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QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Senator	Party	Hansard/ Ref	QUESTION
EW0001_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	Job Services Australia – The Tender Process At what point in the 7 step decision making process were additional ESPs offered business in the ESAs (which were discussed with Ms Golightly this morning). Was it during the 7 step process or after the completion of the 7 step process? Who made the decision to offer the additional ESPs business in the ESAs?
EW0002_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	Jobs and Training Compact What is the Government's estimate for average duration on Youth Allowance from 1 July 2009?
EW0003_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	What percentage of Youth Allowance recipients is estimated to exit income support within a) 3 months from 1 July 2009? b) 12 months from 1 July 2009
EW0004_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	What proportion of Youth Allowance recipients is estimated to achieve an employment outcome from 1 July 2009?
EW0005_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	What are the key performance indicators to measure the elements of the Jobs Compact?
EW0006_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	What are the expected employment outcomes from the Jobs Compact?
EW0007_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	How will the number of jobs created as a result of the Jobs Compact be measured?
EW0008_10	4	Cash	LP	Written	How does the training offered as a component of the Jobs Compact directly lead to employment?
EW0009_10	5	Cash	LP	Written	I refer to the announcement by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, on 27 May 2009, appointing Mr Tom Phillips AM as the Chair of the Safe Work Australia Council. Will the Minister advise of the nature of the consultation process undertaken in relation to this appointment including, who was consulted and on what dates were they were consulted. Was there a requirement that prior to the appointment of the Chair of the Safe Work Australia Council - consultation was to occur with Workplace Relations Ministers Council? If Yes, i. Was the Workplace Relations Ministers Council consulted in relation to the appointment? ii. On what dates did this consultation occur? iii. Was the consultation completed prior to Mr Phillips' appointment being finalised? iv. What were the nature of the discussions the subject of the consultation? v. If no consultation occurred with the Workplace Relations Ministers Council prior to the appointment being finalised, was this with the sanction of the Minister and if not why did this consultation not occur?
EW0010_10	5	Cash	LP	Written	I refer to the Occupation Health and Safety Model Legislation Recommendations. What are the public policy elements that underpin and support Recommendation 120, dealing with the introduction of a conciliation concept for resolution of issues and the power for Health and Safety Representatives to stop work?
EW0011_10	5	Cash	LP	Written	What are the public policy elements that underpin and support Recommendation 106, dealing with the power for Health and Safety Representatives to stop work?
EW0012_10	5	Cash	LP	Written	What are the public policy elements that underpin and support Recommendation 128, dealing with the issue of reverse onus of proof for discrimination issues?
EW0013_10	5	Cash	LP	Written	What are the public policy elements that underpin and support Recommendations 204-222, dealing with right of entry issues?
EW0014_10	5	Cash	LP	Written	What are the public policy elements that underpin and support Recommendations 56-59, dealing with the level of penalties?
EW0015_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Newstart, Youth Allowance The number of Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) recipients by duration on payments (e.g. less than 1 year, 1-2yrs, 2-5 yrs, over 5 yrs), employment status, with state and national breakdowns (see EW138-08 from Additional Estimates 2007-08, but add a column for the national data)

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EW0016_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) recipients by activity test exemption category (incapacity, temporary exemptions for principal carers, other exemptions for principal carers), with state and national breakdowns
EW0017_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of NSA, YA (other) recipients, by participation in approved training.
EW0018_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of Parenting Payment Single, PP Partnered recipients by duration on payments, employment status, with state and national breakdowns
EW0019_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of NSA, YA (other) recipients receiving Pensioner Education Supplement
EW0020_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) recipients who are sole parents (and principal carers) with state and national breakdowns
EW0021_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) recipients with a partial work capacity, with state and national breakdowns
EW0022_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Since July 2006, the number of sole parents entering Newstart/Youth Allowance (Other), including separate data for those whose youngest child reaches 8 years, with state and national breakdowns
EW0023_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The proportion of the above group who were still in receipt of Newstart/Youth Allowance (Other) or other social security payments either 6 months or 12 months later (if possible indicating how many left social security for employment), with state and national breakdowns
EW0024_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Since July 2006, the number of people with partial capacity to work entering Newstart/Youth Allowance (Other), including separate data for those who transferred directly from DSP, with state and national breakdowns
EW0025_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The proportion of the above group who were still in receipt of Newstart/Youth Allowance (Other) or other social security payments either 6 months or 12 months later (if possible indicating how many left social security for employment), with state and national breakdowns
EW0026_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of new claims for Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) for each of the last 3 months compared with the same periods 12 months previously, and the numbers of claims granted, with state and national breakdowns
EW0027_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	The number of new claims for Parenting Payment (Single and Partnered) for each of the last 3 months compared with the same periods 12 months previously, and the numbers of claims granted, with state and national breakdowns.
EW0028_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Estimates for the next 5 years of the number of recipients of working age payments, broken down by payment type and estimates for the long term receipt of each payment (>1 year) in each of those years and the average duration of receipt of each payment in each of those years.
EW0029_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Employment programs and outcomes: Employment outcomes (fulltime, part time, and none) 3 months after participating in different stages of the Job Network continuum for: Newstart or Youth Allowance (other) recipients generally
EW0030_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Employment outcomes (fulltime, part time, and none) 3 months after participating in different stages of the Job Network continuum for: sole parents and partnered parents with activity requirements on Newstart or Youth Allowance (other), sole parents and partnered parents with activity requirements on PP
EW0031_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Employment outcomes (fulltime, part time, and none) 3 months after participating in different stages of the Job Network continuum for: Newstart or Youth Allowance (other) recipients with a partial work capacity
EW0032_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Numbers of job seekers in each stage of the Job Network continuum, including the numbers classified as 'highly disadvantaged'.
EW0033_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Numbers of jobseekers in each of the major specialist disability programs
EW0034_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Numbers of jobseekers in PSP
EW0035_10	3	Siewert	AG	Written	Numbers of jobseekers on various social security payments (including NSA, YA(O), PP, DSP, CP) commencing training through the Participation Places program

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EW0036_10	Comcare	Siewert	AG	Written	COMCARE How is the objective in the SRC Act to provide 75% of normal weekly earnings reconciled with persons receiving benefits under section 21 of less than 50%?
EW0037_10	Comcare	Siewert	AG	Written	In relation to the 5% deduction for notional superannuation in section 21): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the rationale behind this deduction or calculation? • Where does the 5% amount go – is it remitted to a superannuation fund for the benefit of the recipient? • Do recipients in receipt of workers compensation under section 21 receive that money as superannuation at some point in the future? If so when and how?
EW0038_10	Comcare	Siewert	AG	Written	In relation to the deduction for 'weekly interest on the lump sum" (the deeming rate calculation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the deeming rate applied under section 21 determined? • Why is the deeming rate not set at the Family payment rate of 3%? What rationale is there for the rate under the SRC Act to be significantly higher than for family payments? • Who determines if the deeming rate is applied to the gross or net amount of compensation under section 21? • How is that determination made? Are you prepared to review the decision to apply the deeming rate to the gross amount? • What is the rationale for applying the deeming rate to the gross amount rather than the net?
EW0039_10	5	Siewert	AG	Written	When was the report from the recent review into Comcare delivered to the Minister? When will the report be made public?
EW0040_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	DEEWR How are Comcare payments taken into account in determining eligibility for parenting payments?
EW0041_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	In determining parenting payment eligibility, is the compensation that is taken into account the amount actually received under section 21 or the amount before the deductions are made for notional superannuation and the deeming rate?
EW0042_10	4	Siewert	AG	Written	Is the Government confident that the interaction between workers compensation and parenting payment results in fair treatment?
EW0043_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Abetz	LP	Written	How much interest has been earned from the monies held on trust for employees by the Workplace Ombudsman?
EW0044_10	AFPC	Siewert	AG	Written	Fair Pay Commission Is it true that the formula the Fair Pay Commission is using for determining the cost of living when setting the minimum wage underestimates the true costs of housing and over-estimates government rent assistance to low-income earners?
EW0045_10	AFPC	Siewert	AG	Written	Does the Commission use the Henderson Poverty Line estimates for housing costs rather than the ABS Year Book figures?
EW0046_10	AFPC	Siewert	AG	Written	Why doesn't the Commission use the Year Book figures?
EW0047_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Written	Fair Work Australia and award modernisation Is DEEWR aware of Aged & Community Services SA modelling that indicates that a typical aged care provider will gain \$1,100 per bed from the Budget but lose \$6,000 to \$8,000 per bed in award modernisation costs?
EW0048_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Written	What is DEEWR's response to this modelling?
EW0049_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Written	Given its central role in funding aged care, what instructions has the Federal Government provided instruction to DEEWR to plan to assist with the transition of the aged care sector to modern awards? If so, have these instructions included consideration of additional funding for aged care providers to meet the costs of modern awards?

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EW0050_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Written	Recently, the ANF called for aged care nurses to be paid at the same level of hospital nurses (as has the aged care sector for many years). The Productivity Commission said this would cost \$400m in the first year and then \$100m every year after that, just to catch up. Can DEEWR confirm the costs projected by the Productivity Commission?
EW0051_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Written	What instructions has DEEWR been given to explore options to respond to the calls for aged care nurses to be provided with the same pay and conditions as nurses working in hospitals?
EW0052_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Written	Have these instructions included the consideration of increasing funding to aged care providers to employ more nursing staff at the higher level of pay and conditions under modern awards? If so, what have these considerations concluded?
EW0053_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Office for Youth Website How much did the Office for Youth (www.youth.gov.au) website cost to design and set up?
EW0054_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	How often is the website updated?
EW0055_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	How many hits does the site receive on a daily or weekly basis?
EW0056_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	The Government's "Quick Guide to Youth Budget and Other Relevant Measures 2009" Document Who produced the Quick Guide to Youth Budget?
EW0057_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	What was the cost of producing the Guide to Youth Budget?
EW0058_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	How has this document been distributed?
EW0059_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	To whom has the document distributed? If the booklet was distributed, what was the cost of this distribution?
EW0060_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	How many downloads of the document have there been from the Youth website?
EW0061_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	The Minister's press release about this Budget statement makes reference to Minister Ellis' online videos which outlines the key priorities for young Australians in the Budget. http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Ellis/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090515_154343.aspx a) What was the production cost for this video? b) How many hits/views of the Minister for Youth's online Budget video have there been? c) How long will this video remain on the site?
EW0062_10	4	Payne	LP	Written	In relation to the changing of the eligibility criteria for youth allowance which will have such a significant effect on so many young people, why was the decision taken to provide so little detail on this matter in this Youth Budget document – the document devotes a scant 10 lines to the matter? Is it the case that the Government is happy to provide the so-called "good news" but could not be bothered to provide detail on the bad news?
EW0063_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	The Australian Youth Forum How many Australian Youth Forum website hits has the site had?
EW0064_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	What was the cost of the website and how often is it updated?
EW0065_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Australian Youth Forum – Outreach Events How many Australian Youth Forum Outreach Events have been held to date? Where have they been held? Who hosted these events? What was the public attendance at this/these events?
EW0066_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Who attended these events on behalf of the Government and any relevant Departments? What were the travel costs for any government or departmental representatives?
EW0067_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	What was the total cost of holding each of these events? a. Where is the funding for this programme identified in the Portfolio Budget Statement? How much is allocated?
EW0068_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Which Members of Parliament were invited to attend these events?
EW0069_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Which Coalition MPs or Senators were invited to attend these Outreach Events?
EW0070_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	What were the key themes that came out of the Outreach Events in Tasmania?

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EW0071_10	4	Payne	LP	Written	Given that one of the key themes was "student support" would it not make more sense to provide more specific detail in the Youth Guide Budget document to the changes to Youth Allowance?
EW0072_10	4	Payne	LP	Written	If the Government is interested in listening to the views of young Australians would it not make more sense to be more upfront about the changes to youth allowance?
EW0073_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	What plans are there to hold more Outreach Events in the coming 12 months? What are the locations for these events?
EW0074_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Youth Engagement Steering Committee Can you tell me about the YouThink Forums? How do they differ from the Australian Youth Forum Out Reach Events?
EW0075_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	How many You Think Forums have there been? What was the cost of these Forums? Can you provide a breakdown of all costs associated with the Forums? Who was invited to these Forums? Who hosted the Forums? Who decided who was invited? Has the Shadow Minister or a member of the Opposition been invited to take part in any of these Forums?
EW0076_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Who produced the video on the website, and how much did this cost?
EW0077_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	What feedback has been provided to those who participated in the YouTHINK Forums?
EW0078_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	What specific actions is the Government taking in direct response to any of the Forum outcomes?
EW0079_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	On the Australian Youth Forum website there are discussions about Binge Drinking and Global Poverty Who decides what topics should be discussed on the site? Are the comments posted up there moderated, edited or censored? How many comments have not been posted up and what was the reason for this? Who decides what is posted and what is not? If some comments are not posted, are submitters notified their comments will not be posted?
EW0080_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Is there an email database associated with the website? How many young people are on this database? Are people asked to provide their age? Can you provide details of where these people are from eg: numbers by State, postcode etc?
EW0081_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	In regards to the Youth Development and Support Program- funding reallocation identified in Budget Paper 2 pg 188. a Is the Youth Sponsorship Initiative ceasing to operate? If so, what impact will this have? b What are "eligible" organisations as stated in Budget Paper 2 – youth groups, State Governments, etc? c When will the funding round be announced? Or is it open?
EW0082_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	Youth Linx, Mentor Marketplace and Transition to Independent Living Allowance Are all three of these programmes continuing?
EW0083_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	In the Budget Statement, there appears to be a significant reduction in the numbers of people assisted through the YouthLinx programme – can you explain this? The number of contacts with young people has halved – are these year to date figures?
EW0084_10	3	Payne	LP	Written	You have also stated the maximum number of people assisted under the Transition to Independent Living Allowance does not change (remains at 2,260) every year until 2012. a. Is there currently an oversubscription in terms of the demand for TILA? b. How will the increased rate of TILA from \$1,000 to \$1,500 as announced in the Budget 2009-10 affect the demand for TILA? c. How will the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children impact on the demand for TILA?
EW0085_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Youth Allowance – other How is "full time study" defined?"
EW0086_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Will the Youth Allowance Employment Pathway Plan have different requirements to other Employment Pathway Plans? If so what?
EW0087_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	How many young people under age 21 will be affected by the changes to Youth Allowance under the "learn or earn" policy?

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EW0088_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	How many young people under 21 will no longer receive youth allowance because of these proposed changes? (that is, how many young people under 21 do not have a year 12 education and are not in full time study?)
EW0089_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What if there are no suitable education accessible (appropriate schools, training institutions or courses)? How will the government determine what is appropriate or not?
EW0090_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	How many young people currently on Youth Allowance suffer from other disadvantage that will make it difficult to comply with "learn or earn"?
EW0091_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Homelessness What arrangements will be in place to cater for homeless young people as part of Earn or Learn? Quote from The West Australian 1st May (I've attached the article) Ms Gillard accepted there were young people living in difficult circumstances, such as homelessness. "But with creative provision of education, they can be back, back learning, back gaining self esteem and self respect and back gaining opportunities that are going to make a difference for the rest of their lives."
EW0092_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What does Gillard's comment on "creative provision of education" for homeless people mean?
EW0093_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Will there be special provisions for homeless young people built into the way that Earn or Learn operates? How can they be expected to attend school or training when they have nowhere to live and no permanent contact details?
EW0094_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What arrangements will be in place to cater for transient young people who move from one friend's couch to another as part of Earn or Learn?
EW0095_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Mental health issues What arrangements will be in place to cater for young people with ADHD and other serious mental health issues that inhibit them for interacting with authority figures who have had a lifetime difficulty relating to ability to learn or work as part of Earn or Learn? Will there be specialist case management available for people in these circumstances?
EW0096_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Drug and alcohol issues What arrangements will be in place to cater for young people with drug and alcohol issues/ issues relating to family violence and abuse who have had a lifetime difficulty relating to ability to learn as part of Earn or Learn?
EW0097_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What arrangements will be in place to cater for newly arrived refugees without English who have just arrived from refugee camps, have had a history of disrupted learning if they have had any opportunities for formal education, have significant responsibilities relating to their large families who do not come from a culture that understands the important of education or out of home employment and where study in cramped housing conditions is very difficult as part of Earn or Learn?
EW0098_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What safety net will be put in place for all these young people to ensure that they are not further disadvantaged and excluded from society by Earn or Learn?
EW0099_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Implementation How will the scheme be implemented? Is it intended to operate like the Centrelink breaching system for welfare payments?
EW0100_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What information will be provided to young people and their parents in relation to how the program will work?
EW0101_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What will be the conditions under which payments will be stopped and what will be the arrangements for special circumstances such as those described above?
EW0102_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	How will the system of exceptional circumstances operate and how will young people and their parents be made aware of these arrangements?

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EW0103_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Childcare General What measures have been taken by the Government to ensure that another ABC Learning saga cannot happen again with another profit corporation?
EW0104_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What are the current childcare waiting lists like around the country? State by state breakdown
EW0105_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Given the Government, through Minister Gillard, announced on Budget night that, <i>“the remaining 222 (of the planned 260) early learning and care centres will be considered when the child care market is settled and based on the experience of the priority centres,</i> will the Government release childcare vacancy data, to better inform parents on the vacancy rates in the sector?
EW0106_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Of the 34 new centres that have been announced – are there any for South Australia? If not, why not?
EW0107_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	I know of an example where a Montessori provider has taken over a ABC centre in South Australia. a. Will a Montessori curriculum be implemented? b. If so in what time frame (immediate or gradual?) c. Will current staff be trained in this mode or will they be replaced? d. If they are to be retrained will this be at personal, operator or government cost? e. How will this be undertaken without disruption to the staffing of the centre? f. Was this aspect (i.e. impact of different curriculum) part of selection criteria process?
EW0108_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	ABC Staff: How many ABC staff have been kept on? What was the timeframe for notifying these staff if they were not required? How were they notified? How many staff were transferred to other existing ABC Learning centres? Were staff that were made redundant, eligible for any entitlements?
EW0109_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Schools Please provide detailed information on the best available estimates of general recurrent grants for non-government schools, identifying Catholic systemic and other independent schools separately, for the funding quadrennium (2009 – 2012). For each school, please provide the school number, location, state, postcode, federal electorate, 2009-2012 SES Score, 2009-2012 % of AGSRC (based on SES Score), 2009-2012 % of AGSRC or FM, Funding Status as at 1/1/2009. For each school, and for each year 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, please provide projected primary and secondary enrolments, per capita amounts in respect of primary and secondary students and total funding. Please provide this information in Excel format, or in a form that can be readily converted to Excel format. Please explain the underlying assumptions such as rates of inflation and projected changes in AGSRC.
EW0110_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Please update the answer E59_08 from Additional Estimates 2007-2008 with actual amounts. That is, please provide actual general recurrent grants for non-government schools, identifying Catholic systemic and other independent schools separately, for the funding year 2008. For each school, please provide the school number, location, state, postcode, federal electorate, 2005-2008 SES Score, 2005-2008 % of AGSRC (based on SES Score), 2005-2008 % of AGSRC or FM, Funding Status for 2008. For each school, please provide actual primary and secondary enrolments, per capita amounts in respect of primary and secondary students and total funding. Please provide this information in Excel format, or in a form that can be readily converted to Excel format.
EW0111_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	For each year 2009 to 2012, please provide the AGSRC and provide the assumptions on which this is based.

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EW0112_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	<p>Please update the answer EW60_08 from Additional Estimates 2007-2008 by providing detailed information on grants to non-government schools, other than recurrent grants, identifying Catholic systemic and other independent schools separately, for each year for the year 2008, and 2009 if the data is available.</p> <p>For each school, please provide the school number, location, state, postcode, and in separate columns, each type of non-recurrent funding, including capital grants, establishment grants, emergency funding and other programs in respect of schools, including school chaplains. Please provide this information in Excel format, or in a form that can be readily converted to Excel format.</p> <p>1. Please provide detailed estimates of funding to each non-government school, other than general recurrent funding for each year from 2009 to 2012, inclusive. For each school, please provide the school number, location, state, postcode, type (Catholic systemic or independent) and in separate columns, each type of non-recurrent funding, identifying the type of non-recurrent funding. Please provide this information in Excel format, or in a form that can be readily converted to Excel format.</p>
EW0113_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	<p>Private school funding</p> <p>Do private schools have the same accountability standards as public schools? Please outline the accountability standards for private schools in receipt of government funding?</p>
EW0114_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	<p>Does the commonwealth require states to regularly audit schools to ensure they are receiving funding for students actually enrolled?</p>
EW0115_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	<p>Higher Ed</p> <p>The government has accepted to recommendation of the Bradley review to implement participation targets of 40% of 25-34 year olds to have degree qualifications and 20% of undergraduate enrolments be low socio-economic status students. I note the target of 40% is to be met by 2025 rather than 2020 as recommended by Bradley.</p> <p>The Bradley review also recommended a 10% increase for the base teaching and learning grants which the Government has not adopted.</p> <p>Can these targets be met without the increase to base teaching and learning funding recommended by Bradley? If so explain how? Please identify the funding measures in the budget that will enable the higher education system to meet these targets?</p>
EW0116_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	<p>The Bradley Review recommendation to introduce a demand driven entitlement system for undergraduate students has been adopted by the Government.</p> <p>I note that in the Bradley report the indicative cost of such as system was \$1.130b over 3 years (2010-11 to 2012-12) and the budget measure for demand driven funding is only \$490.6m over 4 years (09-10 to 2012-13).</p> <p>Can you explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the budget measure provides for precisely? • The difference between the budget measure and the Bradley recommendation and indicative costs? <p>How many more Commonwealth supported places will this initiative create? Has the Government undertaken any research on what effects this new model will have on the breadth of courses available at universities? Is there a chance that universities would increase places in money generating courses rather than providing breadth?</p>
EW0117_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	<p>The Bradley review recommended revising the Higher Education Index Factor at a cost of \$1.14b over 4 years. The Government seems to have accepted the need to revise the indexation arrangements with the budget providing \$557.6m over 3 years for revised indexation arrangements.</p> <p>Can you please explain the new indexation arrangements the Government intends to introduce and how they differ from the Bradley recommendation?</p>

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EW0118_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	The government has also accepted the Bradley review's recommendation around lifting participation rates of students for low SES backgrounds. There is again a disparity in the funding recommended by Bradley and the funding provided in the budget. Can you detail what funding measures in the budget will go towards this aim and how they differ from the Bradley review? Is the Government confident these participation targets can be met?
EW0119_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Resources for implementing Youth Compact How many extra students will be in high schools as a result of this policy?
EW0120_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Are extra resources being provided for public schools to deal with increase?
EW0121_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	If a young person is not of school age or local schools are not appropriate, how will year 12 equivalent education be provided? (eg private training providers)
EW0122_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	What does Gillard's comment on "creative provision of education" for disadvantaged young people mean?
EW0123_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	Is there any additional funding for the "creative provision of education" that Minister Gillard acknowledges may be necessary for young people in difficult circumstances eg homelessness?
EW0124_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	General Youth: Youth Support How is the national advisory group on body image coming along? Is there a timeframe for when the voluntary industry code of conduct on body image will be released? Once finalised, how will industry be encouraged to adopt the code of conduct?
EW0125_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Written	In relation to the sexualisation of children in the media, and in advertising, will this component be part of the national advisory group's discussion on drafting the voluntary code?
EW0126_10	4	Adams	LP	Written	By increasing the pension age to 67, this will mean people will remain in the workforce for longer periods of time. Minister Jenny Macklin stated that 'people over 50 would be re-skilled', can you please explain what sort of re-skilling would be done for a 55 year old man who has been a carpenter since he was 16 and whose computer skills are basic? Where will the funding for this 'reskilling' come from?
EW0127_10	2	Mason	LP	Written	In DEEWR Question No. EW831_09 2008, I asked: c) Given the emphasis on assisting "primary schools which have no music programs" can the Department advise how many primary schools in Australia currently have no music program? In response, the Government advised: A 2003 survey by the Music Council of Australia found that 23 per cent of state schools (primary and secondary) had no music program. Was it not the case that the Music Council of Australia report, as cited in Labor's own Federal Election Policy, found that only 23 per cent of Australian State School students (primary and secondary) had access to a school music program?

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EW0128_10	2	Mason	LP	Written	<p>In DEEWR Question No. EW831_09 2008, I asked:</p> <p>c) Given the emphasis on assisting “primary schools which have no music programs” can the Department advise how many primary schools in Australia currently have no music program?</p> <p>In response, the Government advised: The report of the National Review of School Music Education (2005) commented that it was “not possible to give a complete and accurate portrait of student participation and achievement in music across Australian schools. States and Territories do not aggregate information on students studying music K-10”.</p> <p>One of the specific proposals of the National Music Workshop was to mandate reporting of school music provision by the States and Territories. What has this Government done to ensure that each State and Territory reports on the quantity and quality of school music provision?</p>
EW0129_10	2	Mason	LP	Written	<p>I note Minister Garrett’s Media Release dated 17 April 2009, entitled, “Arts in Australia’s National School Curriculum” which states:</p> <p>Education Ministers today decided that the arts, including music, should form part of the second stage of national curriculum development. In 2007 Labor made an election commitment that geography and languages would be included in the second stage of development.</p> <p>I would note that there are already eight very good music curricula in Australia – the problem is that most schools do not have the resources to actually deliver them.</p> <p>Could the Government please advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will delivery of this new national music curriculum be mandatory? 2. What programs, resources or funding will be made available to States or Schools to enable them to deliver on this new national music curriculum?
EW0130_10	2	Mason	LP	Written	<p>In an article in The Australian by Corrie Perkin December 18, 2008 entitled, “Garrett puts music’s power and passion on the agenda” it reports that Minister Garrett will be responsible for taking any school music initiative to MCEETYA.</p> <p>Which Minister is responsible for school music? Deputy Prime Minister Gillard, or Minister Garrett?</p>

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EW0131_10	2	Mason	LP	Written	<p>In DEEWR Question No. EW829_09, I asked: School Music Education Portal A central recommendation of the National Workshop on School Music Education (to which all of the States were delegates), was the formulation of a school music curriculum portal, available for use by all teachers nationally.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why has this project not been commenced or completed? What has happened to the funding allocation for this important project? Does the Government intend to proceed with the project? If the Government does not intend to proceed with the project, what are its reasons for cancelling the project? <p>In response, the Government advised: Proceeding with the development of a music education portal is a matter for the Government to consider in the light of its education priorities.</p> <p>I would note that this response did not address any of the constituent questions.</p> <p>Can the Government now advise on each of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has the Government considered the School Music Education Portal in light of its education priorities? Has the School Music Education Portal project commenced? Is there funding in place for the School Music Education Portal? If the Government does not intend to proceed with the School Music Education Portal, what are its reasons for cancelling the project? If the Government does not intend to proceed with the School Music Education Portal, What has happened to the funding allocation for this important project? If the Government does not intend to proceed with the School Music Education Portal, what alternatives are being considered?
EW0132_10	2	Mason	LP	Written	<p>I note Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Austender number DEEWR RFT PRN20304.</p> <p>The tender reads, "The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is seeking an experienced service provider with strong knowledge and understanding of the Australian schools (K to 12) to undertake a review of arrangements for the provision of online curriculum resources, and to identify gaps and needs in the key subject areas of English, mathematics, the sciences, history, geography and languages."</p> <p>In light of the apparent removal of funding for the School Music Education Portal, why was school music been excluded from this review of online curriculum resources?</p>
EW0133_10	2	Mason	LP		<p>I refer to the Investing in Our Schools Program, which was a \$1.2 billion initiative of the previous government between 2005 and 2008.</p> <p>Can the Government please advise the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What percentage of the Investing in Our Schools Program was spent by schools in commencing, maintaining or supplementing a school music or performing arts programme? How many schools received funding to commence, maintain or supplement a school music or performing arts programme? What new programmes have been put in place to assist schools in commencing, maintaining or supplementing a school music programme?

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EW0134_10	2	Mason	LP		<p>I refer to the latest Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), where Australian school students are being overtaken in international tests by countries traditionally scorned for their poor educational standards, including the United Kingdom.</p> <p>I also note the demonstrated linkages between school music and numeracy, and the Blair Government's goal of universal school music in the United Kingdom by 2012 under the Music Mandate.</p> <p>What plans does this Government have to utilise the ability of school music to improve literacy and numeracy?</p>
EW0135_10	2	Mason	LP	written	<p>Rural Student Hostel Funding</p> <p>Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations wrote to the Rural Student Hostels in Queensland advising that under the 29 November 2008 COAG National Education Agreement, it had been agreed that from 2009 Commonwealth funding for hostels would be provided to the States under the NEA. Was it the Commonwealth's expectation that the funding for hostels would be continued by the states?</p> <p>In the letter to Rural Students Hostels, the Department advised hostels to contact the Queensland Deptment of Education, Training and the Arts regarding payment arrangements for 2009 and gave a contact name.</p> <p>Are you aware that the Queensland Government has not made any subsidy payments to these hostels, and has given no indication whether or not payments will be made?</p> <p>Is it reasonable for the State Government to use money provided to it from the Commonwealth for funding student hostels for other purposes?</p> <p>What actions does the Commonwealth propose to take to ensure the financial viability of hostels which have not so far recieved any subsidy payments?</p>
EW0136_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	<p>Award modernisation process</p> <p>In respect of the Building and Construction General On-Site Award 2010, drafted under stage 2 of the award modernisation process; and specifically clause 17.2 of that award which relates to a redundancy pay entitlement of up to 8 weeks for workers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What (if any) involvement did the Department have in the process leading to drafting of the award and inclusion of the provision? 2. Did the department undertake any modelling or research in relation to the provision? 3. Has the Department modelled; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The cost of the provision to employers? What was found? II. What measures employers would engage to recover these additional costs? What would the implication be for consumers? III. The likelihood of employers seeking to engage workers on a subcontract basis to avoid paying redundancy pay? What did the Department find? IV. The effect of the provision on employment levels and job creation, particularly in areas where there has not previously been an entitlement to redundancy pay in the case of voluntary resignation? What was found? V. The impact on business viability of this measure? What was found? <p><i>17. Industry specific redundancy scheme</i> <i>17.1</i> <i>The following redundancy clause for the on-site building, engineering and civil construction industry (as defined) is an industry specific redundancy scheme as defined in section 1 of the NES. In accordance with s.64(4)(b) of the NES the provisions of Subdivision B—Redundancy pay of Division 10 of the NES do not apply to employers and employees covered by this award.</i> <i>17.2 Definition</i> <i>For the purposes of this clause, redundancy means a situation where an employee ceases to be employed by an employer to whom this award applies, other than for reasons of misconduct or refusal of duty. Redundant has a corresponding meaning.</i></p>

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EW0137_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	<p>In regard to the Deputy Prime Minister's Variation of Award Modernisation Request Under Section 576C(4) (the request) of 28 May 2009 regarding the restaurant and catering industry, and in particular to the following factors in the request;</p> <p>a. 'the operational requirements of the restaurant and catering industry', b. 'the labour intensive nature of the industry' c. 'the industry's core trading times'</p> <p>i. What (if any) formal or informal processes is the Department implementing to assess which other industries or sectors exhibit one or more of the determining factors to which the Minister refers? ii. Please describe: 1. The industries and sectors being assessed, 2. The processes involved, including timelines and involvement of any third parties.</p>
EW0138_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	<p>In regard to the Deputy Prime Minister's letter of 29 May 2009 to the President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission relating to the restaurant and catering industry, and in particular to the following factors itemised (the factors) in that letter;</p> <p>a. Issues of 'continuing viability' b. 'low profit margins' c. 'peak operating times of evenings and weekends' d. 'capacity of that sector to bear such (cost) increases, even with transitional arrangements' e. Sectors covered by 'different business models' to others in the industry f. Limited 'streams of revenue' g. 'high labour costs as a proportion of total expenses', and, h. 'very high award reliance'</p> <p>i. What (if any) formal or informal processes is the Department implementing to assess which other industries or sectors exhibit one or more of the factors? ii. Please describe; 1. The industries and sectors being assessed, 2. The processes involved, including timelines and involvement of any third parties.</p>
EW0139_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	<p>In regard to the Deputy Prime Minister's letter of 29 May 2009 to the President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission relating to the restaurant and catering industry, particularly the reference;</p> <p>"For example, in 2006-07, labour costs comprised 36.4 per cent of expenses. The average profit margin was 3.8 per cent for cafes and restaurants and 5.3 per cent for catering services businesses. This compares with 12.7 per cent for all industries. Furthermore, the broader accommodation, cafes and restaurants industry has a higher proportion of award-reliant employees than any other industry at 52.3 per cent, compared with 17.4 per cent across all industries."</p> <p>a. Please provide the corresponding figures for financial years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2007-08. b. Please detail the method of calculating both the above, and corresponding figures cited in the Minister's letter.</p>

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EW0140_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	<p>In regard to the Deputy Prime Minister's letter of 29 May 2009 to the President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission relating to the restaurant and catering industry, particularly the reference;</p> <p>"For example, in 2006-07, labour costs comprised 36.4 per cent of expenses. The average profit margin was 3.8 per cent for cafes and restaurants and 5.3 per cent for catering services businesses. This compares with 12.7 per cent for all industries. Furthermore, the broader accommodation, cafes and restaurants industry has a higher proportion of award-reliant employees than any other industry at 52.3 per cent, compared with 17.4 per cent across all industries."</p> <p>a. In respect of each of the sectors and industries proposed to be covered by the Cleaning Services Award 2010 (MA000022), i. Please provide the corresponding figures for financial years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 ii. Please detail the method of calculating the above.</p> <p>b. In respect of the cleaning services sector as a whole i. Please provide the corresponding figures for financial years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 ii. Please detail the method of calculating the above.</p>
EW0141_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	In its consideration of the operating hours of the restaurant and catering industry, what were the peak operating times for restaurant and café businesses?
EW0142_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	Has the department investigated the peak operating hours of the cleaning or aged care industries? If so, what was found?
EW0143_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	On what basis did DEEWR consider the restaurant and catering industry had 'very high award reliance'?
EW0144_10	5	Fisher	LP	written	Has the department considered the 'award reliance' of the cleaning and aged care industries? What was found?
EW0145_10	5	Brown	AG	written	<p>Remuneration Tribunal For each of the past five years how many MPs or senators, or their staff, have been consulted about:</p> <p>a. MPs' salaries b. electoral allowances c. other matters?</p>
EW0146_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	informally asked at SE	Could you please ask the Dept. to table the guidelines that Higher Educations Providers are to abide by?
EW0147_10	4	Payne	LP	written	<p>Australian Employment Covenant In 2009-10, what support or assistance is being provided by the government to the Australian Employment Covenant initiative, in dollar terms and in terms of staff and other resources? If funding is being provided in 2009-10, can the department indicate where in the Budget papers a reference to this funding can be found?</p>
EW0148_10	4	Payne	LP	written	<p>On 30 October 2008 the government announced it would commit \$400,000 to the AEC for an early enquiries call centre, and make resources available to coordinate and facilitate training for Indigenous participants and facilitate post-placement and mentor support. Can the department provide details about what resources have been made available so far, and what is planned for the future? How much of the \$400,000 has been expended?</p>
EW0149_10	4	Payne	LP	written	What role does DEEWR play in the AEC initiative? Do other departments or agencies have a role?
EW0150_10	Cross Portfolio	Boyce	LP	written	<p>Staff with a Disability How many people with a disability were employed full-time and how many part-time? What classifications were these staff employed under?</p>

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EW0151_10	Cross Portfolio	Boyce	LP	written	What percentage of staff in the Department had a disability at March 30, 2008 and March 30, 2009?
EW0152_10	Cross Portfolio	Boyce	LP	written	What programs does the Department have to encourage the employment of people with a disability?
EW0153_10	Cross Portfolio	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 6	Senator MASON—So are we not sure whether Mr Glover wrote the Sir Robert Menzies oration, either? Ms Pearce—I could check for you, if you like, Senator MASON—All right, and I think there was an oration—
EW0154_10	5	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 6-7	Senator MASON—You have? If you have, that is fine. That is all the questions on Mr Glover, I think. I would like to ask a question about a contract—CN178673. It is about management advisory services from a supplier called SMART. SMART is an acronym. It is a sponsorship agreement and there are no other details because it is confidential, apparently. I just want to know why it is confidential and what SMART does. What do they actually do?
EW0155_10	Cross Portfolio	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 7	Senator MASON—Yes. If you could do that, that would be great—and also the services and who the directors are. Another contract, 177768: 'A town hall meeting' at the Ainslie Football Club—attracted my interest. What was that for? Mr McDonald, is that yours? Mr McDonald—That would be a meeting of our IT staff in one place. We had to hire a venue big enough for the IT staff, so that is what that would be. The actual cost of it, I am not sure whether— Senator MASON—I can tell you that. It was \$10,000. Mr McDonald—I would have to check whether that was the actual cost, but it would have been a meeting to discuss the priorities for the IT group for the next period of time. Senator MASON—Priorities for the IT group? Mr McDonald—Yes, it is to bring them together. They are a big group. Senator MASON—Sure. And \$10,000 would have covered what? The venue? Mr McDonald—Yes, it would have been, I imagine, either a half day or a full day. We can get the detail for you.
EW0156_10	3	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 8	Youth Week Promotional products Senator MASON—What is the purpose of them?... Senator MASON—Can you get some examples for me? Mr McDonald—Yes. I will take that on notice. Senator MASON—That would include the shoelaces. I want to see if they have flugelbinders. I also want to see some examples of the sweat bands. Would that be all right? Can you get them as well? Mr McDonald—I will take that on notice.
EW0157_10	3	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 8	Senator MASON—How do we know whether the shoelaces and the sweat bands are effective? Ms Paul—There may be an evaluation of Youth Week, but we can find that out. Senator MASON—Can you also take on notice to find out how many shoelaces and sweat bands there are, Ms Paul? Ms Paul—Sure.
EW0158_10	5	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 8	Senator MASON—I will move now to other promotional products. Contract 178611 is \$50,000 from Chilli Promotions Pty Ltd. What type of products do they make? Mr McDonald—I do not know. Have you got any more detail? Senator MASON—I do not. It says 'business administration services, 7 July 2008 to 30 June 2009'. All I want to know is what sort of products they have. Mr McDonald—I will take that on notice if I can, Senator. I do not have that detail.

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EW0159_10	5	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 9	<p>Senator MASON—Similarly, for the same amount is the contract 178610 with Inkspott Promotions. Again, it is from 7 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 for \$50,000. Again, what type of promotional products are they? That is all.</p> <p>Mr McDonald—Can I take those on notice, Senator, and provide you with the detail?</p>
EW0160_10	4	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 9	<p>CN179526</p> <p>Senator MASON—. I will now move to contract CN179526. This is for \$96,800. It is for the 'Review of the effectiveness, appropriateness and efficiency of the proposed wording of the revised Job Seeker Classification Instrument.' What is that? What is going on there?</p> <p>Ms Paul—The job seeker classification instrument is the major instrument that is used by Centrelink and so on to work out how disadvantaged, if you like, a job seeker is. The job seeker classification instrument is the fundamental instrument which is administered to a job seeker to work out, for example, whether they face additional barriers—mental illness, homelessness, drug and alcohol issues and so on. The result of that assessment using the job seeker classification instrument informs the level of assistance that is offered to them. I do not know what that contract is for. I could take that on notice. We are constantly evaluating the effectiveness of the instrument. It is a world renowned instrument, actually. It is very good, but we continue to test it. We can find that out for you, anyway.</p> <p>Senator MASON—It is 'Review of the effectiveness, appropriateness and efficiency of the proposed wording'.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes. That is because of the way—</p> <p>Senator MASON—Why can't that be done within the department? Clearly the specialty of your department is those issues.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes, it is. I will check it for you, but, for example, it could have been that there were field tests involved for which we did not have sufficient numbers of staff. I just do not know. It might have been field testing different instruments with job seekers themselves, which we would not necessarily have the number of staff to do. We can check it for you if you lik</p>
EW0161_10	4	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 9	<p>CN179526</p> <p>Senator MASON—It says, 'Review of the effectiveness, appropriateness and efficiency of the proposed wording'. Is that review going to be published?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I do not know. I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW0162_10	4	Payne	LP	Monday Pg 10	<p>Contracts regarding tourism</p> <p>Senator MASON—Right. We will see how we go. There are several contracts, I think about seven or eight contracts, regarding tourism. I will quickly read out the numbers: 177371, 177370, 177319, 177320, 177342, 177346, 177355, 177373, 177374. They relate to the general issue of tourism. The first one, 11371, is an \$800,000 contract—again, this is a sizable amount of money—for a 'tourism development office project'. What was that for? The supplier details read 'Tourism NT'. What is that about?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think we will have to take that on notice. I do not know, it is not—</p>
EW0163_10	4	Payne	LP	Monday Pg 10	<p>Senator MASON—All right. Again, No. 177370 is a contract for \$800,000. These are big contracts; they are not small. The description reads, 'Tourism Hubs, Alice Springs and Darwin', and the supplier details, again, 'Tourism NT'. Again, too, the consultants have skills not currently unavailable in the agency. Can you find out—</p> <p>Ms Paul—Sure. Is it all in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Senator MASON—I think they are, because—</p> <p>Ms Paul—It sounds—</p> <p>Senator MASON—Well, 'Western Cape Chamber of Commerce' would be in Queensland. Isn't that right, Senator Ludwig?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig—Yes, by the sound of that.</p> <p>Ms Paul—It will be connected to some of our programmatic responsibilities, and we must have drawn on those agencies to help us out. We had best take it on notice, I think.</p>

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EW0164_10	4	Payne	LP	Monday Pg 10	<p>Senator MASON—Contract No. 177319 relates to the Western Chamber of Commerce. It is for the sum of \$655,000 for an ‘economic development officer and mentor’. Could you please find out the details of that, Ms Paul. I mean the details of who is being employed and so forth.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Sure. My guess—it is only a guess at this point—would be that it is something to do with our Indigenous Employment Program, and we can confirm that for you</p>
EW0165_10	Cross Portfolio	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 11	<p>Senator CASH—I have one follow-up question. How many IT staff does the department employ on a fulltime basis and on a part-time basis?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We will take that on notice.</p>
EW0166_10	Cross Portfolio	Humphries	LP	Monday Pg 12	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Mr Chair, I have a couple more cross-portfolio questions. Sorry, I meant to ask this before. I think I have asked questions previously about leave taken by staff in the department, particularly issues relating to stress leave. Are you able to give me any indication of levels of leave taken by officers in this department, particularly relating to stress leave?</p> <p>Mr Johnson—Not particularly in relation to stress leave. We monitor sick leave, carers leave and other leave within the department, miscellaneous leave, but we would have to take it on notice if you were particularly interested in—</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think the only way we would get to that would be through Comcare claims, but we could look into that.</p>
EW0167_10	Cross Portfolio	Humphries	LP	Monday Pg 12	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Can that information be extracted to indicate the number of hours being worked as overtime or other kinds of extraordinary outside-normal-working-hours work undertaken by officers?</p> <p>Mr Johnson—I will have to take that on notice, because I am not sure whether we would be able to track down to that level of detail for 5,000 to 6,000 staff.</p>
EW0168_10	Cross Portfolio	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 13	<p>Senator CASH—I have one more question in relation to IT. Is the department able to provide the total expenditure on IT subcontracting for the last 12 months?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes, we probably are, so we will take that on notice.</p>
EW0169_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 17	<p>Mature age strategy</p> <p>Senator CASH—Was the mature age strategy effective?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig—Perhaps there is another way of putting it? I am not sure they can actually say. The question is whether there was an evaluation of the program.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am just checking to see whether we had an evaluation done....</p> <p>Pg 18: Mr Carters—We will need to take that on notice. We will need to check whether there was a formal evaluation done. I think that is probably the best solution.</p>
EW0170_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 18	<p>18 elements</p> <p>Mr Carters—We can provide the current one, as in the one that operates for Job Network now. The one that will operate for Job Services Australia from 1 July is still not quite finalised.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You mentioned, I think, 18 elements?</p> <p>Mr Carters—It was 18 factors, yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—It is actually the 18 factors that I would like to see. Is it possible to get a copy of them?</p> <p>Mr Carters—Yes, that is fine. We can do that.</p>

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EW0171_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 19	<p>Senator CASH—In terms of the program you are referring to, how much is based on training and how much is based on real employment participation, and fundamentally getting them into the workforce and getting them a job?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We can pull out the figures for you—</p> <p>Senator CASH—That would be great if you could.</p> <p>Ms Paul—but there is a considerable commitment of funding on both counts. So in terms of the training, literacy and apprenticeship support and the Bradley support, it is many, many hundreds of millions of dollars. And we can enumerate that. The higher education reforms come to over \$5 billion and, of course, most of that goes to young people. Other than the \$4.9 billion through Job Services Australia, which goes to our young people as much as to any other jobseeker, the \$650 million Jobs Fund will also be relevant, as I have just said.</p>
EW0172_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 20	<p>Senator CASH—To circumvent you having to go on, could I get you to, perhaps, take on notice to provide to the committee a list of the specific elements that target each individual group—youth, mature age and women? Is it easier to do it in that way? Will I get all the information?</p>
EW0173_10	4	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 21	<p>Senator MASON—Is the review that was completed by TNS available?</p> <p>Mr Matheson—I am just consulting my Blackberry. I do not think that it is.</p> <p>Mr Carters—No.</p> <p>Mr Matheson—No it is not.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Can you make it available to the committee?</p> <p>Senator Ludwig—We will have a look at that. There may be commercial-in-confidence reasons—</p> <p>Senator MASON—I am just looking at the contract. It does not seem to be confidential—</p> <p>Senator Ludwig—I thought I would raise it in any event.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Outputs, consultancy, yes. There does not seem to be in the contract as I have got it. Subject to those issues, could you make that available to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Matheson—My understanding is that it was an internal document, but we will have a look at it.</p>
EW0174_10	4	Mason	LP	Monday Pg 22	<p>Review of the JSCI</p> <p>Ms Paul—It is something we do regularly, every couple of years. We can draw out for you where the differences are, if you like.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Could you do that as well, the differences.</p>
EW0175_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 26	<p>Agency Adjustment Fund</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are you able to table a copy of the guidelines?</p> <p>Ms Kidd—Certainly, but I think they are on the website as well.</p>
EW0176_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 27	<p>Senator CASH—Are you able to provide a breakdown of how many subcontractors tendered in their own right for services but were unsuccessful in their tender?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—What we could give you, I think—and I would need to take it on notice to get you the number—is, for those who we know are subcontractors in the current system, whether they tendered in their own right and were successful or unsuccessful. Is that what you are asking?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay. Can you provide the breakdown at 1 July of subcontractors or providers who tendered and were unsuccessful but then became subcontractors?</p>
EW0177_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 28	<p>Senator CASH—Under the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, should the list of subcontractors be made public?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—My understanding is that, under the procurement guidelines, we need to publish the contracts that we have with people. That is what we do.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you take that on notice and just ensure that that is the correct procedure?</p>

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EW0178_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 28	<p>Job Network providers continuing under the new Job Services Australia</p> <p>Senator CASH— ... How many current Job Network providers will be continuing under the new Job Services Australia contract in Toowoomba?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I do not have the ESA-by-ESA details here, sorry, but we can find that out for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—That would be fantastic. Can you also provide me with the information in relation to the Tiwi Islands?</p> <p>..</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you provide me with the information in relation to the current Job Network case load on Lord Howe Island?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And information on how many providers were awarded business to serve Lord Howe Island?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly. I should mention that 95 per cent of the Job Services Australia contractors are existing contractors. That is a national figure for you</p>
EW0179_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 29	<p>Senator CASH—I asked you previously whether, according to the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, you had to publish a list of subcontractors. Clause 7.26 on page 20 of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines states:</p> <p>To enhance transparency, agencies must make available on request, the names of any sub-contractor engaged by a contractor in respect of a Commonwealth contract for procurement.</p> <p>a. Agencies must require contractors to agree to the public disclosure of the names of any sub-contractors ... et cetera and—</p> <p>b. Contractors must be required to inform relevant sub-contractors that the sub-contractor's participation in fulfilling a Commonwealth contract for procurement may be publicly disclosed.</p> <p>Does the department adhere to all of those guidelines?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will need to take that and check it with my procurement people.</p>
EW0180_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 31	<p>Tenders to offer specialist services</p> <p>Senator CASH—How many of the 158 were currently providing the service under the current Job Network? And how many were successful?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I need to take that on notice. There are less specialists in the current Job Network.</p>
EW0181_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 31	<p>Locations of youth specialist providers</p> <p>Senator CASH—How many youth specialist providers are there under the Job Services Australia Contract?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Thirty-five, I think. I will just check that for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are you able to provide a breakdown of where they are located? I am happy for you to take that on notice</p>
EW0182_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 31	<p>Senator CASH—How many mental health disability specialist providers are there under the Job Services Australia Contract? And again, can you provide a breakdown of where they are located?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes and yes. There are four specialist mental health providers, but there are a further 43 providers that have nominated their specialty as people with disabilities, which would of course include mental health as well.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay, but there are four specifically for mental health?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes and 43 others that would cover it. The other thing too of course is that Stream 4 in particular—but not exclusively—in the services is very much designed for people with that sort of barrier.</p>
EW0183_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 31	<p>Senator CASH—How many Indigenous specialist providers are there under the Job Services Australia Contract?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Forty-eight.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And could you take on notice to provide a breakdown of where they are located?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes.</p>

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EW0184_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 31	<p>Senator CASH—How many Job Network sites rated at three stars or above in a given ESA did not receive business under the Job Services Australia tender?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You probably want to take this one on notice: how many Personal Support Program sites rated at three stars or above in a given ESA did not receive business under the Job Services Australia tender?</p>
EW0185_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 32	<p>Ms Golightly—The RFT goes through all the sorts of things that are taken into account; yes, Senator. The issues of minimum and maximum bid ranges, coverage and all of those things are in the RFT, which we can get you a copy of.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could get me a copy, that would be greatly appreciated. In terms of negotiation, how much leeway was there for tenderers or providers to negotiate their business share?</p>
EW0186_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 33	<p>Senator CASH—In relation to the information that you are gathering, I am also going to ask what percentage of business share overall was awarded to PSP providers and what percentage of business share overall was awarded to JPET providers.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—That will be quite difficult because, as I mentioned before, many of them are subcontractors, and subcontractors do not get a business share allocated to them. I will have a look to see what we can do but I feel I should mention that first.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay. So you will take them on notice and provide the information?</p>
EW0187_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 35	<p>Ms Golightly—As at 6 pm all providers had their results when they went up on the website. I would have to check what time all of the phone calls finished and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you do that for me. I have been told that some people could get onto the department website and the only thing that was not there was the link to the list of successful providers.</p>
EW0188_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 35	<p>Senator CASH—So how many providers in total needed to be contacted by telephone, as opposed to by email?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—It was a minority of the providers, Senator. I do not have exact numbers here, but I can—</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you get me the exact numbers?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes.</p>
EW0189_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 36	<p>ESAs</p> <p>Senator CASH—... When you said that there were a couple of ESAs, which ESAs were you specifically referring to?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will take that on notice, just because I do not have the list here</p>
EW0190_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 37	<p>Senator CASH—Can I also get you to take on notice how many ESAs did additional business allocation occur in, over and above the names of those providers that you are going to give me?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Sorry, I think I took on notice that I would give you the name of the ESA, not the name of a provider.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Sorry, the ESA.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes.</p>
EW0191_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 37	<p>Tender debrief</p> <p>Senator CASH—In terms of the tender debrief, face-to-face meetings were for the most part undertaken in capital cities, with the exception of, I believe, Cairns, Townsville, Bendigo, Newcastle and Orange. Based on that, what proportion of non-capital-city based providers attended these debriefs?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—We will have to take that on notice.</p>
EW0192_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 38	<p>Senator CASH—That was going to be my next question. How many providers did undertake the debrief by telephone?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—We will take that on notice. There were some.</p>

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EW0193_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 38	<p>Senator CASH—Looking more at the administrative cost to the department to date. Ms Golightly—The cost of running the tender? Senator CASH—Yes. Ms Paul—We can do that. Ms Golightly—From memory I think we were appropriated around \$10 million. It was in last year's budget so I will need to confirm that. But that included not just running the tender but building the relevant IT systems et cetera. But I will take that on notice because it was last year's budget so I am operating from memory.</p>
EW0194_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 39	<p>Senator CASH— . What percentage of the employment services deed for 2009 to 2012 is forecast to be spent on jobseekers in strains 1, 2, 3, and 4? While you are looking that up can someone else perhaps answer questions in relations to the complaints process. I will ask a few short questions about that. Ms Paul—We will take your question on notice</p>
EW0195_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 39	<p>Senator CASH—Can you outline the nature of those discussions? Ms Golightly—They could be, for example, anything to do with their financial statements. It could be a clarification around what bid ranges and sites they are offering. There are a whole range— Senator CASH—You said 'it could be'. Are you able to actually give me specific examples of the nature of those— Ms Golightly—All of those examples I am giving from memory. We can take on notice the precise details— Senator CASH—And provide details of the nature of the discussions. Ms Golightly—but both of those things would have been examples. We do clarify with people some queries we might have on their financials but also their bid strategies.</p>
EW0196_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 40	<p>Senator CASH—Do you break them down any further into whether or not there are just general queries relating to the transition process? Ms Golightly—I think we could get a breakdown for you of the general types of queries that are being asked. Senator CASH—Yes. Would you able to table that? Ms Golightly—Yes. Of course, if there were complaints about the Job Network, that would be handled separately because that is not part of the transition.</p>
EW0197_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 40	<p>Hotline Senator CASH—For my own purposes, can I have the figure for the previous three months and the figure for the previous six months in relation to that hotline? Ms Golightly—Yes, we can. Senator CASH—Have you got them on you? Ms Golightly—I have not got them here, but I can get them for you.</p>

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EW0198_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 41	<p>Hotline</p> <p>Senator CASH—How many staff currently work on the customer service line, complaints line, hotline or whatever it is called?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—For the transition?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I am not sure if we have the number here. We will try and get it for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And can I have a comparison with how many would normally work on it?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly, yes, we can get you the two figures. Of course, we make sure that we have enough staff to answer the calls as they come in.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes. But I am looking for specific figures in relation to staff. Since the transition process, have you had to increase staff numbers on the hotline?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly with 700,000 letters going out, we did make sure we had enough resources on the hotline, as did Centrelink on their calls, to make sure that job seekers were being serviced.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And, in terms of the 6,465 calls, you are going to provide me with a general breakdown in relation to what types of calls they were. Can you add as part of that breakdown what percentage of the calls have related to job seekers needing to transfer providers?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly. In line with the job seeker choice nature of these services and past services, people can choose any time to have a different provider.</p>
EW0199_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 41	<p>Senator CASH—Can you take me through the milestones in relation to the probity period. Given that you are saying it is still ongoing, can you now take me through each milestone?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes, certainly. The first major milestone was the preferred tenderer advice, I think, on 16 March or thereabouts. There was another one on 1 April.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And what was that?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—That was the announcement of our decision on the final results. Then, of course, the probity adviser has given us a report on the entire process. That is the May report that we were referring to.</p> <p>Senator CASH—What was the date of that one?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—From the information I have in front of me, the report has just got May on it, but I can find the specific date.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I might have to take that on notice because I need to go back to my file.</p>
EW0200_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 42	<p>Ms Golightly—I said NESA had to sign confidentiality agreements and that the probity adviser attended most, if not all, the meetings.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Attended most but not all?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I said if not all.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you provide a list of those meetings that the probity adviser did attend and those which the person did not?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will see what we can do, Senator.</p>
EW0201_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 42	<p>Senator CASH—Could you also find out who actually briefed the minister?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I believe, but I will check, that it was Clayton Utz.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Clayton Utz?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—But I will check that.</p>

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EW0202_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 42	<p>Senator CASH—Again, could you just explain to me what the actual protocol that applies to the minister is. Is it the same protocol that applies to the department as applies to the minister?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I would just need to check. There are rules, if you like, that everybody has to abide by. Whether it is exactly the same, can I just check?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes, absolutely.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will check and come back on that for you.</p>
EW0203_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 43	<p>Senator CASH—Has the department received a paper that makes suggestions as to how the tender process could be improved?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Personally, I am not aware of one, but there could have been.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Perhaps you could take that question on notice in relation to any papers the department has received from providers commenting on the tender process in terms of potential improvements for the process.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes.</p>
EW0204_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 44	<p>Senator CASH—Could you check for me or provide information as to whether any of these were additional sites, which is what we talked about before lunch, in terms of the additional providers being brought on?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes. There is a difference between sites and a provider.</p>
EW0205_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 44	<p>Senator CASH—I will go back to my question. Has the department issued a directive to Centrelink in those terms?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—It is more than just that. That is a decision of transition, and Centrelink is part of implementing that.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you table any appropriate papers in relation to that particular directive?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—It is more an issue that it is a transition decision that that is what will happen. We advise Centrelink of that, as we do advise providers.</p> <p>Senator CASH—How do you advise them?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will have to check. I am not sure if we wrote to them or built it into our systems design. I would have to check.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you take that on notice to go and check how Centrelink was communicated with to actually provide that particular communication?</p>
EW0206_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 46	<p>Senator CASH—Of the transitioning job seekers, how many will be transitioning from a PSP or JPET provider to a new services provider?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I do not think we would have those sort of breakdowns here, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you take that on notice? How will job seekers be classified during the transition process? Will they be classified against the current Job Network job-seeker model or in accordance with the streaming requirements for Job Services Australia?</p>
EW0207_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 47	<p>Senator CASH—Given that the budget now forecasts Job Services Australia to cost around \$4.9 billion over the three-year term of the contract, how many additional job seekers are expected to use Job Services Australia over the course of the contract?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think Mr Carters went to that earlier, Senator, which is that there is a whole bunch of different components to that. Ultimately, we take some estimates from Treasury. I do not know what they are. But the parameters are actually set by Treasury, not by us.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Does Mr Carters want to contribute in relation to that question at all?</p> <p>Mr Carters—We will have to take it on notice, Senator. Because they are Treasury parameters, there may be some issues with what is provided.</p> <p>Senator CASH—In terms of your department, though, would you not have a general idea as to how many additional people are going to be using your department's services?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Not precisely because, of course, it changes. It is changing significantly and quite rapidly at the moment. But we will take on notice—</p>

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EW0208_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 47	<p>Senator CASH—Can you provide me with the estimated caseload for 1 July 2009?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—No. I do not think we have estimated the caseload as at that date. We are providing weekly updates to providers. So I can give you—</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could provide the weekly updates. When did you start providing those updates?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—They got their first caseload information in the week commencing 4 May, I think. I think it might have been actually 6 May they got it, but it was in that week. They have been getting weekly updates since then.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are you able to provide the committee with those weekly updates?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will take that on notice, Senator.</p>
EW0209_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 47 -48	<p>Senator CASH—Are you also able to provide an estimated breakdown of expected numbers by stream of the caseload on 1 July 2009?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Not in terms of the estimates but certainly the weekly reports—</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could do the same then with the weekly updates.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—are done by stream.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you also table that information? Thank you...</p>
EW0210_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 48	<p>Senator CASH—Can the department provide a copy of the revised streams for job seekers? Are you revising the streams for job seekers? You have stream 1 to stream 4, but changes have been made in terms of who can go into the streams?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—In terms of the newly retrenched workers, there was a change announced in February, yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are you able to provide that information?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—We can provide you with information on what the change was, yes. Basically, anybody who has lost their job as a result of the economic situation is eligible for immediate access to stream 2 whereas before they may have gone, depending on their level of disadvantage, into stream 1. But that announcement made an automatic entry for them into stream 2, which is a higher level of assistance for them. But it also means that providers have higher outcome payments and a greater incentive, of course, to work with them.</p>
EW0211_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 48	<p>Senator CASH—In terms of documentation on the revised streams, are you able to table the copies of the revised streams?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes. There was that one.</p> <p>Senator CASH—So you are happy to table that one?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes.</p>
EW0212_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 48	<p>Senator CASH—What proportion of funding will be allocated for job seekers in stream 1, stream 2, stream 3 and stream 4?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Estimates of that were published with the RFT on our website. We can get you a copy of those.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much</p>
EW0213_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 49	<p>Senator CASH—What proportion of funding is forecast to be paid in outcome fees? What proportion of funding is forecast to be paid in service fees?</p> <p>Mr Carters—We will need to take that on notice, Senator.</p>
EW0214_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 50	<p>Senator CASH—Do you have the figures surrounding what proportion of job seekers will be in stream 1, stream 2, stream 3 and stream 4?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—They are the estimates that I was referring to that we published at the time of the RFT. We can get those for you</p>

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EW0215_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 50	Senator CASH—It would be good if you could actually table the one with the 18 factors. I know we have got one with the 15. Perhaps we could get one with the 18. Does it outline in there what the trigger is? Does it highlight the different areas? Mr Carters—Yes.
EW0216_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 53	Senator CASH—Do you know what percentage of these particular job seekers in stream 1 are expected to exit to education? Mr Carters—We do not have that here, Senator. We will take it on notice.
EW0217_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 53	Senator CASH—Can you provide a further breakdown on notice in relation to 2009-10 and 2010-11? Mr Carters—If we have that split, yes, we can.
EW0218_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 57	Senator CASH—And what was the total cost of developing the new system? Mr Moore—I have to take that figure on notice. I actually have my figures for the full year but that includes some other activities, not just the development of ESS itself. So I would have to give you a breakdown of that. Remember, too, that some of the costs for the development of the new system are actually in the next financial year. But I can give you the breakdown by financial year.
EW0219_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 58	Senator CASH—It was implied on 12 May that the Job Network was due in large part to job placements in the mining industry. That was the minister in parliament. Where would that information have come from? Ms Golightly—I would need to check the actual statement and get back to you on that. Senator CASH—In terms of the information that you can provide, can you look at whether or not you can provide a breakdown by industry type of job placement? Ms Golightly—Yes, we will. Senator CASH—If not, state by state. Ms Golightly—Yes. I will see what we can do—if we can break it down in any way and provide that.
EW0220_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 58	Senator CASH—In the last 12 months, how many job seekers in the Job Network have undertaken training courses? Ms Golightly—How many job seekers? I am not sure we will have that here because we have the amount of money spent on the figures that Ms Caldwell just read out a while ago. But we can see if we have the number of job seekers. Ms Caldwell—I can provide the number of job seekers who were assisted with training through the job seeker account. That would be a subset, however. There would be other job seekers who had done training perhaps in a productivity program place—PPP. Senator CASH—That was my next question. The information that I am looking for is: in the last 12 months, how many job seekers in the Job Network have undertaken training courses? How many referrals have been made by Job Network members to date for job seekers to the productivity places program? How many successful employment outcomes have resulted from job seekers who have been referred to the productivity places program? Ms Golightly—We will need to take all of that on notice, Senator.
EW0221_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 59	Ms Mercer—Yes, it does, for all the existing Job Network program. You are looking at page 5 under the positive outcomes. I think all those programs are covered, but we can just check that. Senator CASH—Thank you. That would be appreciated

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EW0222_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 60-61	<p>Senator CASH—I will ask this question to keep the proceedings moving: has the department been advised by either the minister's office or other sources that some current employment services providers are phoning recruitment agencies to ask for details of people who the recruitment agency has placed into employment, enabling them to claim placement outcome fees for job seekers who have in fact been placed in employment by the recruitment agency, and that in recent times this is becoming more prevalent? You have a recruitment agency placing someone and then a provider saying, 'What are the details? I am claiming the fee.'</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I personally have not been told of that, but I can check whether we have received that sort of complaint from anybody.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Has anybody else at the table received such a complaint?</p> <p>Ms Caldwell—I am likewise totally unaware of a complaint of that nature. They would normally have passed my desk.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you make inquiries as to whether or not that allegation has been made to the minister's office?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly. We can check.</p>
EW0223_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 61	<p>Senator CASH—I return to the recruitment agencies. Is there a process in place to ensure that when a recruitment agency does place someone in employment, the provider cannot claim that placement fee?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly we have controls in place around all the sorts of payments that our providers claim from us and the evidence that they need to have. We have extensive monitoring processes in place through our contract managers to look at that. If from time to time various allegations are made, we then investigate the allegations at that time. We will check.</p> <p>Senator CASH—In relation to the allegation I raise, the information I have is that it was reported to the minister's office and it was raised that someone was phoning and asking for these details and then claiming a placement fee. If you could follow that up, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly, Senator.</p>
EW0224_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 61	<p>NEIS Enterprise</p> <p>Senator CASH—But in terms of the actual enterprises commencing between 30 June 2008 and 31 January 2009?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW0225_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 61	<p>Ms Golightly—In terms of forecasts—I will check this—I do not believe we actually forecast the number of businesses. It is part of the overall demand driven nature of the program. People in the new services, in Job Services Australia, will be referred to NEIS type activities if that is what is determined is the relevant activity for that person.</p> <p>Senator CASH—In terms of NEIS businesses going out of business in the last 12 months?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will check what we can find out on that. We do track, I think, more closely the number of people who have gone off income support as a result of being on NEIS. So that is probably the figure we will be able to get you.</p> <p>Ms Pitt—That figure might include people who have gone to educational training or other employment.</p>
EW0226_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 61	<p>Senator CASH—So in terms of the current figure—4,791 from July 2008 to April 2009—how many of those people are classified as long-term unemployed?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I have not got that here.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Put that on the list as well</p>
EW0227_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 62	<p>Senator CASH—I turn now to job capacity assessments. How many job capacity assessments does the department expect will be undertaken in the 2009-10 financial year and in the 2010-11 financial year?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I am not sure that we do estimates, but I will take that on notice. The reason I am not sure that we do, of course, is that it is part of our demand driven programs that if somebody needs a job capacity assessment they will have one. At the moment, job capacity assessments, up until 30 June, are still the responsibility of the Department of Human Services. So they may well have estimates. But that would be a question for them.</p>

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EW0228_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 64	<p>Senator CASH—What are the key performance indicators to measure the elements of the jobs compact? I am also going to be asking: what are the expected employment outcomes from the jobs compact?</p> <p>Ms Paul—In terms of the expected job outcomes, probably the best thing for us to do is to take it on notice and go through each of the components because there are quite a few components, some of which I described this morning, I think, in answer to some of your questions. There is a whole bunch of components to do with training places and productivity program places. There is apprenticeship componentry and so on. So, to try to get that clear, we should take that on notice and try to spell it out. In terms of performance indicators, I think Mr Carters is looking for that. I am not sure. We would like to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are there any performance indicators to measure the elements of the jobs compact?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am not sure if we have any in our PBS, but we will come back to you on notice on that question.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Would you expect there to be some?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes. Of course they will go to things like the employment outcomes, just as you ask in the second part of your question.</p>
EW0229_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 66	<p>Disability Employment Network</p> <p>Senator CASH—Returning to the Disability Employment Network, what percentage of Disability Employment Network capped provider sites are currently three-star or above?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Waslin—We think it is about 70 per cent.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes, Mr Waslin has mentioned to me that we think it is around 70 per cent, but we will confirm that on notice.</p>
EW0230_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 66	<p>Senator CASH— What percentage of business share is currently held by three-star-plus providers?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Because it is a capped program the concept of business share does not come in until the new system commences, but we might be able to approximate it through—</p> <p>Senator CASH—How would you translate the number of places under the current contract?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Sorry? What was that, Senator?</p> <p>Senator CASH—If the concept does not come in, can you tell me how much business is currently held by three-star providers under the current—</p> <p>Ms Golightly—In terms of places, we could, yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you do that now?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Not here, sorry, Senator. We will take that on notice.</p>
EW0231_10	4	Cash	LP	Monday Pg 68	<p>Ms Golightly—No. This will be action taken by Centrelink in relation to the job seeker. What happens is that the provider notifies Centrelink if they believe there has been non-compliance without any reasonable excuse. Centrelink investigate it, and then they decide whether there needs to be any action taken or indeed whether the person in Job Services Australia, for example, might have a comprehensive capacity assessment, which we were talking about before. Obviously there are also people in the disability employment services who are not on activity-tested payments—for example, GSP is not activity tested so, for those job seekers, there is no requirement. If you are in the Disability and Employment Network and you are on Newstart, for example, there would be compliance arrangements. They are usually around a certain level of activity that the job seeker has to demonstrate they have done. We can table the requirements.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could table them, that would be great.</p>

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EW0232_10	4	Fifield	LP	Monday Pg 73	<p>Get Communities Working and the Local Jobs stream Senator FIFIELD—Are you also able to break down that 3,000 into subgroups such as how many applications are received from not-for-profit organisations? Ms Kidd—We are starting to get our stats together on that. I do not have anything specific on not-for-profit organisations. Senator FIFIELD—Are you able to take that on notice? Ms Kidd—Yes, and we will be able to answer it in a week or so.</p>
EW0233_10	4	Fifield	LP	Monday Pg 75	<p>Department's website Senator FIFIELD— ...So for any situation where the minister does not accept the advice of the department in relation to a successful applicant it will be listed on the department's website that in this case the minister took a decision contrary to the advice of the department. I appreciate the words would not say 'contrary to the advice' but it would be clear that the minister had taken his own decision. Senator FIFIELD—Okay. That is great. Whereabouts on the website will it say that? Is there a particular section that we can keep our eye out for? Ms Kidd—I will take that one on notice.</p>
EW0234_10	4	Humphries	LP	Monday Pg 79	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—It does look like there is a substantial reduction, certainly as far as uncapped places are concerned. I will go and do the maths, but you understand that, approximately, the levels of people assisted are the same between these two years? Ms Golightly—That is right. I am not aware of any decrease, but we can look into that and provide any further information for you. Senator HUMPHRIES—Sorry, I did not catch that. Ms Golightly—We can look into that to see if there is any further information I can provide on that. Ms Paul—We have not built in any assumptions about decreases, as far as we know it here. But we will double check. That is basically what we are saying.</p>
EW0235_10	4	Fifield	LP	Monday Pg 83	<p>Ms Paul—Yes, I wanted to correct a response I gave earlier to a question from Senator Fifield. We were talking about the reporting arrangements for grants and I think I gave an incorrect answer to that question. I would like to take that on notice and consult properly. CHAIR—Can you identify the question for us? Ms Paul—It was in the questions relating to the Jobs Fund and the reporting requirements. It was particularly about where a minister overturns a recommendation of the department. CHAIR—You will now take that on notice? Ms Paul—I will. CHAIR—In effect, you are withdrawing the answer to that question? Ms Paul—Yes. CHAIR—All right. Thank you. Is there anything else? Ms Paul—I am sure someone else is making progress on them, but I do not have an answer yet on some other matters. They are still being progressed. Senator CASH—I have another issue in relation to another question that has just been corrected and forwarded to us. I will provide that information to Ms Paul.</p>
EW0236_10	5	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 6	<p>Is the fact that self-insurance has been suspended while this review is underway an indication that, perhaps, that concept might be reconsidered under the review?</p>
EW0237_10	5	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 7	<p>I wonder if you might take on notice as well providing some advice from the government about when it expects to be able to announce a position on this review.</p>

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EW0238_10	Comcare	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 9	Mr Dolan—There are a number of claims currently before the courts, and the best estimation we have is that there will be a considerable number in the future. It is very hard to entirely predict what that might be, but the estimate is that there probably exists something of the order of \$700 million or \$800 million worth of liabilities into the future. Senator HUMPHRIES—That is represented by approximately how many claims or actions? Mr Dolan—I would have to take that on notice, Senator. As you can understand, given the slow onset of asbestos diseases and so on, it is quite a complex and problematic actuarial calculation to work out what the future may be. But we can give you details of claims in the course of a year to give you some sense of the current pattern and some of the figures that drive that estimate of likely future liabilities. Senator HUMPHRIES—I would appreciate that information if I could have it
EW0239_10	Comcare	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 10	Senator HUMPHRIES—Could I have a breakdown on the types of claims that you are currently handling—as in claims relating to asbestos and other sorts of toxic dust.
EW0240_10	Comcare	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 10	Senator HUMPHRIES—... Just going back to that issue of self-insurance, how many companies at the moment are authorised to self-insure? Mr Kibble—Twenty-nine. Senator HUMPHRIES—That is not very many at all. CHAIR—Could you provide the committee with a list of those companies.
EW0241_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday pg 10	My question is: what is actually meant by 'consensus'? Is it total agreement or is it the two-thirds rule? Mr Dolan—I probably should have intervened earlier, Senator, and said that I am unable to comment. I suppose the only thing that I can usefully say is that it is an intergovernmental agreement and it is probably the ministers who have the best idea of what is meant by 'consensus' in that agreement. Senator Ludwig—I will take that on notice and see if we can find a solution to that.
EW0242_10	Comcare	Marshall	ALP	Tuesday pg 12	CHAIR—So it is not actually part of superannuation, a self-insurer just has to make that money up themselves. It is 70 per cent of their pre-injury earnings, not 70 per cent less a superannuation deduction. To me it seems that people are being discriminated against merely because of the fact that they are a public servant as opposed to the way people would be treated if they were a self-insurer under the same scheme. Mr Dolan—I am just working the various elements of it through in my head, because, as you know, it is quite a complicated provision of the act. Would it be useful if we were to give you a more considered and written response to your question—which is, as I understand it: is there a differential impact of the act in terms of superannuation on public servants as opposed to employees of the self-insurers? CHAIR—Yes, I am happy for you to do that, but it is a little bit broader than that because it is also: what are your pre-injury earnings after you have been fully incapacitated? It certainly does go to the issue of how the superannuation is treated at the time.
EW0243_10	AIR	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 14	Hearings of particular awards Senator HUMPHRIES—The commission has a deadline of the end of this year to complete that process? Mr Nassios—Correct. Senator HUMPHRIES—For what period does it expect that hearings into that will continue? Mr Nassios—I have a timetable if you would like me to publish it.
EW0244_10	AIR	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 15	Senator HUMPHRIES—For each of those hearings into a particular industry, typically how many parties are appearing in front of the commission to make submissions? Mr Nassios—I would not know the answer to that. I would have to take that on notice.

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EW0245_10	5	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 18	Senator HUMPHRIES—Yes, we may. Just to get you on the record, can you tell me whether you expect the award modernisation process to be completed in a way which in fact does not disadvantage any employee or add costs to any employer? Senator Ludwig - ...That is the extent of the provision, and for me to speculate any further than that would be outside my knowledge. I can seek to get additional information from the department, if there are matters that they can add.
EW0246_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Abetz	LP	Tuesday pg 19	unpaid wages Senator ABETZ—... Can we be told— and if you need to take it on notice I understand—how much money has been collected by way of unpaid wages, if I can use that term, to date but not paid out to claimants? Mr Johns—We will have to take that on notice. There are times when employers pay the underpaid moneys directly to us and we hold them on trust under current arrangements and then we seek to find the relevant employees and provide them with the money.
EW0247_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Abetz	LP	Tuesday pg 19	unpaid wages Senator ABETZ—If it is not too much work and your systems allow you, can you tell us how much has been held for 12 months or more, six months or more, and three months or more? If you cannot get one of those, that is fine. I think you understand the drift of my questioning.
EW0248_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Abetz	LP	Tuesday pg 20	Senator ABETZ—Mr Wilson, can you indicate to us how many small businesses with whom you have an engagement in relation to insufficient payment of wages? Take that notice if necessary. Mr Wilson—I would be happy to take it on notice. Unfortunately, there may be some difficulty in us being able to give you a precise answer. When we track information and complaints made to us from workers about their underpayment status or when we conduct audits, we do not necessarily collect information about the size of the workplace. Although maybe without huge amounts of precision, we could have a stab at trying to give you some information about the scale of the organisations we are dealing with. Senator ABETZ—I would also ask how many businesses, and then if you are able to break that down into cohorts that would be good.
EW0249_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Abetz	LP	Tuesday pg 25	Senator ABETZ—Eighteen still to be paid. Do we know how much money that represents for the 18 employees? Mr Campbell—I got the updated figures on the number of employees but I do not have that as a dollar value. I can take that on notice.
EW0250_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Abetz	LP	Tuesday pg 25-26	Senator ABETZ—This is a regime that, I accept, we set up, but I do think that it might be worth while to have a look at the issue that if an employee has been underpaid then surely any interest earned on that, as a public policy consideration, ought to go to the employee rather than into consolidated revenue. But I accept that it was a regime we set up and therefore— Senator Ludwig—I will take that on notice. I understand that you are not criticising your previous legislation in that comment but making a legitimate— Senator Ludwig—Also, we will have a look at what the current provision provides for with the new Fair Work Australia.
EW0251_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Collins	ALP	Tuesday pg 26	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I have one further question on this matter [Theatre Royal Hotel]. In relation to the respondent in this case, when did she rectify the ongoing payments for ongoing employees? Mr Campbell—I would need to take that on notice. I cannot recall if the Theatre Royale is still operating or whether or not it is still under an active investigation. That is not to say that I would not answer your question because of that, but I would need to go back to our office and assess that.

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EW0252_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Marshall	ALP	Tuesday pg 29	CHAIR—Can you remind me of the percentage of employers encountered who were ripping off their employees? Mr Johns—I do not quite understand the statistic you are looking for. CHAIR—I thought we found that, when you did that audit, something like 42 per cent of employers were ripping off their employees? Mr Campbell—In the process of the hospitality campaign, we completed 571 audits and recovered \$700,000 for 2,171 workers. I do not have the number of employers that was recovered fro, but I could get that information for you.
EW0253_10	Workplace Ombudsman	Humphries	LP	Tuesday pg 30	Mr Campbell—We generally prosecute about 75 parties to the Workplace Relations Act per year. The vast majority last financial year was certainly employers. I do not have the exact data, but I know a small number of that did result from our targeted campaign work. Senator HUMPHRIES—Only a small number? Mr Campbell—Yes, only a small number. We could probably get that figure broken down for you, Senator. I would say that it would be in the vicinity of, say, five or 10
EW0254_10	Workplace Authority	Humphries	LP	Tuesday Pg 33	Senator HUMPHRIES—Roughly, what proportion of that 127,000 would be ITEAs? Ms Major—The majority would be ITEAs. We are averaging around 300 agreements a day, of which between 50 and 60 are collective agreements. If you average that out you are probably looking at 70 to 75 per cent ITEAs and the remainder collective agreements. I can provide you with the specific figures if you like. We can take that on notice.
EW0255_10	5	Humphries	LP	Tuesday Pg 33	Senator HUMPHRIES—What is the maximum period an ITEA can last? Ms Major—I do not know; I think I might have to take that on notice. Mr Kovacic—I will have to confirm this later but I think they cannot have a nominal expiry date beyond 31 December this year, which reflects the transitional nature of instruments
EW0256_10	5	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 35	Wilcox report Senator BRANDIS—You might take that on notice please, Mr Kovacic. But let me frame the question to be taken on notice a little more precisely. I would like to know how many departmental officers have worked with Mr Wilcox in relation to the production of his report, what their names are, how many hours each of them has spent working with Mr Wilcox on the matter, and what the cost to the department is in relation to each officer's time. When I say officers I do not just mean professional staff; I mean secretarial and support staff as well.
EW0257_10	5	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 36	Senator BRANDIS—Has Mr Wilcox charged a separate fee for reading time? Mr Maynard—I would have to check. Senator BRANDIS—Just cutting to the chase, what I would like you to do please— and you will need to take this on notice—is simply to produce all the invoices, thank you. Senator Ludwig—They may be commercial-in-confidence. Senator BRANDIS—They will not be, Minister. Senator Ludwig—We will take it on notice and have a look at it. I am just putting that caveat on it for the moment.
EW0258_10	5	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 37	Senator BRANDIS—Was Mr Wilcox given an allowance? Mr Maynard—He was. Senator BRANDIS—What was that? Mr Maynard—Senator, I do not have that information at hand, but I can provide that to you on notice.
EW0259_10	5	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 37	Senator BRANDIS—How many overnight stays did Mr Wilcox claim the allowance for? Mr Maynard—I will take that on notice.
EW0260_10	5	Cameron	ALP	Tuesday Pg 52	Senator CAMERON—What resources are put into this group [Code Monitoring Group] by government organisations? What is the financial cost to government of this?

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EW0261_10	5	Cameron	ALP	Tuesday Pg 52	LU Simon Senator CAMERON—In relation to LU Simon, was LU Simon ever the subject of any discussions at the Code Monitoring Group prior to 19 July 2007? Mr Lloyd—I am unaware of that. Mr Kovacic—We would have to take that on notice.
EW0262_10	ABCC	Cameron	ALP	Tuesday Pg 53	Senator CAMERON—How many audits have you carried out on LU Simon? Mr Draffin—I would have to take that on notice.
EW0263_10	ABCC	Cameron	ALP	Tuesday Pg 53	Senator CAMERON—When did the activity start with LU Simon—the inspections and the close monitoring of LU Simon by the ABCC? Mr Draffin—I would have to take that on notice.
EW0264_10	ABCC	Cameron	ALP	Tuesday Pg 53-54	Senator CAMERON—Would I be right in thinking that as soon as this officer of the company gave evidence, even though you knew that they may not be code compliant, you then take steps to write to them and threaten them in terms of their compliance? Mr Lloyd—I am not prepared to answer that. I do not have the letter. I will take this on notice, but it would be just speculation on my behalf. Senator CAMERON—I do not want you to speculate. I ask you to take that on notice and go to the specific issues as to when you knew, or you suspected, that the company was not code compliant and why you only acted on that compliance issue after the officer gave evidence on behalf of a union organiser.
EW0265_10	ABCC	Cameron	ALP	Tuesday Pg 57	Allen Consulting Group Senator CAMERON—My submission, yes, on the point of order. I am not asking for the ABCC's view. I am asking them to look at the analysis that has been made of their econometric modelling by Econtech, and to provide the committee with details as to why the outcome of the Econtech modelling is so at odds with other modelling and analysis that has been done in the industry. It is not an opinion; it is about the facts and the underpinning to the econometric modelling that has been taken by two different consulting groups. I think that is a fair and reasonable question. It is not about opinion, it is not about speculation; it is about where do these differ and why. CHAIR—Mr Lloyd, are you happy to take it on notice, based on what I said earlier? Mr Lloyd—Yes.
EW0266_10	ABCC	Cameron	ALP	Tuesday Pg 58	Survey of clients Senator CAMERON—I will place these questions on notice again. How large is the sample of clients surveyed and how are they selected? Can you provide the committee with the full survey methodology? In relation to the target of 75 per cent of industry participants being satisfied or highly satisfied, how is an industry participant defined? Is each employee in the industry considered an industry participant? If employees are not directly surveyed, are there union representatives surveyed? If so, do they indicate satisfaction or dissatisfaction? Can you disaggregate business responses to responses from employees and unions in the industry? If so, can you provide those disaggregated outcomes to the committee? Mr Lloyd—Yes, I will take that on notice, Senator.
EW0267_10	ABCC	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 61	Senator BRANDIS—You will need to take this on notice, but can you tell me, please, the date upon which each of those investigations began and—I am trying to put this as precisely as I can—the stage which each of those investigations has reached. Does that explain with sufficient clarity what I am after? Mr Draffin—We will endeavour to do that
EW0268_10	ABCC	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 61	Senator BRANDIS—Of the 65 investigations that are currently underway, how many were commenced within the last 12 months? Mr Draffin—I would have to take that on notice

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EW0269_10	ABCC	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 61	<p>Senator BRANDIS—If you do not feel comfortable answering, that is fine. You will probably need to take the next few questions on notice. What is the longest running current investigation of the 65 currently underway? Which investigation was the earliest to be commenced?</p> <p>Mr Draffin—Again, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—And the date on which it was commenced.</p> <p>Mr Draffin—Yes.</p>
EW0270_10	ABCC	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 62	<p>Senator BRANDIS—Of the 103 investigations finalised last year, how many were, as you say, abandoned, and how many proceeded to prosecution?</p> <p>Mr Draffin—Again, I will have to take that on notice.</p>
EW0271_10	ABCC	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 62	<p>Senator BRANDIS—How many briefs are there at the moment with your internal legal people for prosecution?</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—I will have to take the precise figure on notice. It fluctuates from time to time, but at any given time it is about 30.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—About 30?</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—That is before prosecutions.</p>
EW0272_10	ABCC	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 64	<p>Senator BRANDIS—At an earlier stage. It is perfectly clear to me. How many prosecutions were successfully completed in the last 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—I cannot tell you about the last 12 months but I can tell you—</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Can you do it by calendar year?</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—I can, but I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Let's take each of the last five calendar years—do you take these figures out by calendar year or fiscal year?</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—The normal way we would do it would be fiscal year but the ABCC started on 1 October 2005. So it would be 1 October 2005 to 30 June 2007.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Let's take these periods: the period from 1 October 2005 to 30 June 2006, from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and 1 July 2008 to 26 May 2009—the most recent reporting period you have. Can you perform the same exercise that I asked for in relation to that 103 figure, that is, in each of those years the number of investigations commenced, the number of investigations referred for prosecution, the number of prosecutions commenced and the number of prosecutions successfully completed?</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—We will take that on notice.</p>
EW0273_10	ABCC	Brandis	LP	Tuesday Pg 64	<p>Senator BRANDIS—Can you also, again applying the same exercise, disaggregate in the successful prosecutions between those where there has been a contested hearing and those where there has been—and I know this is technically not the right word, but I think we know what we are talking about—a guilty plea.</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—An admission of contravention.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Dalgleish—Sometimes agreement extends to what is an appropriate penalty and sometimes it does not.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS—Why don't you give me that figure too—where there is an agreement as to contravention but not an agreement as to penalty, where there is an agreement as to both contravention and penalty and when either or both of those two matters are contested?</p>

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EW0274_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 65	<p>Senator CASH—What are the alleged contraventions involved in those particular court proceedings? Mr Dalglish—I only have the figures in respect of the 50 proceedings that were initiated by the ABCC. I do not have the current proceedings. Senator CASH—Okay. Are you able to take that question on notice? Senator CASH—Are you able to refer me to your website and would I be able to find what the matters are about there? Mr Dalglish—Yes. Senator CASH—Okay; thank you. But if you could take it on notice and provide the answer that would be appreciated. Mr Dalglish—Certainly.</p>
EW0275_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 65	<p>Senator CASH—Mr Lloyd, could I just stop you there. When you say 'above the all industry average', what are the actual figures? Mr Lloyd—They are in an ABS publication. Senator CASH—Could you take it on notice to provide them? Mr Lloyd—Yes.</p>
EW0276_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 65	<p>Senator CASH—In terms of the working days lost per thousand employees, you say they have decreased dramatically. Could I ask you to quantify what 'decreased dramatically' means. Mr Lloyd—Yes. I will take that on notice.</p>
EW0277_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 66	<p>Mr Lloyd—Yes. I would say that in all the states except for Victoria and, to a lesser extent, Western Australia, we have seen an improvement in the conduct of the industry. There appears to be less unlawful conduct in those states. Unfortunately, that has not been the case in Victoria. In the other states, having been with the industry now since 2005, there has been an improvement in conduct. Senator CASH—Mr Lloyd, is there a document that I could go to or that you could table that actually outlines in statistical terms those improvements and shows the statistical analysis? Mr Lloyd—Certainly we can provide one on industrial disputation. Senator CASH—Could you take it on notice to provide the committee with that information?</p>
EW0278_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 66	<p>Mr Lloyd—I was referring to the Econtech studies. We got two Econtech reports, and the MBA recently received a report for the latest year. They were the studies to which I was referring. In turn, the Econtech report summarises a number of other studies and the outcomes of those other studies. Senator CASH—Are you able to provide the committee with a copy of those studies? Mr Lloyd—We have on our website links to the Econtech report. I do not think we have links to the other studies. Senator CASH—Could you could take on notice to perhaps look for the information?</p>
EW0279_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 71	<p>Senator CASH—Are you also able to provide the committee with a list of the 40 officials who were deemed to not have an up-to-date entry permit? Mr Lloyd—I do not have that with me at the moment. Senator CASH—But are you able to provide the committee with that information? Mr Lloyd—We could do that Senator CASH—When you are providing the information as to the names of the 40 officials can you also please provide what union they belong to?</p>
EW0280_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 71	<p>Senator CASH—When you say you investigated 113 [right-of-entry] breaches, how many of those investigations were successful? Mr Draffin—I would have to take that on notice. Senator CASH—Would you please take that on notice. And can you do a comparison for me of the previous 12 months or the previous 10 months? Mr Draffin—We will have to take that on notice. I think we can. It really depends on the database, but we will endeavour to do that.</p>

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EW0281_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 73	<p>Senator CASH—Are you also able to provide me with a comparison for the previous 12 months on a state-by-state basis? Has there been an increase in the number of investigators or a decrease in the number of investigators?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—It is pretty similar, I think.</p> <p>Mr Draffin—The number of investigators has generally remained the same. However, the number of code-compliant officers has increased.</p> <p>Senator CASH—By how many or from what to what?</p> <p>Mr Draffin—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW0282_10	ABCC	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 74	<p>Mr Lloyd—I think they are referred in the report. Page 17 has individual project comparisons. When Econtech KPMG were doing the study for us they analysed, as you see on page 18, four particular projects—two in Victoria and two in Queensland—and I think compared the costs of those pre and post the ABCC.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can I get you to go further in relation to that and just give us the comparison of the costs?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—There is a fair bit of data for me to assimilate and give you a summary in a short time, I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW0283_10	Cross Portfolio	Ronaldson	LP	Tuesday Pg 79	<p>Senator RONALDSON—How much of the slack did Dr Glover take up. Did he become the major speechwriter? What was his role?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We do have statistics on that, which I can bring in. There have been hundreds and hundreds of speeches in the portfolio and he took a part of them but it would not be the majority of them.</p>
EW0284_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 82	<p>Senator CASH—Thank you for pointing that out. How many staff does the department have working on the processing of the GEERS claims to date? I will get you to compare that to 12 months ago.</p> <p>Ms Baxter—We have 72 staff who are engaged in the employee entitlements branch, which is the branch that has responsibility for processing GEERS claims. I do not have the figure for 12 months ago. I will need to take that on notice.</p>
EW0285_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 83	<p>GEERS</p> <p>Ms Baxter—Yes, there is an internal review process that is undertaken.</p> <p>Senator CASH—How many of these internal reviews have been undertaken in the last 12 months? I am also then going to ask how many of them have resulted in an increased payment being made to the employee.</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—In the last 12 months there have been 120 applications for review. I do not have data in terms of the outcomes of those reviews. I will need to take that on notice.</p>
EW0286_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 83	<p>Senator CASH—Thank you for that. Could you comment on the average time frame for an [GEERS] appeal or the outcome of an appeal?</p> <p>Ms Baxter—I will need to take that on notice.</p>
EW0287_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 84	<p>Mr Kovacic—My understanding is that the Deputy Prime Minister had a meeting with representatives of the Restaurant and Catering Industry Association earlier this year. I cannot recall if the issues were first drawn to our attention as a result of that meeting or as a result of some of the media reports around the issues associated with that particular sector.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can you take that on notice? Can you clarify, please, when this issue first came to your attention—whether, in fact, it was as a result of meetings that you say the Deputy Prime Minister had with the restaurant and catering sector earlier this year—</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—We can.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—or as a result of media reports around and about the sector?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—We can take that on notice.</p>

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EW0288_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 87	<p>Senator FISHER—Is the department aware of any sectors that may experience or that may exhibit one or more of those factors? If so, you might suggest some sectors.</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice. I am aware that there are a number of other sectors that have expressed some concern about the modern award, or the draft modern award which the commission has either issued for consultation purposes or finalised. They include industries such as retail, aged care and there are possibly some others, such as horticulture. Whether they fit the criteria in terms of those particular indicators, I have taken that on notice. I am not aware of that off the top of my head.</p>
EW0289_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 88	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Mr Kovacic, on Senator Fisher's question: I would also be interested in the perspective of what problems that have arisen to date have indeed already been resolved through the process in the award modernisation. So, if we are looking at a snapshot at a particular point in time, some of those problems either have already been resolved through the draft discussion phase before awards have been finally modernised or may yet, by the time we get the question back on notice, further be resolved in the commission's process.</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I will take that on notice.</p>
EW0290_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 88	<p>Senator FISHER—And you are suggesting that it was that meeting [of Restaurant and Catering association with Deputy PM] that led to the Deputy Prime Minister's letter of last Friday, are you?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I am suggesting that it would have been, I suppose, the commencement of a dialogue with that body and the commencement of some consideration by the Deputy Prime Minister of the issues that were raised by that association.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think the only person who can answer that is the minister herself.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Would you care to venture an answer on her behalf, Senator?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I certainly would not, but I am happy to take that on notice and try and get an answer for you tonight.</p>
EW0291_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 89	<p>Award Modernisation</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can you provide the committee with a list of the sectors in respect of which you are conducting this analysis?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I will certainly take that on notice</p>
EW0292_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 90	<p>Senator FISHER—You have earlier said that media reports raise the department's awareness. There has been press in respect of a South Australian based company called Longford Cleaning services reported particularly in South Australian press and also in the Australian—I think last Friday or over the weekend— expressing the concerns that they had about the imposition, as they saw it, of a modernised award in their sector. Are you aware of those reports?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I am aware of the reports, but, as I indicated, we have not received any representations from that particular sector.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Has the Deputy Prime Minister?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice, Senator. I am not aware of any, but I would have to take that on notice</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I have taken the question on notice. I have certainly personally not seen a letter to that effect. That is not to say that it has not been received, but I have taken that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Senator, it is probably more appropriate that I chase that up with the minister's office and try and get you a response.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—It probably is, Senator Arbib. Yes, thank you</p>

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EW0293_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 91	<p>Senator FISHER—Given that the department was involved in general terms in advising the government and the Deputy Prime Minister in respect of this issue, can you provide the committee—presumably on notice—with the basis upon which the calculation was done to justify the Deputy Prime Minister’s claim in her letter to the president of the commission that the average profit margin for cafes and restaurants was 3.8 per cent and 5.3 per cent for catering services? Her letter does say that the figures are based on ABS statistics, and she has utilised an example from 2006- 07, but on what basis was the calculation done to then conclude that this compared with 12.7 per cent average profit margin for all industries? Can the department provide on notice the analysis done to underpin that claim for the 2006-07 year, and can the department also apply identical methodology to show what the results would be if you did that same analysis for the preceding financial year and the post financial year, so 2005-06 and 2007-8 based on ABS data?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—We will take that on notice</p>
EW0294_10	5	Fisher	LP	Tuesday Pg 94	<p>Senator FISHER - ...the department must have a view as to the effect of the factors that the Deputy Prime Minister has contained in her letter to the president of the commission versus the effect of the factors that the Deputy Prime Minister has included in her variation of the administrative direction....</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Why don’t I ask the Deputy Prime Minister’s office for an explanation of the intent to which the senator is referring? That might assist.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Thank you, Senator. An explanation as to the intent would go part of the way. You might also be so kind as to ask for an explanation as to the effect.</p>
EW0295_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 98	<p>Senator CASH—Of those who have used UTAS, perhaps by way of the financial year breakdown, how many have been represented by a trade union?</p> <p>Mr Maynard—I will take that one on notice.</p>
EW0296_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 98	<p>Senator CASH—Of those who have accessed UTAS, how many pursued the claim to final court determination?</p> <p>Mr Maynard—Again, Senator, I will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If I could get the breakdown by way of financial year, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—Senator, we may not be able to provide that information.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You will take it on notice</p>
EW0297_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 100	<p>UTAS</p> <p>Senator CASH—Is there a document or are there documents that go to this informal analysis?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—This was all part of the consideration in the context of the budget process. In terms of the specific nature of the document and the analysis, I cannot recall the specifics but—</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could I get you to take it on notice to have a look and, if there is one, to table it?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I may be able to provide some sort of elements of it, but I will take it on notice.</p>
EW0298_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 100	<p>Senator CASH—Did any discussions take place with industry, unions or legal representatives about the removal of the program before the decision was announced or made?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I will take that on notice but, to the best of my knowledge, they did not.</p>
EW0299_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 100- 101	<p>Senator CASH—I would now like to turn to an area that was canvassed earlier today in relation to the tendering process and the tender website. The contracts that I am going to refer to are ones where I have Tuesday, 2 June 2009 Senate EEWR 101 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE plugged in the numbers and they have not come up. If you would bear with me, they are contracts with the ACTU—CN178010 and CN177542. My understanding is that they both have confidentiality clauses in them. Who would have initiated the confidentiality clause? Would it have been the ACTU, the department or the minister?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We would have to take that on notice. I think I said yesterday that a confidentiality clause may cover all sorts of things. It may simply cover an intellectual property request that the contract has made. It could cover all sorts of things. It does not necessarily cover our needs of confidentiality; it may cover their needs. We could not answer—</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could take it on notice, that would be appreciated.</p>

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EW0300_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 101	<p>Senator CASH—I have another contract number here—CN177839. My understanding is that that one is for reimbursement of airfares and that it was paid to the ACTU. Do you know what it is for?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—Is that an amount of just over \$12,000?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Unfortunately I do not have that information.</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—If it is the contract that I am thinking of—and I will take this on notice and confirm—it is for reimbursement of airfares to the ACTU for its participation in the Australian delegation to the International Labour Conference which occurs in Geneva each year. Under the ILO's constitution, the government is required to fund participation of both the employer and worker delegates on the Australian delegation.</p> <p>Senator CASH—So you would also have reimbursed other bodies for their flights?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—It would have been the employer delegation as well.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay. My understanding is that flights for the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry were not reimbursed.</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I have taken the question on notice but I will double-check. I will take that issue on notice as well.</p>
EW0301_10	5	Cash	LP	Tuesday Pg 102	<p>Senator CASH—I completely understand. Have there been any discussions surrounding whether or not the education campaign components will address potential demarcation issues between unions?</p> <p>Mr Maynard—We will have to take that on notice. I could not answer that at this point.</p>
EW0302_10	4	Adams	LP	Written	Are there any programs available to older Australians to encourage their return or continuance in the workforce?
EW0303_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Tuesday Pg 108	<p>Ms Parker—In terms of the establishment work that has been going on, certainly the Fair Work info line is ready to address calls and requests for information. In terms of the specific information that will be provided for small or medium enterprises, we would have to take that on notice and find out from the ombudsman itself. Senator XENOPHON—So there may be a dedicated line for small businesses?</p> <p>Ms Parker—It is not clear that there will be a dedicated line for small business as well. We will let you know.</p>
EW0304_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Tuesday Pg 108	<p>Senator XENOPHON—Has consideration been given to the definition of a medium-sized enterprise?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON—Further to that, how will this unit work? Clearly, it will offer telephone advice— you have alluded to that. Will it also offer any advocacy assistance to small- and medium-sized businesses?</p>
EW0305_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Tuesday Pg 108	<p>Senator XENOPHON—If you could take on notice what the precise nature of the services will be.</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—Certainly.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON—My understanding is that it would include advocacy advice for small businesses, but then the question is to what extent? Will that be providing initial representation at a conciliation hearing or for an unfair dismissal or for more complex matters?</p> <p>Mr Kovacic—I will take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON—In other words, where is the line drawn and, if the unit cannot assist, what will it do to refer people on for assistance?</p>
EW0306_10	5	Xenophon	IND	Tuesday Pg 109	<p>Senator XENOPHON—So the nature and extent of the assistance that will be provided, where is the line drawn for the size of businesses, what is the nature of the advocacy services and where do you draw the line? Will it include actually attending a hearing, for instance? If it is a contested hearing, will assistance be given?</p> <p>For instance, in terms of confidentiality what extent will there be—I was going to say Chinese walls, which is probably not the right phrase to use—a separation between those who advocate this sort of thing in this unit and others? There would be circumstances where, in the same office, a worker could be seeking assistance concerning the company that is seeking assistance from the specialised unit. Mr Kovacic—We will take all those on notice and we will try and expedite our responses to those as quickly as possible</p>

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EW0307_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 6	<p>Senator PAYNE—Do you have an assessment of the annual cost of operating the CCMS?</p> <p>Mr Parsons—There are two components. There is the charge that the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs charges for running the computer software. Then there is effectively that help desk support area that we spoke of. I can come back to you with the exact figures for both. I do not have them to hand.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—That would be very helpful. In doing that for me can you also give me an indication of how that compares to when the system was administered through the Centrelink process?</p> <p>Mr Parsons—I will do my best. I may not be able to come back today on that one.</p>
EW0308_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 10	<p>Senator PAYNE—Can you assist us by giving a guarantee that there will not be other caveats arising as matters of convenience for the government?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I am not in a position to give you a guarantee about those matters. Frankly, I am not aware that the question would ever arise.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Perhaps I can explain the sequencing. It is a commitment for between now and 2014. It has been our consideration that it makes sense to look at the experience from the beginning of the rollout of the first 38. That does not require waiting until they are all operational, but to learn the lessons about how we negotiate those, where they go and so on. It particularly makes sense to look at the larger number in the context of the ABC experience. I think that is responsible. I think it would be hard to do anything else. Nonetheless, we do not want to unduly delay. It is important to get these things underway. I am sure we will be able to, but the ABC situation is not entirely settled yet, as you know. I am sure we will talk about that this morning.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I can promise you that.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am happy to give an update or even take on notice offering you the sequencing that we are seeing.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—All right, that would be helpful</p>
EW0309_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 11	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—How many of these expressions of interest were from non-profit organisations?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—I do not have that breakdown with me. We would have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—That would be a good</p>
EW0310_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 11	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Could you tell me how many non-profit organisations were listed in the final binding bids?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—Yes. I will take that on notice.</p>
EW0311_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 13	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—That is interesting. That is separate to what was on my mind in terms of the Norwood centre in South Australia. Their provider fell through from 15 April and they have subsequently been given a new provider. How many other centres are in that particular situation?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—In that category there are very few. The picture I would put on the table is that overwhelmingly the deals that were announced are being progressively put into place.</p> <p>Mr Owen—I think Norwood was one of the few where there was quick action to find another prospective operator.</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—We can take on notice whether there were any others. I cannot recall any others. There may have been one or two.</p>
EW0312_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 13	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—You have outlined previous experience, but how many of those operators of those centres have official accreditation?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—I would imagine that the 48 who are current operators did, but for abundant caution I can take that on notice and check.</p>

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EW0313_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 16	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Are there any centres that are operating at the moment without that accreditation?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—Not that I am aware of, but accreditation is a process that can take some time for a new operator. Ms Rundle might be able to help you with that, but before asking her to do so I would mention that they have all got their state licences so no-one is operating without a licence. As to the conversation that we had with Senator Payne last time about licensing, that has essentially all been sorted for the new operators. I will ask Ms Rundle what the usual process is for accreditation.</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I am checking. I think it is six months from the point of operation when a service has to submit its first self-study report so that it can then be assessed by the National Childcare Accreditation Council, but we can check that for you.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Can you get back to me on that?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Yes.</p>
EW0314_10	1	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 16	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—If you could take on notice and get back to us today on how many of those are still waiting for that process to be completed, that would be great.</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Yes, I will do that.</p>
EW0315_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 23	<p>Senator PAYNE—On notice, can you check for me whether that is an accurate report? Can you also advise the committee, now if you can or on notice if you prefer, who it is envisaged is the person or the entity that is going to have to 'pay', to use that terminology?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—If you can follow up on the first part, I will contemplate the terminology for the second, and we might come back to you on notice on that.</p>
EW0316_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 24	<p>EYLF Trial</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I will ask you to identify what the categories were and then to identify whether the trials occurred in urban, inner and outer rural and regional locations and so on. What are the categories?</p> <p>Ms Ten Brummelear—I would have to check. I do not have that detail.</p>
EW0317_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 24	<p>Senator PAYNE—Can you advise how staff in those centres were trained in relation to the trial or how they were advised on the framework? What was that process?</p> <p>Ms Ten Brummelear—Again, I would need to get all the detail.</p>
EW0318_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 24	<p>Senator PAYNE—How are you going to assess the trial? What criteria are you using?</p> <p>Ms Ten Brummelear—I would have to check. Basically, there was a range of questions that were posed at the commencement of the trial and our consultants provided individual reports on each of the trial settings and a summary report on the overall outcomes and learning from the validation trial.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Are those reports something that the committee can be provided with?</p> <p>Ms Ten Brummelear—We will need to take that on notice.</p>
EW0319_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 25-26	<p>Senator PAYNE—Can you tell me how many departmental staff are employed on the Early Years Learning Framework?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I would need to check exactly, but around four full-time equivalent staff.</p>
EW0320_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 26	<p>Senator PAYNE—You may need to also check this. Can you tell us the costs of the public consultations, the expert panel and the trial so far?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Yes. I will take those on notice.</p>

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EW0321_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesday pg 26	<p>AusTender website Senator PAYNE—I wanted to follow up on a contract notice which was on the AusTender website in relation to venue hire for the national Early Years Learning Framework at the Westin Hotel in Sydney for the end of last year. I think it was contracts from late-November to mid-December. Can you tell me specifically what that was for?.. Senator PAYNE—Who was involved in those consultations?.... Senator PAYNE—Can you check in relation to the cost? It says \$15,400 was the contract value. Can you tell me how many people attended the events that were held at the Westin over that period? It is 27 November 2008 to 19 December 2008, according to this. Can you tell us when those events were held during that period and you may want to come back with more specifics about exactly what that particular event or events, given the time frame, were about?</p>
EW0322_10	2	Cormann	LP	Wednesday pg 30	<p>Languages in crisis report: a rescue plan for Australia? Senator CORMANN—In the interests of time, perhaps just take on notice the question as to whether the government has reviewed the report, is planning on implementing any of its recommendations and, if so, what recommendations? Senator Carr—I am happy to take that on notice, but that was a report into the previous government's destruction of the Asian language program</p>
EW0323_10	3	Cormann	LP	Wednesday pg 31	<p>Senator CORMANN—(The report points out that the percentage of year 12 students graduating with a second language has fallen from 40 per cent in the 1960s to 30 per cent in 2007, which of course covers a period of governments of both persuasions. Could you take on notice whether those figures that are quoted in the report are correct and what is being done to reverse the trend?- Schools Qn). A specific issue I would like to know about is that apparently there are now only 29 languages offered at tertiary institutions compared with 66 some decades ago. You are not aware of this, because you are not aware of the report. However, there is a recommendation for a joint policy commitment from the Commonwealth, state and territory governments to reverse those statistics. Has any work been done to increase the number of languages being taught at tertiary institutions across Australia? Ms Northcott—That is a question that you would really have to direct to my higher ed colleagues. But in terms of the four target languages under the NALSS program, a large focus in all of the components that I have outlined includes increasing the number of teachers, which obviously has big implications for secondary schools. Through the partnership and collaboration fund, for example, there is a big focus on how you increase the number of language teachers. We also have a range of programs, including the <u>Endeavour Language Teaching Fellowships, which are aimed at increasing support in the study of languages both for pre-service</u></p>
EW0324_10	3	Cormann	LP	Wednesday pg 31	<p>Senator CORMANN—Essentially what I am interested to find out is whether the funding for language education at university level is part of cluster funding arrangements and what the implications are of that. Ms Paul—Because ultimately universities determine their own course structures and so on—it is not controlled entirely by government—we may need to go to them to get some indication of how they have responded to that report. That is probably the best way to go about it. I am happy to do that, too. I will take that range of issues on notice.</p>
EW0325_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 39	<p>Senator MASON—How many are there in each state? Dr Nicoll—I am not sure. We would have to take that on notice. I do not know how many we have. Senator MASON—Is it possible not only for the numbers for each state but also for copies of those templates to be made available to the committee? Dr Nicoll—I do not think you would want all of them. We can give you a CD with those that we have available. We have not distributed them to architects in the broader world. What we have done is provide them to schools, states and territories, block grant authorities and schools. Then they do the negotiation with architects for the customisation of those plans. We would be happy to provide the committee with a CD with those design templates on them. Senator MASON—That is fine. Thank you</p>
EW0326_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 40	<p>BER & multiple campuses Senator MASON—Could you get the information to the committee about how many multiple campuses there are both in the non-government and in the government sector? Dr Nicoll—Yes, I will take that on notice</p>

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EW0327_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 48	<p>Senator MASON—In relation to the Sunday Telegraph article of 5 April, that particular issue has now been resolved to the satisfaction of those stakeholders?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I do not have the article here. I would be happy to take that particular school on notice</p>
EW0328_10	2	Mason	LP	51	<p>Senator MASON—If they have local builders to build a certain project, given that creating jobs in local communities is part of the criteria, why is that not being done rather than bringing in prefabricated buildings from Victoria?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I have said—</p> <p>CHAIR—That is the answer Dr Nicoll was going to.</p> <p>Senator MASON—I am sorry, okay.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—The particular solution is a small proportion of the New South Wales government strategy across all of their schools. They have engaged with prefabricated design modules for some of their buildings.</p> <p>Senator MASON—How many, do you know?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I do not know. We could find out. We could take that on notice.</p>
EW0329_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 55	<p>Senator MASON—Yes. Given that Mr Rudd said in announcing this program that local communities would make the decisions, why is it that local communities with proposals that fit the price tag are not getting what their school wants? Why is that?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—If there a specific school that you have a concern about from that article I would be very happy to take that on notice and to give you information about how that particular issue has been resolved.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Beaconsfield Upper—</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I am happy to take it on notice.</p>
EW0330_10	2	Collins	ALP	Wednesday pg 55	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Just before you move off this subject, in terms of the extent to which the Commonwealth has enhanced some of our processes for rolling out capital projects in education, can you give us some detail about the education and training modules that I think school principals have been going through about how to work through the process of a major capital project in their school? Perhaps you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I will take that on notice.</p>
EW0331_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 60	<p>Senator MASON—My friend and colleague Mr Briggs, the member for Mayo, has raised a question about the Kingscote school on Kangaroo Island. Let me be fully frank here, Ms Paul and Minister: this is not under the BER scheme. The Kingscote school received \$9.5 million, half of which was federal money—which would be \$4.25 million—to build additional classrooms and for other refurbishments, and apparently there is a range of problems with the construction. I have so many examples of this sort but, Mr Chairman, you will be pleased to know that this is the last one from me. Is the department aware of this grant and the Kingscote school campus problem? Are you aware of this one, Dr Nicoll?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—No. We would be happy to take that on notice, if you have a specific question in relation to the school.</p> <p>Senator MASON—All right. I have several questions, in fact. Again they are about quality assurance, a range of defects—I have 11 pages of defects that have come in—and reporting mechanisms. Let me read them off, as that will be faster. Is the department aware of this grant and the problems that have resulted from it? Does the Commonwealth have any quality assurance mechanisms for ensuring that the money it contributes to projects is being used in the most effective manner? We have already addressed that issue in other contexts. In the Kingscote example, there are a range of defects—big defects—that show that quality was not assured and the</p>

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EW0332_10	2	Cash	LP	Wednesday pg 63	<p>Senator CASH—Chair, perhaps I could put one question on notice to Dr Nicoll. Dr Nicoll, in response to Senator Mason, you have agreed to take on notice to look into one of the schools that have issues with the funding they have received and what they need to spend it on. Two schools have approached me in Western Australia. One is Hyden Primary School, which has issues with what it has to spend its funding on. Secondly, and more importantly, is Burbridge Primary School, which caters for some very, very seriously disabled people. It has been offered the choice of a library or some playground equipment. Due to the nature of the students, neither is appropriate, but the school desperately needs money to spend on its pool that is used for physiotherapy. I will put those details on notice and I would appreciate it if you could follow those issues up.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I certainly will.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I will contact the WA government and follow those issues up for you, if you will give us the appropriate names.</p>
EW0333_10	2	Fisher	LP	Wednesday pg 63	<p>Senator FISHER—Thank you, Chair. Ms Nicoll, I think these questions are for you. I want to ask about the Naracoorte Primary School in South Australia's south-east and that school's application and approval for funding under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century component of the program that Senator Mason has been asking you about. Are you aware of the Naracoorte Primary School having written to the South Australian department on 19 May with some concerns about the progress of the building that had been approved for funding?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I am not, but I will undertake to investigate that particular issue. I extend this invitation to all of you: if you come across schools that are having problems, I would ask that they write to the BER national coordinator—that is me. The details are on the website. If the school writes to me, we follow up with the state or territory or block grant authority to find out what is going on and to see what the situation is for that particular school. We have taken a note of that school. Is it a government school?</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Yes, that is my understanding. I have a copy of a letter that the school wrote to a Mr Roach in the state department, and I am happy to provide it to the secretariat so that you may be provided with a copy.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—Thank you. That would be great.</p>
EW0334_10	2	Fisher	LP	Wednesday pg 64	<p>Senator FISHER—How many schools have been approved funding? I mean, '10' is a number, but what percentage of the total pool is that?</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—I cannot tell you that off the top of my head. It is a very small proportion. But I think that is a signal as well that, whilst there are issues around the country with some schools, an extraordinary number of schools have found this experience to be a very positive one—</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Good, because it needs to be.</p> <p>Dr Nicoll—and the process is working well. What tends to happen is that we hear about the exceptions to that. On the basis of the numbers, I would suggest that is a very small proportion. But we want to ensure that schools do get the best value out of this. We will follow up on that school for you.</p>
EW0335_10	3	Back	LP	Wednesday pg 73	<p>Ms McKinnon—Mentor Marketplace in 2008-09 had an appropriation of \$2.334 million. In 2009-10, the appropriation is \$2.586 million. Senator BACK—Could you give me some detail of the \$2.58 million with regard to funding going forward for Mentor Marketplace? Which organisations, programs and projects will be funded under that program? Can you give me that advice or take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—Yes.</p> <p>Senator BACK—Could I also have the detail of funding commitment to each?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—I will take that on notice.</p>

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EW0336_10	3	Back	LP	Wednesday pg 73	<p>Senator BACK—The budget papers show that, from 2008 to 2009-10, there is an increase of \$2.367 million for Youth Engagement. Where will that funding be allocated?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—There are a range of initiatives under Youth Engagement. For example, \$20,000 of that goes to fund the Heywire initiative, which is run through the ABC and allows rural and regional youth to compete in a competition to record their experiences. There is also a number of awards—for example, a local government youth award—and, I suspect, funding for activities like Young Australian of the Year. I can give you a list if I take that on notice.</p>
EW0337_10	3	Back	LP	Wednesday pg 73	<p>Senator BACK—But you would understand the level of concern of those providers, of course—and I am sure that you are sensitive to it, if we are to get anywhere close to meeting COAG's requirements. Can you explain this Youth Online data system? Is it a survey system or an audit process that the Mentor Marketplace providers participate in?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—I am not familiar with the detail. I will have to take that on notice.</p>
EW0338_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 75-76	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—It has been brought to my attention through the Australian Education Union, specifically in South Australia, where I am from, that there is concern in the northern part of South Australia over 40 schools that have been earmarked to be amalgamated into these nine superschools. This has created some angst in the local community. There is not necessarily agreement amongst the schools themselves. It is something that is playing out in the state. The state government is sending a signal to these schools that they cannot be eligible for this stimulus funding for their school infrastructure unless they sign on to the amalgamation. I understand that there are state politics involved, but I just wanted to hear from the department regarding this. Clearly this is not what the money was for. It was not to be used as a carrot and stick for state governments to get what they want. Those communities are feeling really shafted in terms of the amalgamations, which is one issue. They also feel like they are going to miss out or they will have to just cop it. I am bringing it to the department's and the minister's attention and I would like to get a response from the department about, firstly, whether this is appropriate and, secondly, what we can do to communicate back to these communities.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I will not comment on the appropriateness, because I am not familiar with the case. Dr Nicoll may have been. We did talk earlier about some principles that are relevant here and those are the Commonwealth's interest and the school communities' desires.</p>
EW0339_10	2	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 78	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—When you say 'ministers', was this signed off at COAG?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges—This was signed off by the ministerial council. It was not the recent COAG, but it has been in place for some time, probably five or six years. I would have to take that on notice to give you the exact date.</p>
EW0340_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Wednesday pg 83	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Could you explain what consultation was undertaken with rural students in country Australia as to the effect of these changes?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I will take that on notice. If you have a political point, I suggest the chamber is the appropriate place for that.</p>
EW0341_10	2	Cash	LP	Wednesday pg 86	<p>Trade Training Centres</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay. In relation to the five schools that have commenced building, are they meeting their milestones?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—As far as I know, yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are you able to take the question on notice to check that?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—I can take it on notice in terms of the actual dates for each project.</p>
EW0342_10	2	Cash	LP	Wednesday pg 86	<p>Senator CASH—You say that five schools have commenced building. In relation to the other agreements that have been executed, are any of those schools meant to have commenced building but they have not?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—I will have to take that on notice in terms of the actual dates for every single project.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could, that would be appreciated, and the milestones in each one. Thank you very much.</p>
EW0343_10	2	Cash	LP	Wednesday pg 86-87	<p>Mr De Silva—External assessments, in terms of during the application process?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—Basically there is input from education authorities and block grant authorities. Also, in round 1 we ran a tender process to engage basically an expert to assess the cost of capital works and equipment. I do not have the name of that expert.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could take that on notice for me?</p>

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EW0344_10	2	Cash	LP	Wednesday pg 88	<p>Senator CASH—In taking on notice the information you are going to provide in relation to these 26, can you actually provide the projected commencement dates for each of these projects and the projected completion date?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—I think we can, yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You have 26 that have been executed; what is the longest time frame?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—I would actually have to look at all of the agreements to identify what were the time frames for each project.</p>
EW0345_10	2	MacDonald	LP	Wednesday pg 89	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—of paying Indigenous students on their place of residence rather than their place of schooling. No harm alleged, but it is simply an administrative arrangement that had overlooked that, importantly, many of the students were not schooled at their place of residence but rather in some other school.</p> <p>Perhaps if you do not have the figures, and if this is going to be discussed on Friday, when unfortunately I have other commitments, could I put on notice a question that would give me details of what schools in North Queensland—and if I were better prepared I could name them all, but you would have them there anyhow— received under the pre new act provisions, and what they are receiving this year under the post new act provisions?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—That is what I am really interested in. If no-one can tell me that now, could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Paul—No, we could not say that now. As I say, funding was maintained but broadbanded, so to some extent some of those answers come from the states nowadays, too. But I am happy to take that on notice and try to get some information</p>
EW0346_10	2	MacDonald	LP	Wednesday pg 89	<p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—Subsequent to the amendment to the act, hopefully, it was allocated to the right areas?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I will take that on notice and see what we can find out for you.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—I am looking for actual dollar amounts to particular schools per student and in a global sense.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I will see what we can do.</p>
EW0347_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 93	<p>Music Count Us In</p> <p>Senator MASON—I am sure you are prepared for this. How many teachers participated in the professional development component of the Music Count Us In program in 2008?</p> <p>Ms Northcott—Sorry, I think I had better take on notice the question as to the number of teachers that have participated in Music Count Us In.</p>
EW0348_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 94	<p>Senator MASON—Yes, you did, sorry. You may have to take this on notice, but what was the cost of the Music Count Us In program on a per student basis in 2008? Is it possible to work that out?</p> <p>Ms Northcott—I would have to take that on notice, but yes it is possible.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Okay, I understand that. While you are at it, could you find out what the cost of the program was on a per school basis in 2008?</p> <p>Ms Northcott—Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON—So, per student, and then per school?</p> <p>Ms Northcott—Yes. Obviously with respect to the per school figure, schools vary enormously, so it will be an average cost.</p>

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EW0349_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 94	<p>Senator MASON—I understand that. I am just surprised at the increase. That is a big increase. I did not expect that. Senator Milne has obviously blazed a trail. That is a big increase. Is the government funding this Music Count Us In program for 2009 and beyond?</p> <p>Ms Northcott—At the moment funding has not been identified for the program, but we are certainly exploring options to fund it.</p> <p>Senator MASON—So it has not been?</p> <p>Ms Northcott—No.</p> <p>Senator MASON—What are the reasons for not having committed further funding?</p> <p>Ms Northcott—Availability of funding in the department.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Can you add anything to that, Ms Paul or Minister?</p> <p>Ms Paul—No. In fact, I do not know the reason, so it is probably best to take that on notice as well.</p>
EW0350_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 94-95	<p>Senator MASON—If you could find that out for me, that would be great. I asked a question on notice: what progress has been made to implement the program recommendations from the national school music workshop? In response, the government advised that the following initiatives were in place—and there are six of them. The response was first of all, the national awards for excellence in school music education; secondly, the Music Count Us In program; thirdly, music education advisory group; fourthly, funding for Musica Viva in schools; fifthly, funding for The Song Room, and sixthly, the development of the national curriculum. I think I am right in saying that all of those initiatives were initiatives of the Howard Government, is that right?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think there is a mix, looking at my notes. I can see some things were approved in 2008; I think we would probably need to take that on notice.</p>
EW0351_10	2	Mason	LP	Wednesday pg 95	<p>Senator MASON—Also, if you could take on notice, have any other initiatives been put in place for the 77 per cent of state school students who currently do not have any access to music at school? I am concerned about what the government is doing. I have many more questions on music, but I will put them on notice.</p>
EW0352_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG		<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—What I am particularly interested in, though, are the figures on students from, say, regional and rural areas who have used the workplace participation criteria to qualify for Youth Allowance. How do we know what type of impact, positive or negative, this will have on those students if we do not have that data to say, 'These are the criteria the students use to qualify'? I was in regional South Australia last week talking to teachers and principals about this. The principal from Loxton High School said that 70 per cent of his year 12 graduates, which I thought was a significantly high number, take the gap year to qualify for the independent rate. That is just one example that one teacher has aggregated.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Why don't we take that on notice? I am trying to pin some of that down. We have to ask Centrelink, but we will try to work out the number of young people those particular criteria affect or the reason for eligibility and where they come from or whatever. It is quite different.</p>

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EW0353_10	4	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 25	<p>Senator MASON—I did not mean they were being press-ganged, but to engage in tertiary study they are forced to leave home because there is no university nearby.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Okay. I am not sure whether we have that figure.</p> <p>Dr Moorhead—At the moment there are around 122,000 students receiving the Youth Allowance student and in higher education.</p> <p>Senator MASON—All right. Do we know how many are not living at home?</p> <p>Dr Moorhead—I will see if I have that.</p> <p>Ms Paul—That will not give you the answer to the question. It will say how many are not living at home, but it will not say whether they had to leave.</p> <p>Senator MASON—I know, but there are two parts, sorry. I admit that the second question is a difficult question to answer; I accept that.</p> <p>Dr Moorhead—I will take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator NASH—If you are taking that on notice, could you find out if you have any regional breakdown of those numbers, and if so, could you include that in your response?</p>
EW0354_10	4	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 25	<p>Senator MASON—I think Senator Nash's question in a sense will partly address the second question I asked about students having to leave home to access study. If there is a regional breakdown, at least we could have some idea of whether students had to leave home.</p> <p>Senator NASH—If there is not a regional breakdown, perhaps you could provide for the committee why it is not done?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes. We can probably take that on notice. I think the tricky part will be to try to get to young people who had to leave, but we can try to do some analysis of the remote and regional.</p>
EW0355_10	4	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 27	<p>Senator MASON—I have a couple more questions and then I am happy to yield to my colleagues. On the issue of students who are currently in their gap year, if the implementation date for the tightening of the workforce participation test were to be changed from 1 January 2010, which is the current proposal, to 1 January 2011—in other words, put back 12 months to ensure that it is not retrospective in effect, which I think is what Senator Hanson-Young was arguing—what would be the cost to the budget?</p> <p>Dr Moorhead—I cannot answer that.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Would you take that on notice? It is a very important question.</p> <p>Dr Moorhead—Yes.</p>
EW0356_10	4	Cash	LP	Thursday Pg 32	<p>Senator CASH—Would you please now outline the feedback that was given to you by rural and regional people in relation to the specific changes to workforce participation criteria for establishing independence under Youth Allowance?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I will take that on notice, thank you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You will take that on notice? So, for all the rural and regional people listening in currently, because there are thousands across Australia doing that—</p> <p>Senator Carr—I am sure there are millions—</p> <p>Senator CASH—You are going to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Carr—Millions of people hanging off every word.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Well, there are. Amazingly, today there actually are, because this directly affects those people. Minister, since the announcement of the proposed changes that I have referred to, has your department become aware of any concerns rural or regional students have with the proposed changes to the youth allowance?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Perhaps I can take that on. We really will need to go to the consultations arising from the Bradley review, which went on for a long time. We may have received representations—I do not have them here, though—so I am happy to take that on notice and get back to you about the range of representations that we might have received.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay. At this particular point in time, you are not sure if the minister or the department has received representations</p>

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EW0357_10	4	Cash	LP	Thursday Pg 34	Senator CASH—Under the proposed budget changes to the independence test for youth allowance, students currently receiving youth allowance as a result of the current workforce participation criteria will be grandfathered and will therefore retain their youth allowance eligibility throughout their course. Is it proposed that they would then lose their youth allowance if they go on to pursue further study, such as a second degree, or if they transfer the university at which they are studying part-way through their course? Senator NASH—That's a good question. Dr Moorhead—I will take that on notice.
EW0358_10	4	Back	LP	Thursday Pg 40	Senator BACK—Can I just have a point of clarification. Dr Moorhead, in your response a few minutes ago on hours of work, you mentioned 'an average of 30 hours per week'. Can I just confirm that to be the case. As we all know, in country areas the chance of anybody actually getting a regular weekly job at the local shire or in the local shop—if there is one left—is minimal; whereas, of course, the nature of farming is such that, while a crop is going in, or a crop is coming off, there is tremendous opportunity for young people to get employment in agriculture and actually accumulate those hours. Could you confirm for me that it is an average of 30 hours per week, so that people can have some degree of hope with regard to their employment opportunities in the bush? Dr Moorhead—I will take that on notice—whether it is exactly 30 hours or whether you can work 35 hours in one week and 25 in the next.
EW0359_10	3	Nash	NATS	Thursday Pg 40	Senator NASH—But, as it is only a one-year deferment, you would have to reapply even for that next six months? Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Yes, and they often apply as a mature-age student. Ms Paul—We can check that for you. Senator NASH—Which is also a significant problem, I would imagine. Do we have any figures on the likelihood of students going to university after having one year off after school as opposed to two years off? Ms Paul—I am not sure. I think we would probably have to take that on notice.
EW0360_10	3	Nash	NATS	Thursday Pg 42	Senator NASH—On this issue of deferment—and we are talking now about the requirement of the two years rather than the one—how many courses can actually be deferred for more than one year? Ms Paul—I do not know that we know that, but we are happy to take it on notice.
EW0361_10	4	Nash	NATS	Thursday Pg 42	Senator NASH—Would you mind taking on notice for me those actual taper rates. I appreciate that you have assisted in trying to give the examples, but if we could have the detailed taper rates provided to the committee, that would be very useful.
EW0362_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Thursday Pg 45	Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Has the department got any figures on what the average living cost for a student living in Melbourne and attending the University of Melbourne or RMIT? Dr Moorhead—We could take that on notice.
EW0363_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Thursday Pg 45	Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Why was the age of 22 chosen? I understand it was a recommendation from the Bradley review, but what is the evidence behind choosing that number, as opposed to 18? Centrelink classifies people as independent for child support and maintenance payments at the age of 18. Why would we not be consistent across the board? Ms Shannon—That is essentially a decision for government. The age of 21 is the benchmark for other payments like youth allowance (other). I think the issue is that most university students complete their degree over a four- to five-year period and towards the end of their degree would be reaching the age of 22 and independence, but it is essentially a decision for government. Ms Paul—I cannot remember why Professor Bradley suggested it that way, but we could go back to that too and refresh ourselves on it. I am sorry—I do not have it in my head. Senator HANSON-YOUNG—I think that would be good, particularly in light of the debate on these issues.

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EW0364_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Thursday Pg 47	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—What I am particularly interested in, though, are the figures on students from, say, regional and rural areas who have used the workplace participation criteria to qualify for Youth Allowance. How do we know what type of impact, positive or negative, this will have on those students if we do not have that data to say, 'These are the criteria the students use to qualify'? I was in regional South Australia last week talking to teachers and principals about this. The principal from Loxton High School said that 70 per cent of his year 12 graduates, which I thought was a significantly high number, take the gap year to qualify for the independent rate. That is just one example that one teacher has aggregated.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Why don't we take that on notice? I am trying to pin some of that down. We have to ask Centrelink, but we will try to work out the number of young people those particular criteria affect or the reason for eligibility and where they come from or whatever. It is quite different.</p>
EW0365_10	4	Hanson-Young	AG	Thursday Pg 48	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Could you table that?</p> <p>Ms Shannon—What I can do—</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Is that a protocol?</p> <p>Ms Shannon—It comes, I think, from the Guide to the social security law. That is a public document. I will get the correct references and I can provide that information.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—That would be great.</p>
EW0366_10	3	Cash	LP	Thursday Pg 52	<p>Senator CASH—Could you take me through the course that someone has to do to become an education agent.</p> <p>Mr Walters—We do not have the details here. We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could do that, I would appreciate it. Could you also take on notice whether self assessment is part of that course and whether that is something that the government is going to be looking at in light of the recent reports that education agents require closer supervision? How is the industry regulated?</p>
EW0367_10	3	Hanson-Young	AG	Thursday Pg 57-58	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Has any provider ever been struck off the list?</p> <p>Mr Walters—A lot of providers have been taken off for various reasons, some of them relating to the national code. Ms Chaudhury would probably have some of those stats but you might want us to take them on notice.</p> <p>Ms Paul—We do not need to go into too much detail, but in brief, the department has a very active compliance area. It is a regulatory function which we hold inside the department. Ms Chaudhury is in charge of that. We vigorously pursue any provider who breaches the act and take action, including taking their registration away. When you read about colleges closing, it would be because of the action that we or we in combination with a state government have taken. I do not know that we need to go further in the interests of time.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—If you could take on it notice, I would like to see a list of centres or providers that have been struck off the list and some examples of the types of things that you have had to chase up and issue some sort of penalty for.</p>
EW0368_10	3	Abetz	LP	Thursday Pg 59	<p>Senator ABETZ—I thank Senator Back for allowing me to question officers now as I seek to appear in some other committees as well. My questions concern Automotive Training Australia. First of all, how much is being provided this year to Automotive Training Australia? Whilst you are getting that figure, how much did it get last year?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I do not have that information. I will have to take that on notice, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Do you have a rough idea? I will not hold you to it.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I would not be prepared to take a stab in the dark, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Please take both those questions on notice: how much is being provided this year and how much last year.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Sure.</p>

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EW0369_10	3	Abetz	LP	Thursday Pg 59	<p>Senator ABETZ—All right. The Motor Traders Association of Australia also makes a contribution, does it not?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Again, I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—You can confirm it makes a contribution; you are not sure of the amount?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—My understanding is that it ran a program which was about donating parts to TAFEs. I am not sure if it was a cash or in-kind contribution.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—In relation to these questions when I am asking about the provision of an amount of money, if it was in-kind support that has a dollar value attached to it as well, that would be very helpful, thank you.</p>
EW0370_10	3	Abetz	LP	Thursday Pg 60	<p>Creation of Manufacturing Skills Australia...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—The same with the FAPM and the Tractor and Machinery Association. Who in the vehicle space actually supported this move?</p> <p>Mr Robertson—Again, I would have to take that on notice, but there was strong support from the manufacturing side of the automobile industry.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—So which organisation of the manufacturing side of the automobile industry was it? I thought I had covered the lot with that list.</p> <p>Mr Robertson—I have read those notes, but it was some time ago, so I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Interestingly enough, it was not only the employer organisations; the vehicle industry union was also opposed to this move. When you have this rare amalgam of unions and employers coming together, I find it passing strange that you should suggest that there were elements in the automotive space that supported this move. If you could take that on notice and tell us who they were, I would be very interested and, might I add, somewhat surprised. How much is being provided to MSA and when will it start?</p>
EW0371_10	3	Abetz	LP	Thursday Pg 61	<p>Senator ABETZ—It will now get an extra \$600,000, but you still cannot tell me how much Automotive Training Australia gets?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—No, Senator, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Because that funding will then cease.</p> <p>Mr Robertson—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—We do not know when that funding will cease?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—That is right, Senator. I just do not have it in my folder.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—No-one along the table knows? No. All right. You can take that on notice. One of the great things about these—what do I call them?—institutes, training centres—</p>
EW0372_10	3	Abetz	LP	Thursday Pg 62	<p>Senator ABETZ—Please take on notice the question of who supports this change, other than the minister, of course: whether the FCAI, MTAA, the VACC, and the vehicle industry union—all the players which have been making contributions, and, as I understand it, valuable contributions in the past—support this.</p> <p>Senator ARBIB—Senator, I also make the point that this decision followed from the Bracks report. You might find some useful information in that.</p>

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EW0373_10	3	Back	LP	Thursday Pg 63	<p>Productivity Places Program.</p> <p>Senator BACK—Of those who have yet to commence the program, which I guess is about 23,000, have they failed to commence or did they fail to commence within what I understand is the three-week window they have between being offered a program and having to take it up?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Senator, I would have to take that away, but you are right, there is a period of time between when the places are allocated and when the training needs to commence. I would need to take that away.</p> <p>Senator BACK—Sure.</p> <p>Mr Robertson—Senator, I think we talked about this last time, but we need to be clear that what happens is that a provider enrolls a student but, of course, that student may well in the meantime, before he or she commences training, secure work and therefore withdraw from the training.</p> <p>Senator BACK—You will be able to supply us with information giving us an understanding of the reasons why they have not yet taken up the offer?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—We will go back and see what level of reporting we can get to you. We will give you as much as we can.</p> <p>Mr Robertson—The press release that you refer to mentions the enrolments and also mentions the commencements.</p> <p>Senator BACK—What I will be particularly interested to receive when it does come through on notice is how many, if any, did not take it up because of delays in the commencement of the program. That is the particular issue that I am concerned with and interested in.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—All right. We will take that away.</p>
EW0374_10	3	Back	LP	Thursday Pg 63	<p>Senator BACK—Of those who we were just speaking about—the 23,000 roughly—if they do not commence in the program, will they still be counted in the 711,000 or will they drop off and new people will take up their unfulfilled position?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—The arrangements are set out in the program guidelines about what is counted as a qualification commencement versus an enrolment. If you would like, I can get you that information on notice as well.</p>
EW0375_10	3	Back	LP	Thursday Pg 67	<p>Senator BACK—If additional information is available, I would be very appreciative to receive that. That then leads me to this question: can you tell us how many job seekers have commenced and completed a mining related qualification? Again, if you wish to take this on notice, that will be fine.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Sure. Senator BACK—I ask the same question about the construction industry, plumbing, hairdressing and picture framing. If you could tell me how many certificates have been undertaken in plumbing, hairdressing and picture framing, I would be appreciative.</p>
EW0376_10	3	Back	LP	Thursday Pg 69	<p>Total cost of productivity places program</p> <p>Senator BACK—Effectively, that figure adjusted up to the end of June would take into account 2007-08 and 2008-09, would it not?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I would need to check that to make sure that I have got the totality for you, Senator.</p>

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EW0377_10	3	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 71-72	<p>Senator MASON—Thank you. Ms Griffin, how many types of apprenticeship incentives are there currently or what programs are there that qualify as apprenticeship incentives? Do you have a list of those?</p> <p>Ms Griffin—Yes, I do.</p> <p>Senator MASON—How many programs are there?</p> <p>Ms Griffin—I do not have the exact number, but I could count them up.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Can you provide the committee with a copy of that? Is that all right?</p> <p>Ms Griffin—Yes, Senator. There are several for employers and also several for apprentices. We refer to them as personal benefits. The payments to employers are incentives.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Thank you. If you could provide a list of those that would be terrific. In relation to the two financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09, I have a series of questions, so let me run through them, and I understand that some of these you may not have on the top of your head. How many Australian apprentices at certificate II level training were supported by an employer incentive payment for commencement, first, in 2007-08, and, second, 2008-09? Can you tell us that now?</p> <p>Ms Griffin—I only have the total employers assisted in 2007-08 through an incentive payment, and that was 89,530, but that is not by certificate level. That is total employers assisted.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Could you give the committee the certificate II level, on notice? Would that be okay?</p> <p>Ms Griffin—We should be able to do it, yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Disaggregate the information, as it were.</p> <p>Ms Griffin—Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON—I understand. That is for 2007-08 and 2008-09 if you have it.</p> <p>Ms Griffin—Do you want the total for 2008-09?</p> <p>Senator MASON—Yes, sure.</p> <p>Ms Griffin—92,000 is the estimate.</p> <p>Senator MASON—92,000 for 2008-09, and you will give a disaggregated figure for the certificate later.</p> <p>Ms Griffin—Just certificate II, Senator.</p> <p>Senator MASON—And also for certificate III, if you could disaggregate that.</p> <p>Ms Griffin—Yes.</p>
EW0378_10	3	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 72	<p>Senator MASON—Thank you. How many Australian apprentices were supported through a Commonwealth trade learning scholarship, over the last financial year and the current one if there is an estimate?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—We will have to take that one on notice.</p>
EW0379_10	3	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 72	<p>Senator MASON—How many Australian apprentices in traditional trades were supported through a commencement payment to their employer?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—I think we will have to take that on notice in order to filter between traditional trades and other eligible qualifications. So we will do that on ASCO full.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Thank you. How many Australian apprentices in traditional trades were supported through a completion payment to their employer?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—It is the same issue.</p>
EW0380_10	3	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 73	<p>Senator MASON—How many Australian apprentices in traditional trades were supported through a Commonwealth trade learning scholarship?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—Sorry, we will take that one on notice.</p>

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EW0381_10	3	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 73	<p>Senator MASON—That is fine. How much was spent or is forecast to be spent on incentives for employers of apprentices—and this will increase forecasts here, so bear with me—in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010- 11, 2011-12 and 2012-13? What has been spent and what has been forecast to be spent on incentives for employers of apprentices?</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—In terms of the total Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program, in 2007-08 the total for it was \$816 million, but I have only have the numbers assisted.</p> <p>Senator MASON—In relation to the other forecasts, are you able to provide—</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—Do you want it split between personal benefits and employer incentives?</p> <p>Senator MASON—Yes, incentives for employers of apprentices and also how much was spent or is forecast to be spent on the payments to Australian apprentices—so both.</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—Do you want separate figures or the total?</p> <p>Senator MASON—Separate figures, thank you...</p>
EW0382_10	3	Mason	LP	Thursday Pg 73	<p>Senator MASON— How many apprentices are expected to commence in 2009? What is the forecast? Do we know that yet?</p> <p>Ms Griffin—We would; I just do not know if I can lay my hands on it.</p> <p>Ms McKinnon—We will take that one on notice.</p>
EW0383_10	2	Cormann	LP	Wednesda y pg 31	<p>Senator CORMANN—The report points out that the percentage of year 12 students graduating with a second language has fallen from 40 per cent in the 1960s to 30 per cent in 2007, which of course covers a period of governments of both persuasions. Could you take on notice whether those figures that are quoted in the report are correct and what is being done to reverse the trend?</p>
EW0384_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesda y pg 6	<p>Senator PAYNE—I am not sure whether this would be a question to ask on notice. In fact, I think I will put it on notice. Will the minister consider publicly releasing the data that is collected through the CCMS, and if not, why not?</p> <p>Ms Wall—Sure.</p> <p>Mr Parsons—Yes.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—And when we could expect that to happen.</p>
EW0385_10	1	Payne	LP	Wednesda y pg 13	<p>Senator PAYNE—.... What sort of breakdown can you provide in terms of location? There is obviously a national suite that you have, but can we do that by state and postcode as well?</p> <p>Mr Parsons—We essentially get unit-level records for children from childcare centres. I can check this, but I would imagine that we are able to track the data back to a childcare centre so then you can obviously aggregate by state and postcode.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—I want you to bear in mind any privacy aspects of the provision of the data as well.</p> <p>Mr Parsons—Yes</p>
EW0386_10	1	Hanson- Young	AG	Wednesda y pg 14	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—If we take the three that will be closing where the particular deal has fallen through, the Norwood example and if there are any others—keeping in mind, I understand you are sayin g that there is not that many of them—it would be good to know how many from the original 15 April list have not fallen through altogether. I am also interested in whether those providers were in the non-profit list or privately run operations.</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—We are happy to take that on notice</p>