer to the question on notice which was actually provided identical to that which was submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister's office in draft form?
EW565_09	Cross Portfolio	WATSON	LP	42	<b>Collective Agreement</b> What rate of increase did you build into your budgeted figures, if any?
EW566_09	Cross Portfolio	WATSON	LP	42	<b>AWAs</b> How many employees on an AWA currently receive a bonus in excess of five per cent of their salary?
EW567_09	9	FISHER	LP	46	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> The classifications of the 70 to 80 staff working on the drafting of the bill.
EW568_09	9	FISHER	LP	49	Provide a list to the committee of who is on the Workers Advisory Group, and also the membership of the Union Working Group.
EW569_09	9	FISHER	LP	52 & 53	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> Can you table a list of that research and a copy of the research to which this statement is referring? [Budget paper 1.5 says: There is considerable body of research which shows that collective enterprise agreements contribute to productivity improvement.]
EW570_09	Cross Portfolio	MARSHALL	ALP	57	<b>Workchoices campaign</b> Are you able to break up the sorts of merchandising—how much we spend on pens and the like?
EW571_09	7	WATSON	LP	59	<b>Job Network</b> Performance indicators for each provider.
EW572_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	60	<b>Department Staffing</b> - How many positions have been advertised at the EL1, EL2 & SES classification level since January 2008. How many of those positions have been filled to date, how many of those appointees have been external to the APS candidates, how many of those appointees have been internal to the APS candidates and from which agencies have they come? - How many contractors has DEEWR hired since January 2008, at what level are those contractors working, what program or project is each contractor working on and what is the duration of the contracts for those contractors? - Can you provide me with the details of how many staff are being removed from the department and from each program area as a result of the budget? <b>(same as 167, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191)</b>
EW573_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	66	<b>Increase in migration program</b> The policy of a 37,500 place increase in the migration program for 2008-09. Costing an estimated \$398 million over four years. Expand into the particular administered items or programs that will be receiving funding. Can you indicate how the expenses for the services have been estimated?
EW574_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	66	<b>Humanitarian migration program</b> An extra 500 places for Iraqis, an extra 750 special humanitarian places. Expand into the particular administered items or programs that will be receiving funding.

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EW575_09	-	ABETZ	LP	67	<b>Charter letters</b> Has the minister in this portfolio received her charter letter yet? What date that she received her charter letter. Is it the intention to make her charter letter public?
EW576_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	72	<b>DPM staff</b> What is the breakdown of employees working within the Deputy Prime Minister's office? Including how many senior advisers, advisers, media advisers and assistant advisers. Include DLOs in those figures. <i>(same as 159, 160, 161, 162)</i>
EW577_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	72, 73 & 74	<b>DPM</b> What sort of funding has been allocated to the minister's office for additional items [additional to what the previous government had] such as cameras, phones, laptops, printers, Foxtel subscriptions (anything else of interest)? <i>(same as 163)</i>
EW578_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	73	<b>Media monitoring</b> Can you confirm the expenditure to date from the minister's [DPM] office on media monitoring? Is that a fixed cost contract or is it per page of news delivered? <i>(same as 164)</i>
EW579_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	74	<b>DPM - media training</b> Has the department been asked to arrange or pay for media training or other presentation type training for the minister's office [DPM or staff]? <i>(same as 166)</i>
EW580_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	76	<b>Communication strategy</b> There are many facets of that [the communications strategy] which I could spell out on notice.
EW581_09	Cross Portfolio	ABETZ	LP	77	<b>Communications strategy - feedback</b> Have you had any feedback that the workload they are being subjected to at the moment is untenable or unsustainable?
EW582_09	9	FISHER	LP	91	<b>Award modernisation</b> How often are you briefing the minister on the award modernisation project?
EW583_09	9	FISHER	LP	92	<b>Award modernisation</b> Are the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and/or her office being briefed as to the progress of the award review?
EW584_09	9	ABETZ	LP	96	<b>Homeworkers committee</b> I want to know whether the project officer is the media officer for the TCFUA.
EW585_09	9	FISHER	LP	97	<b>Small Business Work and Family Grants program</b> How many employees are estimated to benefit from this measure over the period of the entire allocation?
EW586_09	9	MARSHALL	ALP	99	<b>Work choices fact sheet</b> Did the department's marketing or communications department have input into the development of the fact sheet content? Can you tell me how much that input cost?

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EW587_09	9	ABETZ	LP	103	<b>Homeworkers</b> Have you provided advice specifically in relation to the numbers of home workers, which we believe exist in Australia?
EW588_09	9	ABETZ	LP	105	<b>Homeworkers committee</b> Will Mr Tommy Clarke be paid any moneys for his role as project officer? If so, how much? Also whether there are any other people who are drawing a salary off this \$4 million; how much is used, for rental; how much is used for publicity et cetera. I would be interested in a full and detailed break-up.
EW589_09	8	BOYCE	LP	106	<b>Social Inclusion</b> The sort of contact we [DEEWR] have had across other departments [in relation to the Social Inclusion Agenda]. [Ms Paul—What I can do is come back to you on notice about the other departments we have had contact with to date and perhaps give you a sense of some of the areas of interest.]
EW590_09	9	ABETZ	LP	106	<b>Homeworkers</b> Has any information been obtained in relation to that, or is there any advice the department can give this committee as to how far we are down the track with this?
EW591_09	9	ABETZ	LP	106	<b>Homeworkers</b> If there are, say, 320 manufacturers using home workers, we know we have 10 per cent coverage of the manufacturers. How will we find out how many are actually out there in Australia?
EW592_09	9	FISHER	LP	107	<b>Forward with Fairness</b> In the government's Forward with Fairness policy implementation plan, on page 8, the government committed to releasing an exposure draft of the industrial relations legislation for public comment in 2008-09. Mr Pratt indicated earlier that drafting preparations were on track for having it introduced before the end of this year. What is the date for the release of an exposure draft of the legislation for public comment, consistent with the government's election commitment?
EW593_09	9	MARSHALL	ALP	108	<b>Work choices fact sheet</b> How much money was spent on focus groups in the development stage of the fact sheet too?
EW594_09	9	BOYCE	LP	108	<b>National Employment Standards</b> There are 129 submissions set out on the website. Have there been subsequent submissions that will be considered?
EW595_09	9	FISHER	LP	110	<b>Unlawful Termination Scheme</b> Are you able to provide a report of those 81 successful applicants?
EW596_09	9	FISHER	LP	110	<b>Unlawful Termination Scheme</b> On what sort of grounds were the 47 rejected?
EW597_09	9	FISHER	LP	110	<b>Post Budget Submission to AFPC</b> Could the department provide me with a copy of the department's post-budget submission to the AFPC?
EW598_09	9	ABETZ	LP	111	Can we have confirmed that departmental people did in fact meet with Seaborne Clothing at the Stamford Hotel last year and that these matters were outlined?

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EW599_09	9	FISHER	LP	116	<b>Building Industry Branch</b> Could you indicate what their responsibilities are and what classifications they fall into?
EW600_09	9	FISHER	LP	116	Can you provide on notice the number of agreements that have been checked for code compliance from 1 January this year to 1 June this year, and then the number of agreements that were checked for code compliance in the preceding 12 months, so from January 2007 to December 2007?
EW601_09	Cross Portfolio	FISHER	LP	117	Is it possible for you to provide the committee with an updated organisational chart?
EW602_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	9	As at the end of May, which includes the last day on which agreements could be lodged under the Fairness Test—which was 11 April—337,101 agreements had been lodged for assessment under the Fairness Test. As at 31 May, 121,324— Do you have a document that you can provide to the committee?
EW603_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	11	Do you have a breakdown of that 30-day turnaround in respect of those where it is a one-exchange agreement between you and the employer? And do you have a breakdown of the 30-day average in respect of individual agreements and collective agreements?
EW604_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	11	How long is a workplace sitting waiting before it knows the outcome of its workplace agreement? So what is the average length of time that it takes for a workplace agreement to be assessed under the fairness test, other than those that you have categorised as the 30-day turnaround?
EW605_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	12	I would also like know whether you are able to differentiate between collective agreements and other in respect of those average processing times, in the sense of the time period between lodgement and finalisation.
EW606_09	Workplace Authority	BOYCE	LP	13	Could you give us the average monthly figures for the other referrals that you do?
EW607_09	Workplace Authority	WORTLEY	ALP	15	On the EAP, how much was spent through the waves of the program and who were the major recipients of funds? <i>(I will be able to provide you a table of who got what money and components of that.)</i>
EW608_09	Workplace Authority	WORTLEY	ALP	16	What was the outcome of the evaluation? Is it continuing? No. The evaluation has been finalised. I can provide you a copy of that evaluation.
EW609_09	Workplace Authority	WORTLEY	ALP	16	It might be useful to table that list of recipients too.
EW610_09	Workplace Authority	WORTLEY	ALP	16	Were the participants of the program provided with government approved material to use as part of it?
EW611_09	Workplace Authority	WORTLEY	ALP	16	What was the cost to the Commonwealth in developing this material?

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EW612_09	Workplace Authority	MARSHALL	ALP	17	With respect to the EAP, was that money just given to all those employer organisations that you mentioned or were they required to form a committee? Did they employ people to undertake those activities or did they just continue doing it as part of their own role? <i>(I am particularly interested to know whether any rent was paid to the employer organisations as part of that project.)</i> And you are able to provide those things to the committee? <i>(We can certainly have a look at what the acquittal requirements were for that money.)</i>
EW613_09	Workplace Authority	MARSHALL	ALP	17 & 18	Do we have samples of the sorts of agreements that this program was tailoring?
EW614_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	18	How many employees are waiting for back pay as a result of workplace agreements that have failed your test?
EW615_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	22	Of the 23 [that were offered a redundancy], how many have accepted?
EW616_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	23	Can you tell me how many staff were employed at the time you commenced with the authority?
EW617_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	24	Did you have a team that was dedicated to assisting small business in any form?
EW618_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	29 & 30	The extent to which the person in the minister's office suggested changes to the document and whether or not those changes could be regarded as extensive?
EW619_09	Workplace Authority	MARSHALL	ALP	36	Did you make any referrals to the Workplace Ombudsman in this regard [failing to supply fact sheet]?
EW620_09	AIR	FISHER	LP	43	In terms of the 11 members that are part of the award modernisation project team, can you identify on notice not who they are but their classifications and their job description?
EW621_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	48	Have you got a breakdown of the type of prohibited content that was included in those 23 agreements [where prohibited content was removed]?
EW622_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	48 & 49	Agreements since 1 April 2008. Can you confirm what number of, firstly, ITEAs; secondly, union collective agreements; and, thirdly, non-union collective agreements have removed or modified one or more of a range of the following clauses or entitlements that would ordinarily appear in the reference instrument or the instrument used in the application of the no disadvantage test? I am seeking this information in relation to include: overtime penalty rates, meal breaks, rest pauses, food allowances, uniform allowances, wet weather allowances, leave loading, annual leave, personal leave, compassionate leave, rates of pay, travel allowances, shift loading, parental leave, hours of work, span of hours, ordinary hours, crib breaks, rostering arrangements, redundancy provisions and rostered days off.

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EW623_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	50	Question on notice EW120_08 For question E120_08 you kindly provided three tables, a comparison of January 2007 and January 2008, December 2006 and December 2007, and November 2006 and November 07. (Please update to 11 April). I would also ask for, in that table or in a separate table, the monthly registrations from April 2007 through to April 2008.
EW624_09	Workplace Authority	MARSHALL	ALP	50	In terms of the last minute rush, did it drop off at the last minute? Was it the reverse?
EW625_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	51	Can I then inquire as to whether you had any difficulty with late lodgements. Were there any that said, 'We put it in the mail but you've received them late'?
EW626_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	51	What I was concerned about last time was the possibility of an AWA being entered into in good faith prior to the cut-off date, being put in the mail, but then, for whatever reason—let us blame Australia Post on this occasion—it did not arrive at your office within that 14-day deadline and it arrived, let us say, 16 days after the end of the AWAs being allowed to be made. Would you then still have processed and allowed that AWA?
EW627_09	Workplace Authority	ABETZ	LP	52	What I am talking about is those that used snail mail to lodge and, in good faith, lodged it within good time but it got delivered somewhere else and, for whatever reason, did not come to your office by 11 April. What would have happened to those particular AWAs and do you have a list of them?
EW628_09	Workplace Authority	FISHER	LP	52	How soon do their AWAs expire? [in relation to those on AWA, where there was no collective agreement) How many employees with AWAs might have them expiring on 30 June—a cluster, a hundred, a couple of hundred?
EW629_09	9	WATSON	LP	56	In relation to the position of progress on employees under a federal award who are not incorporated and are currently under a five-year transitional process, which is due to expire in March 2011? Are you aware of progress in relation to that? It does require certain agreements with the states. Have those discussions taken place?
EW630_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	56-57	So it is under this topic [Homeworkers Code of Practice]. Can I ask whether your office or your predecessors within the department had occasion to discuss the activities of the TCFUA in relation to what I will describe as standover tactics with manufacturers? If I were to mention the name, Seaborne Clothing, to you and a meeting at the Stamford Hotel in Victoria, does that press any buttons or ring any bells? Can you advise us as to when that meeting would have taken place? What year?

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EW631_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	57	The fifth paragraph from the bottom reads: 'The claimant alleged she was underpaid during the period of her employment because on commencement she was informed that she would be paid as per an Australian Workplace Agreement; however she claimed not to have seen or signed the document.' Whilst I accept and understand that that allegation may have been put to you, and that was repeated to you in good faith, are you in fact aware that an Australian workplace agreement does exist, and is allegedly signed by the complainant? First of all, are you aware that there is such a workplace agreement in existence, because I understand a copy was provided to your office when the initial investigation took place?
EW632_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	59	In relation to the moneys collected in this particular case, can you indicate how much has been paid out to the individual employees and to how many of them. I would like to know when you received the money and then when the money was paid over to each individual employee, but not the name of each individual employee. [Mr Johns—There are aspects to that question that I (the underpayment amount of in excess of \$24,000. It was in respect of some 41 employees).
EW633_09	Workplace Ombudsman	BOYCE	LP	60	The number of phone calls we [Workplace Ombudsman] had? And if you could describe how you classify them and why. (We currently receive approximately 1,500 phone calls per week)
EW634_09	Workplace Ombudsman	ABETZ	LP	62-63	Can I be told in relation to each one of those offices [27], for how long the lease or occupation arrangement is in place and if you are in departmental accommodation without a lease whether it is just ad hoc or whether it is for an agreed period of time. I cannot see what the commercial-in-confidence aspect is about each of those leases and what it costs. Just give me the total lease cost, but also identify in which offices you do not actually pay any rent, if there is such. Also, a renewal date for whatever the arrangements may be either leases or arrangements with the departments.
EW635_09	Workplace Ombudsman	WATSON	LP	63	How many contractors has the agency hired since 1 January 2008?
EW636_09	Workplace Ombudsman	WATSON	LP	64	Did the matter go before the ombudsman or not? (this refers to an investigation involving the CEPU)
EW637_09	ABCC	ABETZ	LP	67	Can you tell us what has happened with those 10 [freedom of association prosecutions]? Is that easy for you to tell us? One prosecution, nine successful or nine unsuccessful; what is the break-up; how many are still in train?
EW638_09	ABCC	BOYCE	LP	68 (and pg 72)	Can we talk in any general way about the matters that were referred there? Do you then monitor what actually happens [those referred to other 'jurisdictions'], or whether the referred agency actually acts upon the referral?
EW639_09	ABCC	BOYCE	LP	69	Are able to break it down into monthly figures? (regarding the number of site visits related to the code)
EW640_09	ABCC	BOYCE	LP	69	Can you say how many projects are currently under construction that are, or have been, subject to the code—maybe for this financial year?
EW641_09	ABCC	STERLE	ALP	71	How many proceedings have the ABCC commenced in relation to a breach of a workplace agreement in the building industry?

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EW642_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	72	How many proceedings have been commenced in relation to breach of a workplace agreement in the building industry and to all other breaches?
EW643_09	ABCC	STERLE	ALP	72	How many matters has the ABCC referred to the Australian Taxation Office regarding underpayment of superannuation in the building industry?
EW644_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	75	Is it possible to give us the information about the informal referrals to the different agencies, to build on the list you have already started to give us?
EW645_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	77	How many site visits does the ABCC make for the purpose of investigating breaches of awards, agreements or sham contracting arrangements?
EW646_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	77	How many investigations have you conducted in relation to those matters?
EW647_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	78 (and pg 90)	Can you give us a copy of that presentation? (this refers to a presentation to the MBA of NSW)
EW648_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	78	Can you provide us with a copy of that document? (this refers to a letter exchange between ABCC and the WO)
EW649_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	82	How many referrals have you made as a consequence of site visits?
EW650_09	9	ABETZ	LP	83	How much is Mr Wilcox being paid for this review?
EW651_09	9	ABETZ	LP	83	Is Mr Wilcox the only person undertaking this review or will he be supported by a panel of other individuals?
EW652_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	92	So on no occasion would the ABCC have ever given advice that, for example, all union collective agreements in South Australia or all union collective agreements in Queensland are not cocompliant?
EW653_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	92	Can you tell me what that instance was? Can you also take on notice to see if there were other instances?
EW654_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	92	What did that advice cost? (this refers to legal advice sought)
EW655_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	93	What was the cost of that representation?
EW656_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	93	On how many occasions has the ABCC intervened in court or tribunal proceedings to date?
EW657_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	93	Could you take on notice and describe to me when you have discussed with both parties, one party and which one they were, or neither party?
EW658_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	95	In the most recent report on the exercise of the ABCC's coercive powers, it was disclosed that, of the 85 examinations conducted up to 31 March, 41 were with respect to investigations that were ongoing. Of those 41, how many investigations were commenced 12 months ago or more?
EW659_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	96	The same report showed that 27 of the 85 compulsory examinations—about a third—were with respect to matters that resulted in no court action whatsoever. Can you update me on the figures on the results of compulsory examinations provided in the March 2008 report? [in respect of the ones that have resulted in no further action]



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EW660_09	ABCC	MARSHALL	ALP	96	<p>I think this is my last question. In response to a question on notice, which is EW129_08, the ABCC provided a list of legal matters and associated legal costs. I am just wondering why that table excluded matters conducted in New South Wales.</p> <p>If this answer needs to be amended because there was an omission for a reason, please amend the answer to this question. Could you also take on notice the same question but in an updated form up until today, or at the time when you are preparing the answer.</p>
EW661_09	AFPC	FISHER	LP	100	When did you receive the government's submission?
EW662_09	2	MASON	LP	6	Provide information not identifying any particular school but showing how many schools therefore have worse than one to five and how many were in the one to eight, and those kinds of figures.
EW663_09	2	MASON	LP	11	Can you make that correspondence available [advice from state governments as to what they think the one-off costs and the ongoing costs will be]?
EW664_09	2	ABETZ	LP	24	<p>Who does the certification?</p> <p>Could you also advise us about the last certification that you received from the state of Tasmania and whether that certification had in it any exemptions or non-exemptions, because it would be for the Commonwealth to provide the exemption. Are there some exceptions? Is it the case that they believe that 90 per cent or 99 per cent of schools—schools A, B and C—did not comply for whatever reasons, or was the certification for 100 per cent of state government schools?</p>
EW665_09	2	ABETZ	LP	25	<p>In relation to the year 200, every state and territory has signed off?</p> <p>How have they responded? Have they said that they have fully complied or have they responded by saying, 'That is interesting. We will get back in touch'?</p> <p>Would those letters be able to be tabled? Is there anything that is of a confidential nature about them?</p> <p>Can you table those for eight separate jurisdictions?</p> <p>Depending on whatever rules and restrictions you have, I would appreciate the full correspondence in relation to all eight.</p>
EW666_09	2	ABETZ	LP	25	<p>Senator ABETZ—You have told me the compliance rate is very high. Are there any particular sectors that are less compliant than others? Are you able to tell us whether the state governments are more compliant, let us say, than the Catholic schools, the Jewish day schools, the Muslim schools or the Christian school associations?</p> <p>Mr Zanderigo—Generally the level of compliance is similar across the types of schools.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—It is good to hear that. So that we do not get caught out in verbiage, what do you mean by 'similar'? Is it that it is within a couple of percentage points?</p>
EW667_09	2	ABETZ	LP	27	What the fee or administration cost is for each state and territory?
EW668_09	2	ALLISON	AD	33	<p>Did you road test them on any teachers in the classroom?</p> <p><b>Qu 669 refers</b></p>

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EW669_09	2	ALLISON	AD	33	Senator ALLISON—I would also be interested in the feedback. As you know, we are talking about something that is pretty contentious with teachers. There are a number of teachers and schools who say that this kind of testing is frankly useless. Ms Paul—This is the first time ever that there has been a national test, and so far so good. Certainly the items were tested. I am not quite sure of the teacher involvement. We would have to take that on notice, but the items were tested as they were being developed. It has taken quite a long time to get there. <i>(combine with 668)</i>
EW670_09	2	BOYCE	LP	39	Could you provide information on funding provided to state and territory education authorities under the LNSLN program, including funding to support students with disability and funding for non-government organisations?
EW671_09	2	BOYCE	LP	40	You have said that you are working closely with states at the moment. Does that mean that you have not sorted out the criteria by which this funding would be proportioned?
EW672_09	2	MASON	LP	49	Do we have correspondence from the states saying that the states will pay for capital infrastructure for VET in schools, and the recurrent costs of the Trade Training Centres? Do we have those documents? Can I see them, is that possible?
EW673_09	2	ALLISON	AD	62	Is the “Shine” program appropriate for chaplains or schools to deliver as part of NSCP-funded activity?”
EW674_09	2	ALLISON	AD	65	If you have the figures, is it possible to give those to the committee?
EW675_09	2	MASON	LP	69	Are there any current plans for the development of national music curriculum?
EW676_09	2	MASON	LP	69	Was it just a one-off [funding for 'Music. Count Us In' program]?
EW677_09	2	MASON	LP	69	How about any other recommendations from the school music workshop; has there been any progress to implement other program recommendations from the school music workshop?
EW678_09	2	MASON	LP	78	Do you know whether any staff will be shed in any budgets cuts to Teaching Australia?
EW679_09	2	MASON	LP	79	Do we have any numbers? How many teachers in high school are qualified to teach in languages other than English? What was the percentage?
EW680_09	2	MASON	LP	80-81	Can you disaggregate the 150,000 into states?
EW681_09	2	MASON	LP	82	Could you provide what data you have regarding use of The Learning Federation's digital resources, such as hits on the website?
EW682_09	2	MASON	LP	84	There is a website where it is possible to get access to these objects and we can provide that information to the committee [online curriculum].
EW683_09	2	MASON	LP	89	Is it possible to give the amounts given to each school?
EW684_09	2	MASON	LP	91	How much funding will be available per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program?
EW685_09	2	MASON	LP	91	Can you provide details of funding provided under the National School Drug Education Strategy, broken down by states and territories over the years 2004-05 to 2007-08 as well as a total by state and territory for those years?
EW686_09	2	NETTLE	AG	94-95	Can you advise how public schools' enrolment data is audited, broken down by jurisdiction?

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EW687_09	2	NETTLE	AG	95	Is there any proposal to have the same accountability standards for private schools as for public schools?
EW688_09	2	NETTLE	AG	101	Can you provide a table showing private schools sources of income, in particular providing a range of incomes, an indicative range of the number of schools in each category and in terms of regions as well?
EW689_09	2	MASON	LP	103	What music education initiatives does the Australian Government support across its various portfolios?
EW690_09	1	FISHER	LP	103-104	Provide an actual list of the 38 stage one new child care centres and catergorise them.
EW691_09	1	FISHER	LP	106	In respect of each of the new child care services sites confirm whether relevant development applications have either been sought and if sought, whether they have been granted.
EW692_09	1	FISHER	LP	108	Provide a copy of the publicly available surveys around where parents have indicated, particularly with regard to their workforce participation, that the availability, affordability and quality of child care has been a limiting factor in participating in the labour market.
EW693_09	1	FISHER	LP	109	Provide a copy of the previous government's announcements in the last year in office that identified hotspots around the country.
EW694_09	1	FISHER	LP	111	Once the department has determined the 38 sites, provide the data upon which the determination of the sites were based, including vacancies and factors that go to need in respect of each site (i.e. data matching for each site)
EW695_09	1	FISHER	LP	112	Provide an itemised breakdown of the \$114.5 million funding for the new child care centres (i.e. the 60% (capital) - 40% (operational) breakdown_
EW696_09	1	FISHER	LP	113	Provide the vacancy data by postcode, as at the time the decision was made to determine the locations and the sites.
EW697_09	1	FISHER	LP	113	What was the number of hotspots at this time last year?
EW698_09	1	FISHER	LP	118	(a) Provide how the Child Care Tax Rebate increase will provide families with significantly more assistance claimed, by family type, income bands and full-time/part-time care. (b) What is the average out-of-pocket cost for families using long day care centres and after school care, by family type, income bands and full-time/part-time care? (c) What was the average out-of-pocket cost for families before the Child Care Tax Rebate change, by family type, income bands and full-time/part-time care?
EW699_09	1	FISHER	LP	120	(a) How many child care centres, state by state, are charging over \$100 a day or \$500 a week for full-time care? (b) Did you look at what was done by the previous government in relation to CCTR and the increase in child care provider fees?
EW700_09	1	FISHER	LP	121	Have you done any modelling in respect of increased participation due to CCTR changes on the basis of income bands?
EW701_09	3	ALLISON	AD	126	How much time is involved in training in this system?
EW702_09	3	ALLISON	AD	127	I do not know what it is in a Hebrew university and you do not know how long this accelerated learning project is?

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EW703_09	3	ALLISON	AD	129-130	<p><b>Yachad teaching methodology</b>  Senator ALLISON—So tell me about the teaching methodology and how that is different?  Mr Greer—We certainly undertake to provide a synopsis of that for you, Senator.</p>
EW704_09	3	ALLISON	AD	131	<p><b>Yachad diagnostic testing documentation</b>  Senator ALLISON—And is the pre-test one which is a standard testing model or mechanism that is used in schools here? What is it? Is it a special one that comes from the Yachad program?  Mr Hansen—Yes. The Yachad project has developed their own diagnostic to assess students.  Senator ALLISON—That is available, is it, the document that describes the pre-testing?  Mr Hansen—We can seek that, yes. I do not know the degree to which it can be released, but we can certainly ask for that for you.</p>
EW705_09	3	ALLISON	AD	133	<p><b>Yachad evaluations</b>  Senator ALLISON—Yes, bi-annual evaluations.  Ms Paul—Are you sure it is not of students if it is on the website, Senator? Would that be evaluation of students?  Mr Hansen—Yes. It could ostensibly be about students. It is certainly not a factor of our agreement.  Senator ALLISON—No?  Mr Hansen—No.  Ms Paul—I think so.  Senator ALLISON—If it is on the website, maybe it is a mistake.  Ms Paul—I imagine it is a reference to approaches to students.  Mr Hansen—And it could be—  Ms Paul—But we can check that and bring that to you on notice.</p>
EW706_09	3	ALLISON	AD	135	<p><b>Yachad methodology</b>  Senator ALLISON—No, just hold onto the buy-in problem first of all. Can you explain that? What you are suggesting here sounds a bit like teachers, principals or leaders—or whatever you call them—were enthusiastic at the outset but became less so, in the remote areas. Is that fair to say?  Mr Greer—That is a fair assessment.  Mr Hansen—And to some extent, you know, the principals may well see the value of this and have had a different expectation about the level of support that they may have needed to provide to the project.  Senator ALLISON—Was that one of the problems?  Mr Hansen—I am just speculating, I guess.  Ms Paul—I think we would have to take this on notice. All Mr Greer is drawing on is a finding from the evaluation. I do not know that we are able here to unpack why the evaluation is saying that, but we can take it on notice because presumably it is in the evaluation.</p>

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EW707_09	3	ALLISON	AD	137	When they are in Australia, what sort of visa arrangements must they have? Do they have working permits? I do not think Israel participates in the visa arrangements for students. Is it if you are under 35 that you can get a work permit for 12 months or so?
EW708_09	3	ALLISON	AD	139	What was the per capita cost for the delivery of the program overall? I suppose you are only able to talk about the Commonwealth funding, not the state. Are you able to take on notice what the state contributed? Is it also possible to take on notice what the foundations or the philanthropic organisations contributed? We need to know what the per capita cost is. If you have details of that, that would be very interesting.
EW709_09	4	MASON	LP	13	<b>Productivity Places Program</b> Of the 26 mining courses that relate to the Resources and Infrastructure Industry Skills Councils how many are available in Western Australia?
EW710_09	4	MASON	LP	13	<b>Productivity Places Program</b> How many of the 22 courses that relate to drilling and mining that come from the Resources and Infrastructure Industry Skills Council are available in Western Australia?
EW711_09	4	MASON	LP	17	<b>Productivity Places Program</b> Provide the date that the draft guidelines were approved by Legal Group
EW712_09	4	MASON	LP	18	<b>Productivity Places Program</b> To confirm that under the draft guidelines there must be five days between commencement and enrolment?
EW713_09	4	BOYCE	LP	21	<b>Skills Australia</b> How much do Board Members of Skills Australia receive for travel allowance
EW714_09	4	CROSSIN	ALP	26	<b>Australian Technical Colleges</b> What dates were the funding contract signed for the 3 colleges that commenced in 2008
EW715_09	4	BOYCE	LP	30	<b>Australian Technical Colleges</b> Provide dates of correspondence with Gold Coast Technical College since March 2008
EW716_09	4	I MACDONALD	LP	33 & 34	<b>Australian Technical Colleges</b> Mackay Skills Training Centre through the University of Central Queensland – Senator Mason to provide the Department with newspaper clippings.
EW717_09	4	BOYCE	LP	35	<b>Australian Technical Colleges</b> Infrastructure plan – proposed completion times for the building schedule for the Gold Coast Technical College
EW718_09	4	NETTLE	AG	37 & 38	(a) Provide the Terms of Reference for the Ministerial Action Group; and (b) Provide the date of the first meeting of the Ministerial Action Group on sustainable skills

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EW719_09	4	MARSHALL	ALP	44	<b>Australian Apprenticeships – Fast Tracked Apprenticeships</b> Is it 140 projects over 40 different trades or are some of them the same trade but a different program and a different RTO? Identify each of the projects and where they are being conducted?
EW720_09	4	BOYCE	LP	45	<b>Australian Apprenticeships – Ag/Hort</b> How many Tools for Your Trade and Apprenticeships Training Vouchers incentive packages will \$25 million provide over 5 years?
EW721_09	4	BOYCE	LP	47	<b>Australian Apprenticeships – Incentives Program</b> (a) Provide a breakdown of the training relating to apprentices and trainees under the program (employment by State Departments); and (b) Which occupational groups are in skill shortage?
EW722_09	4	BOYCE	LP	47	<b>Australian Apprenticeships – Living Away from Home Allowance</b> Was the decision to cut it in February a decision of the minister for Finance? Senator Boyce to provide a copy of the document to which she is referring
EW723_09	3	MASON	LP	58	There were 3,280 commencing students in 2006, and 7,520, so in fact about 40 per cent of existing students—which is 3,280—are commencing in 2006. This strikes me as a growth fund, Mr Manns. Help me out here, if you could. How much in terms of student numbers have the commencement figures grown in, let us say, the last five years? How many commenced in, let us say, 2001, 2002, and 2003 up until 2006?
EW724_09	3	WORTLEY	ALP	62	What was that degree, just out of interest? (this refers to a question asked re the most expensive undergraduate degree)
EW725_09	3	WORTLEY	ALP	62	And can you also tell us what the biggest difference in entry scores is between a Commonwealth-supported place and a full fee paying place?
EW726_09	3	BIRMINGHAM	LP	69	Will the results of investment under that fund be made public?
EW727_09	3	MACDONALD	NATS	72	The nature of my inquiry is: would it have been possible to start the dental course this year in areas that are already within the ability of JCU to provide?
EW728_09	1	SIEWERT	AG	Written	Can you report on the increase in early childhood services and programs?
EW729_09	3	SIEWERT	AG	Written	What investments have been made in improving school amenities?
EW730_09	3	SIEWERT	AG	Written	What have you spent on new classrooms? Where?
EW731_09	3	SIEWERT	AG	Written	How many new teachers are there? Where?
EW732_09	3	SIEWERT	AG	Written	What changes have there been on school attendance and retention rates?
EW733_09	3	SIEWERT	AG	Written	What changes have there been to student / teacher ratios?
EW734_09	3	SIEWERT	AG	Written	What changes have there been in the number of children per classroom?
EW735_09	3	SIEWERT	AG	Written	Are there any particular successful programs that you are promoting as 'best practice'?
EW736_09	1	SIEWERT	AG	Written	When do you expect that all children of pre-school age in the NT will have access to the promised early childhood education programs?
EW737_09	1	SIEWERT	AG	Written	When will the classrooms and facilities for these programs be in place?
EW738_09	1	SIEWERT	AG	Written	What work has been done to develop culturally appropriate early childhood programs to address the needs of specific Indigenous communities in the NT?
EW739_09	1	SIEWERT	AG	Written	Are these bilingual programs incorporating local language groups?
EW740_09	2	BOYCE	LP	38	Where can I find those figures for each state?

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EW741_09	2	ALLISON	AD	58	Is that available [the pro-forma]? (Perhaps it could be forwarded to the committee)
EW742_09	3	ADAMS	LP	Written	<b>Indigenous boarding colleges</b> Will there be enough demand to fill the positions at the colleges? If yes, - Will there be enough positions to meet demand? If no, - How many more beds would be required to adequately meet demand?
EW743_09	3	ADAMS	LP	Written	<b>Indigenous boarding colleges</b> How many permanent full-time (or full-time equivalent) jobs are expected to be created after the initial construction is complete?
EW744_09	3	ADAMS	LP	Written	<b>Indigenous boarding colleges</b> If there is a high demand for these positions in the coming years, is there enough capacity at NT schools to further expand this program and build more boarding facilities?
EW745_09	3	ADAMS	LP	Written	<b>Indigenous boarding colleges</b> Are potential residents for these boarding colleges going to be targeted from certain areas and communities?
EW746_09	3	ADAMS	LP	Written	<b>Indigenous boarding colleges</b> Has any research or consultation been conducted into the most appropriate location of these facilities? If not, will any be conducted? Can you provide details?
EW747_09	3	ADAMS	LP	Written	<b>Indigenous Health Professions</b> How is the Govt working to improve the participation rate of Indigenous people in higher education and to attract Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to the health professions?
EW748_09	3	ALLISON	AD	133	<b>Evaluation of Yachad methodology</b> Mr Greer—It is yet to be agreed for publication, but if you are asking for a copy, we can certainly take it on notice and—
EW749_09	9	FISHER	LP	115	Has the department advised the minister on mechanisms by which agreement making and wages could be linked to productivity in the manner perhaps anticipated by the policy?