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QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Subject	Senator	Party	Hansard date	Hansard page	QUESTION
EW0001_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Can you detail how this program has been working?
EW0002_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign - tenders	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	On the last occasion, the list of successful tenderers to conduct the campaign was yet to be determined. I assume this has now taken place. Can you list the organisations who were successful?
EW0003_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign - info sessions	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	How many information sessions have been conducted? Can you break that figure down on a per state basis? And on a per organisation basis?
EW0004_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- use of mediums	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	What mediums have been used by the successful providers – for example, seminars, on-line?
EW0005_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- sessions	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	On the last occasion it was indicated that the focus of the sessions was to initially be on Small Business Dismissal Code and Collective bargaining. We were told these were just the 'initial' areas of interest and the department was considering other areas. Have these other areas now been determined? What is the focus of these other areas? Who decided what the focus should be? On what basis was this decision made? Was industry consulted?
EW0006_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign - costings	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	How much of the money allocated to this program, some \$12.9 million, has been spent?
EW0007_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- timeframes	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	What time frames have the information providers indicated they will complete the program within?
EW0008_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- further info sessions	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Is it expected that additional monies will need to be allocated should there be a need for future or further information sessions – such as those mentioned earlier where you intend to take a different focus?
EW0009_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- effectiveness of program	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	How have you been measuring the effectiveness of the program? What are the results that you have determined thus far? E.g. how effective has the program been to date? Last time you mentioned hits on websites as an example. Have you been provided with data about this?
EW0010_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign - negative feedback	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Have you had any problems or difficulties with the information providers? Have you received any complaints from attendees or negative feedback? What processes are in place to allow participants receiving the information to provide feedback or complaints?
EW0011_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- records management	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	In terms of the documents and content of the program being delivered by the information providers, do you keep a record of every document handed out or, for example, copies of the power point slides? Can we be provided with a copy of this information?
EW0012_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- restrictions on info providers	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	What restrictions are there on the extent to which the information providers can use the education sessions to promote the interests of their own organisation? For example, can an employer association say to attendees "if you want help in drafting a collective agreement – call us?" What are the terms of these restrictions?
EW0013_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign - ACTU	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	The ACTU has received funding under this program. Are their programs available to everyone – union members or not?
EW0014_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Information Campaign- JobWatch	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	I also understand that an organisation called JobWatch has received funding. Who are JobWatch? Have they received funding before from the Department for similar information programs?
EW0015_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Protected Action Ballot Scheme- funding	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	On the last occasion the Department was questioned about the increased funding under this scheme and whether that represented a view that there was an expectation of an increased number of ballots to take place in the future. The answer was that there was no expectation of an increase in protected action ballots. Is this still the view adopted by the Department?
EW0016_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Protected Action Ballot Scheme - volume	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	How many protected action ballots have taken place since 1 July? How does this compare for, say, the corresponding period in 2008? Is it higher?
EW0017_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Protected Action Ballot Scheme- trends	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	From the information available to you, what trend is occurring with respect to the number of protected action ballots since 1st July this year?
EW0018_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Protected Action Ballot Scheme- costs	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	What is the average cost per ballot? What factors determine the cost of the ballot?
EW0019_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Protected Action Ballot Scheme - charges	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	What costs do the AEC, for lack of a better phrase "charge" to the Department to run the ballot?
EW0020_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Protected Action Ballot Scheme	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Has the cost of per ballot increased since 1 July this year?
EW0021_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Protected Action Ballot Scheme - Budget	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Is the Department still of the view that the \$1.6 million allocated for this scheme in the budget will be sufficient?
EW0022_11	Agency - Comcare	Comcare- 2007 guidelines	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Is it acknowledged that the 2007 guidelines encouraged the development of programs other than face to face courses?
EW0023_11	Agency - Comcare	Comcare Course	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Do you agree that the development of a course, accreditation of a course, establishment of business systems and marketing of a course takes a lot of time and hard work?
EW0024_11	Agency - Comcare	Comcare course	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Were all the courses accredited under the 2007 guidelines compatible with the Commonwealth law being the OHS Act 1991 and its Regulations?
EW0025_11	Agency - Comcare	Training	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Has there been any change to the Commonwealth law being the OHS Act 1991 and its Regulations requiring that training be entirely face to face?

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EW0026_11	Agency - Comcare	Comcare	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Is it acknowledged that the restriction on delivery is a complete turnaround of the 2007 encouragement toward innovative design?
EW0027_11	Agency - Comcare	Proposed change	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Is there any proposed change to the Commonwealth law prior to the proposed harmonized laws?
EW0028_11	Agency - Comcare	Training course	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	It seems that if a training course was compatible with Commonwealth law in 2007, and it has been well conducted, then it must remain a useful and helpful addition to training choices and it must remain completely compatible today given there has been no change to law and it must remain compatible on an ongoing basis until such a change to law is made. Why should it not be available?
EW0029_11	Agency - Safe Work Australia	Locating info on SWA website	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Where does one find the agreed National Standards about health and safety representative training on the Safe Work Australia website?
EW0030_11	Agency - Comcare	Comcare	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Does a National Standard exist on this topic? If so could it be provided?
EW0031_11	Agency - Comcare	HSR training format	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Does the draft model Act include anything about the HSR training format?
EW0032_11	Agency - Comcare	Draft of administrative regulations	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	I refer to the exposure draft of administrative regulations, there is mention of five days but is there any mention of how this five days is to be spent?
EW0033_11	Agency - Comcare	Face to face training	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	It was said in the hearing that the new laws foreshadowed face to face training. Please explain in detail where that is foreshadowed?
EW0034_11	Agency - Comcare	The projected set of model laws	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	How does the projected set of model laws provide a reason to restrict training opportunities within the commonwealth jurisdiction?
EW0035_11	Agency - Comcare	Training	Abetz, Eric	LP	Written	0	Given the outcome is important in training, does the 2010 requirement completely remove the open ended architecture of the 2007 guidelines? I refer you to clause 3.2. Does it say that there are no set requirements about course length, format or how it is delivered?
EW0036_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Employment in aviation industry	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	Who is responsible for engaging with the aviation / pilot industry to assess current areas of need? Over the last 5 years can you provide data relating to employment of pilots, vacancies? How many are places are being filled through sourcing pilots from overseas on employment visas?
EW0037_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Skill Shortage	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	What labour market statistics does DEEWR use in determining areas of skills shortage? Can you please provide most current data including breakdown by occupation. The Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council Environmental Scan only references DEEWR 2009 data that indicate that there were 1180 enrolments by international students in the aircraft operation field in VET. And general increases in commencements over the 2007-2008 period. What skills categories have been identified as areas of need in the aviation industry? What are these figures for pilots? How many of the total number of enrolments access VET FEE-HELP? How many flight training providers / flying schools courses are accredited allowing students to access this? Of this number how many have applied to be accredited as VET FEE-HELP courses? What is the average cost of completing pilot training? What is the ceiling amount available under VET FEE-HELP? What are the criteria for meeting this?
EW0038_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Aviation white paper & VET providers	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	Swinburne University's submission to the Aviation White Paper identifies barriers to pilot training and the need for greater consultation with high education and VET providers. Has consultation been entered into with pilot VET providers as there is little evidence in the ISC Environmental Scan – which reveals very little about the current demand for pilots in Australia? Can you provide more details information on the aviation sector? Including pilots? Can you advise how many providers have been accredited to deliver pilot training? How many of these are in partnership with Universities? Can you please detail who these are and the providers? Provide figures on the number of those looking for career pathways into becoming pilots have accessed VET FEE-HELP. Has this increased?
EW0039_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Consideration of changes to qualifications and incentives (aviation industry)	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	Consideration of changes to qualifications and incentives Have there been any changes in the type of qualifications offered to attempt to fill these industry shortages to prevent them from having to move maintenance off-shore. (ie. Qantas) For example 2 – 3 year courses to meet industry needs? Who, if this is underway, is responsible for assessing the adequacy of current qualifications to meet industry needs? What action has been taken to date? When will it be ready for industry consultation and when are any changes likely to be implemented?
EW0040_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Closure of flying schools	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	There have been a number of reported closures of flying schools due to the difficulties of gaining accreditation as VET FEE-HELP facilities or a failure to enter into partnerships with higher education providers. Are you aware of the closure of flying schools? Has the impact of these closures, in terms of restricting student pilot's ability to undertake practical training been considered? If it has, what has been the outcome of these considerations? Can you provide the supporting documentation? Has the Department or the Industry Skills Council or the Minister been approached by these companies. If so, by whom? Has any action been taken to review qualifying criteria for VET FEE-HELP to assist them in training more pilots? VET flying providers / schools claim this is a failure of the industry skills councils to acknowledge that we could be doing more to take advantage of the international demand for pilots as VET FEE-HELP accreditation remains inaccessible to many because it requires partnership with a tertiary education provider and the complexity of being able to become a CRICOS provider. Tertiary providers have an advantage in this. What is being done to address the needs of industry who have continued to consult with Government about training
EW0041_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	VET FEE-HELP	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	What is the cost of offering VET FEE-HELP to providers training those in the aviation sector in this year's estimates and numbers? What is the total number of students? And estimated costs in the forward estimates?

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EW0042_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	Budget Paper No. 2 States the following: "The Government will provide \$20 million in 2010-11 for the establishment of a Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund. The Fund will provide assistance to students aged less than 25 years whose main place of residence is located in a rural or regional area and who face financial hardship. This "fund" was announced in December last year, as the Minister struggled to make a deal to get through her flawed Youth Allowance amendments. Are there guidelines for this fund? Who is eligible? (Tertiary students who need to relocate to access their institution of study?) How will students prove their financial hardship to qualify for this fund? How much is to be paid & over what period of time? The fund is for three years, what happens to students accessing this fund after three years? Provide detail on how this will be budgeted this estimates period and in the forward estimates periods? When will this program come on line? Is there a budget for promoting applications for applying for funding under the Regional Hardship programme & where?
EW0043_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Cost of Tertiary education	Back, Chris	LP	Written	0	Why is the cost for accessing a tertiary education higher for country students than metropolitan students? If a family does not have the means to pay for access to a tertiary education for their student, what assistance is available if it is farm assets?
EW0044_11	Cross Portfolio	Staffing	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	How many permanent staff recruited since additional estimates (Feb 2010)? What level are these staff? How many temporary positions exist or have been created since additional estimates? Since additional estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?
EW0045_11	Cross Portfolio	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? - Since the efficiency dividend was introduced? - Since additional estimates? If so, where and at what level?
EW0046_11	Cross Portfolio	Staffing – staff reduction	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
EW0047_11	Cross Portfolio	Staffing – further efficiency	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	If your Department/agency has been identified in the budget as delivering further efficiencies (savings), how will these be delivered? (for example, if the budget papers say 'improvement to strategic work practices' or similar, what are these and how will they be delivered?)
EW0048_11	Cross Portfolio	Staffing – grad recruitment	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions or increases are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc
EW0049_11	Cross Portfolio	Government Advertising	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken since additional estimates and what communications programs are planned to be undertaken? For each program, what is the total spend? (by 'communications program' it is meant communication of a government message to the public – possibly by advertising (print, television etc), possibly through the erection of signs, plaques etc, or through other mediums. The recent (current) Government TV advertising campaign on health reform and specific health initiatives are examples, BER signage is an example, advertising on the Government's proposed new tax system would be another example.) A breakdown of how much was spent/is planned to be spent on each program/initiative should be provided.
EW0050_11	Cross Portfolio	Hospitality- Dept	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
EW0051_11	Cross Portfolio	Hospitality- MO	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
EW0052_11	Cross Portfolio	Board Appointments	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since the Government came to office in November 2007?
EW0053_11	Cross Portfolio	Grants	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?
EW0054_11	Cross Portfolio	Freedom of Information	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests? How many FOI requests has the Department received? How many have been granted or denied? How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?
EW0055_11	Cross Portfolio	Community Cabinets	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since additional estimates? How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel? What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?
EW0056_11	Cross Portfolio	Reviews	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007? Please provide a breakdown of reviews completed since the government came to office (only those commenced after the current government came to office) including - when those reviews were provided to Government, - estimated cost of producing each review (and total cost) and - if the Government has responded to the review or information about when the Government has indicated it will/will not respond to the review. How many reviews are ongoing? How many reviews have been completed since additional estimates? What further reviews are planned in the portfolio/agency?

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EW0057_11	Cross Portfolio	Consultancies	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.
EW0058_11	Cross Portfolio	AusTender, Consultancies and Annual Procurement Plan	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website? Are the figures available on that site correct? How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.
EW0059_11	Cross Portfolio	Government Payment of Accounts	Barnett, Guy	LP	Written	0	Has the portfolio/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
EW0060_11	Cross Portfolio	building efficiency	Birmingham, Simon	LP	Written	0	Please list every building occupied by the Department. For each building: - Has an energy efficiency audit been undertaken? If so, what rating was achieved and what action has been taken to improve energy efficiency as a result of any audit undertaken?
EW0061_11	Cross Portfolio	Programmes administered by your Department and portfolio agencies	Cash, Michaelia	LP	Written	0	1. Can you please provide, in spreadsheet form, a list of all programmes administered by your Department and portfolio agencies. 2. Can that list please show for each listed programme: (a) The name of the programme. (b) Full administered expenses for each financial year of the forward estimates period starting from 2010-11. (c) Full departmental expenses for each financial year of the forward estimates period starting from 2010-11. (d) Allocated Average Staffing Level (ASL) for the programme in 2010-11. 3. If that list cannot be provided, can you please advise the reason why simple full-expenditure financial information is not readily available for the public's information.
EW0062_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work principles	Eggleston, Alan	LP	Written	0	Is it true that the Government's Fair Work Principles User Guide (released by Minister Carr on 23 December 2009 when Acting Minister for Workplace Relations, and which includes a requirement for clothing and footwear manufacturers to be certified to the Home Workers Code of Practice) specifically states that overseas based suppliers tendering for Australian Government contracts do not have to comply with the same legislated Australian workplace requirements i.e. the Fair Work Principles and the Home Workers Code of Practice? And would it be correct to say, therefore, that the Government is setting two standards – one applying a higher standard for Australian manufacturers as per the Fair Work Principles and a lower standard for overseas suppliers? * Transferred from the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR)
EW0063_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Work conditions	Eggleston, Alan	LP	Written	0	What steps are the Government and the Department taking to ensure that overseas companies tendering for Government contracts will be required to comply with the same workplace conditions as Australian companies (like many in our TCF industry) in order to provide Australian companies with the best chance to compete? * Transferred from the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR)
EW0064_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Employment Services – Golden Gurus	Fifield, Mitch	LP	Written	0	In February, questions were placed on notice. These were: Have any small businesses approached member organisations to participate in the program? How many and where are they located? How many small businesses have been successful in their application to participate in the program? Have any small businesses been connected with a mentor? The response to this question was: (DEEWR Question no. EW0932_10) We are unable to provide these figures. As member organisations do not receive fees they are not required to report the number of participants. The Department will conduct a survey of member organisations as part of monitoring and evaluation for the program, after member organisations have had the opportunity to settle into the program. Will this survey be able to answer these questions placed on notice? 2. Is there a more specific time-frame as to when this survey will be undertaken, other than "after member organisations have had the opportunity to settle into the program." 3. Considering this program is designed to connect "mature aged people with opportunities to share their skills and experience with community organisations or small business owners" (Golden Guru website), is there, or will there be, a mechanism to monitor how many mature aged people are being connected with small businesses and

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EW0065_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Update on EW0109-10	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	Written	0	1. Please provide an updated version of your answer to question EW0109_10 by supplying for each non government school in Australia: • School Number • School Name • Location • State • Postcode • Electorate • 2009-2012 SES Score • % of AGSRC (based on SES Score) • % of AGSRC (with FM) • Funding Status as at 1/1/2009 • Primary Students 2009 • Secondary Students 2009 • Primary Students 2010 • Secondary Students 2010 • Estimated Primary Students 2011 • Estimated Secondary Students 2011 • Estimated Primary Students 2012 • Estimated Secondary Students 2012 • Primary Per Capita Amount 2009 • Secondary Per Capita Amount 2009 • Total Funding 2009 • Primary Per Capita Amount 2010 • Secondary Per Capita Amount 2010 • Total Funding 2010 • Estimated Primary Per Capita Amount 2011 • Estimated Secondary Per Capita Amount 2011 • Estimated Total Funding 2011 • Estimated Primary Per Capita Amount 2012 • Estimated Secondary Per Capita Amount 2012 • Estimated Total Funding 2012 Please provide updated estimates for the 2011 and 2012 years and Catholic and Independent schools on separate worksheets. Please provide the answer as an Excel spreadsheet.
EW0066_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Payments to support state education services	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	Written	0	For each state and territory, please provide the data in Table 2.3 on page 57 of Budget paper No. 3 (Australia's Federal Relations) 2010-11 for payments to support state education services, including the memorandum item - 'payment to non-government schools included in payments above'.
EW0067_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Skills and Workforce Development payments	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	Written	0	Please provide data on how much of each of the payments to support Skills and Workforce Development payments in Table 2.4 on page 69 of Budget paper No. 3 (Australia's Federal Relations) 2010-11 are for state TAFE colleges and systems and how much is for private providers. Please provide this data for each state and territory.
EW0068_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Language Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP) tenders	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	Written	0	Please provide a detailed description of how the competitive process for determining offers to deliver the Language Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP) tenders were determined? (a) Were they determined on price competitiveness alone? (b) Were factors such as audited quality of existing training delivery of providers, qualifications of teachers, and student satisfaction factors in assessing tenders? To what extent were these factors taken into account?
EW0069_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	TAFE NSW had lost \$50 million dollars in LLNP funding	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	Written	0	Given that the Minister, Ms Gillard was quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald on Monday 31 May as saying that while the majority of existing providers have gained additional funding ... a few ... will have to make staffing adjustments where they have not been successful and that the same article stated that as a result of the competitive tendering process TAFE NSW had lost \$50 million dollars in LLNP funding which was equivalent to 170 equivalent full time positions, please advise if: a) you are aware that wages and conditions are the single biggest cost in the price of delivery of LLNP? b) staffing adjustments in these circumstances will mean job losses often of part time casual teachers? c) as a consequence of these decisions teachers working in this area could be re-employment by organisations that have had successful LLNP tenders on lower wages or even on a Modern Award?
EW0070_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	adult literacy, language and numeracy programs	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	Written	0	What qualifications standards does the Commonwealth expect of teachers delivering adult literacy, language and numeracy programs? Is the Government aware of the qualification standards that the profession expects of such teachers, and is there a difference? How does the Government ensure that the voice of the profession is heard in determining qualifications required of the profession?
EW0071_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	National Quality Council	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	Written	0	Please advise if you are aware that the Australian Education Union and the ACTU have expressed concern to the National Quality Council regarding the appropriateness of trainer qualifications being not suitable for teachers in the current VET environment?
EW0072_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Higher Education Support	Macdonald, Ian	LP	Written	0	What is the number of students from Remote Australia attending Universities?
EW0073_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	HiEd- remote australia	Macdonald, Ian	LP	Written	0	What is the definition of Remote Australia for the purposes of Education?
EW0074_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Funding for non-government schools	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	At Budget Estimates last year, on notice, you provided details for each non-government school: • its school number, • location, • state, • postcode, • federal electorate, • 2005-2008 SES Score, • 2005-2008 percentage of Average Government School Recurrent Costs (AGSRC) (based on SES Score), • 2005-2008 percentage of AGSRC or Funding Maintained (FM), and Funding Status for 2008. Can you please update your answers to this question according to the redistributed electorates for 2010?
EW0075_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Indigenous Funding Guarantee	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	In regards to the IFG, how is it calculated, and in particular: • Is it a per capita supplementation or a defined sum? • Is it calculated against a static time benchmark, such as the 2008 school year, or does it change from year to year? • Does it take account of yearly variations in enrolments? What is the duration of this initiative?
EW0076_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Kormilda College	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Is it true that on 26 November 2009, Kormilda College was advised by DEEWR that they would not be eligible for the IFG in 2010? On what grounds was that decision made? How can the decision in the Kormilda College case be reconciled with the statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister speech to the Sydney Institute on 15 April 2010 which reads, "While enrolments will always change and students will move in and out of schools, no school will lose a dollar of funding in the sense that their school budget per student will not reduce in dollar terms"?

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EW0077_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	IFG payments	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Can the Department provide: • The break-down of IFG payments paid to each State or Territory under Part 4, Division 10, Section 71 of the Schools Assistance Act 2008 and the amount that remained unspent or unallocated from the \$5.5 million IFG cap for 2009 by each State or Territory. • The total amount of IFG payments the Department anticipates will be allocated to schools from the \$4.5 million IFG cap for 2010. • The data the Department used to calculate an entitlement to the IFG for each school in 2009 and 2010. • A list of schools that have been refused, or could be refused, the IFG on the same or similar grounds to Kormilda College, and the numbers of Indigenous students from each school that have been, or could be, so affected in 2009 and 2010 and 2011.
EW0078_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Schools Assistance Act 2008	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	The Schools Assistance Act 2008, Part 4, Division 9, section 69 (1A) refers to regulations which may calculate an amount of additional assistance for each Indigenous student from a remote or very remote area who attends a non-remote school. How does the Department determine whether a school is eligible for funding under this provision of the Act and can the Department provide the names of the schools that are entitled to receive this funding?
EW0079_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Primary Schools for the 21st Century	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Provide details of each project that is delayed in R1, 2 & 3 and provide details by school on projects where there have been project variations.
EW0080_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Primary Schools for the 21st Century	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	To provide a breakdown in the level of all non-construction fees, profits and management fees for each state and territory for the public sector
EW0081_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Primary Schools for the 21st Century	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Identify all the projects where design fees have been charged on successive, duplicated templates by contractors given the same replica was being used.
EW0082_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER – Contracts awarded based on union membership	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	To DEEWR's knowledge, were contracts only awarded to companies that have standing union agreements in place?
EW0083_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER – Contracts awarded based on union membership	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	To DEEWR's knowledge, were any contracts awarded to companies that have standing union agreements in place?
EW0084_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership- initiatives	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Please list all the initiatives that constitute this NP.
EW0085_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership- NP	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	When did the NP commence and how much money has so far been appropriated by the Commonwealth Parliament?
EW0086_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership- appropriation	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	What's the overall appropriation estimated for the duration of the NP?
EW0087_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership- state contribution	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Is there any contribution from the states, aside from implementation?
EW0088_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	How much of the appropriated money has already been spent at a school level?
EW0089_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	How is the department monitoring that the money is indeed being spent by the states, and that it is done in a timely manner and spent efficiently?
EW0090_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Are there any sanctions mechanisms against the states, for example in case of a breach of the NP by the states, or if timeframes are not being met? If so, have any sanctions been taken so far in regards to this NP?
EW0091_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	What are the benchmarks against which the success of this NP is measured? How are they assessed? How are they enforced?
EW0092_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School education	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Budget Paper No. 1 (BP1) explains (on p. 6-17) that the major components of the line item 'School education – specific funding' in Table 7, Statement 6 (p. 6-15), are the Digital Education Revolution, Universal Access to Early Childhood Education, Trade Training Centres and Closing the Gap elements. Is it possible to get a complete listing of what programs are included in this line item, with their funding and where relevant, with the funding disaggregated by government and non-government sector?
EW0093_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School education	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	BP1 explains, in relation to the 'Schools' line item in the table referred to above, that 'core funding' for government schools is expected to increase in real terms by 4.3 per cent over the forward estimates. (p. 6-16). Apart from the National Schools SPP, what else is defined as 'core funding'. For instance, does it include the Smarter Schools Partnerships?
EW0094_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School education	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Following on from the previous question, it is difficult to reconcile the payments listed in Table 2.3 of Budget Paper No. 3 (p. 57) with the figures provided in the 'Schools' line item in Table 7, Statement , BP1 (p. 6-15). As requested for the 'Schools – specific funding' line item, can a breakdown of the funding components for each year of this line item be provided and, where relevant, disaggregated by school sector.

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EW0095_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School education	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Under the Smarter Schools National Partnerships – literacy and numeracy, teacher quality, and low SES school communities – (NPs), the Government allocates the funds to state and territory governments which then enter into agreements with the non-government school sector to provide funding for projects under these NPs. Can the amount of this NP funding to non-government schools be provided? How is this funding accounted for in Table 7, Statement 6 (p. 6-15), of BP1?
EW0096_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School education	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	In the past, Australian Government school funding data has been reported in the National Report on Schooling and the 'Green' reports (i.e., Report on Financial Assistance Granted to Each State and Territory ...). With the new federal financial relations framework and the National Education Agreement implemented last year, how will this information be presented in future? Will it still be published/available/in the same format as previously?
EW0097_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School education	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Are updated figures for total public expenditure (Australian and state and territory governments) for government and non-government schools available? The latest published figures are those as explained for the Government's Review of Funding for Schooling – that is, 2007–08 recurrent expenditure.
EW0098_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	VET National Support	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Provide a breakdown of figures for the different programs in the Table 2.3.5 of the Portfolio Budget Statements that are not currently accounted for separately. For example, details of planned annual expenditure under the different language, literacy and numeracy programs and details of planned expenditure under the different elements of Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills development.
EW0099_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Bilateral Agreement for the BER	Mason, Brett	LP	Written	0	Can DEEWR provide a copy of the legal advice sought by the Department in order to answer Senator Mason's question in relation to the Commonwealth's power to seek repayment of monies by the States and Territories under the Bilateral Agreement for the BER?
EW0100_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Rebate changes - Budget 2010-11	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	How many families currently receive the maximum amount of \$7778 who will now only receive \$7500 from 1 July 2010? What are the projected numbers of families that will be impacted by the changes over the four year cap period?
EW0101_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Rebate changes - Budget 2010-11	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Has DEEWR modelled the anticipated impact of reducing the CCR cap on families? If so when will the Department release the modelling? If it has not been modelled already when does the Department intend to do so?
EW0102_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Rebate changes - Budget 2010-11	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What information if any does the Department have on the number of payments for child care fees by families which are outstanding?
EW0103_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Rebate changes - Budget 2010-11	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What is the proportion of unpaid fees to service providers?
EW0104_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Rebate changes - Budget 2010-11	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Is payment of child care rebate conditional on payment to providers and if not why not?
EW0105_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Rebate changes - Budget 2010-11	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Has DEEWR modelled the likely impact of payment of Child Care Rebate subsidies weekly in arrears using childcare centres to administer the payment in the same way as the Child Care Benefit? Will this estimate be made available?
EW0106_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Rebate changes - Budget 2010-11	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	When does the government intend to fulfil its undertaking about the timing of Child Care Rebate payments to parents?
EW0107_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	National Quality reform Agenda for Early Childhood and Child Care	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Has DEEWR allocated funds to do the proper analysis and consultation required by the Productivity Commission, and by the COAG best-practice principles in relation to the National Quality Reform Agenda?
EW0108_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	National Quality reform Agenda for Early Childhood and Child Care	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Is there any Budget allocation to improve parent subsidies to protect them against the increase in child care costs that will follow the implementation of the National Quality framework?
EW0109_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care hours	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What is the maximum span of hours for long day child care service providers?
EW0110_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care hours - long day care	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What is the average span of hours for long day care?
EW0111_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care hours - out of school hours care service	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What is the maximum and minimum span of hours for out of school hours care service providers?
EW0112_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care hours- outside hours	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	How many child care service providers provide care outside the most common hours?
EW0113_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care hours- beyond normal hours	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What are the vacancy rates for centres that go beyond the normal/common hours?
EW0114_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care hours - shift hours	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What if any strategies are in place for shift workers?
EW0115_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What are the objectives of the MyChild Website?
EW0116_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Is the MyChild website the first step in a My School comparative performance website? Is it proposed to give standards of child care across the nation?
EW0117_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website pockets of need	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What strategies are in place to identify pockets of need where there is no childcare facility?
EW0118_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website - information	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	How is information collected from locations without existing childcare centres?
EW0119_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- child care operations	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Is the date used in any way to close down child care operations?
EW0120_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- vacancy rates	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	How are vacancy rates calculated?
EW0121_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- vacancy	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Are the figures indicative of the daily vacancies or is it possible that a vacancy listed may no longer exist?
EW0122_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- compile vacancy rates	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Are there any factors other than reporting through the MyChild website used to compile vacancy rates? If so what?
EW0123_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- age group breakdown	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What is the age group break down of vacancies (0-2 years and 3-5 years)?
EW0124_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- frequency of data	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	How often is the data collected?
EW0125_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- reporting	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	How many centres report and how many centres do not report their vacancy rates?

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EW0126_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	MyChild website- Mansfield	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Is the Government aware of the critical childcare demand in Mansfield in the high country of Victoria? Has there been any action taken in relation to the application for the establishment of a new childcare centre in Mansfield?
EW0127_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Merewether Heights Public School - Choice Of Site	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Why was Merewether Heights Public School chosen as the site for one of 38 new Early Learning Centres to be built to avoid the "double drop-off"? Is it in a pocket of need? How many other centres are in a five kilometre radius? Were vacancy rates at nearby centres taken into account when choosing this site? What are the most up-to-date vacancy rates for all centres within a five-kilometre radius of Merewether Heights Public School? Why was the centre's size increased from 42 places to 68 places? What was the reason for the area of school playground being excised for the centre being increased from 1100 metres-squared, a separate driveway and a centre with 42 places, to an area of 3500 metres-squared and using the school driveway?
EW0128_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Site Safety Concerns	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Is the Department aware that there has been opposition to the ELC from the Merewether Heights Public School Parents & Citizens Association, residents and the Teachers' Federation because of safety concerns involving the site? Is the Department aware that traffic accidents have occurred at MHPS in which children have been injured? Are you aware that the most recent accident on the grounds of MHPS occurred when a car collided with a child in a school car park?
EW0129_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Development Process	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Does development on Department of Education land need to go through a Development Application process with local government authorities? If not why would the Merewether Heights Early Learning Centre have been subject to a DA process?
EW0130_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Merewether Heights Early Learning and Care Centre	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	When considering the DA, was the Council able to consider all issues relevant to the development? In particular, was the Council able to consider site selection - the specific site within Merewether Heights Public School grounds?
EW0131_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Public opposition to Merewether Heights Early Learning and Care Centre Site	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Was the Department made aware of considerable public opposition to the site selection because of child safety concerns?
EW0132_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Merewether Heights Early Learning Centre - Driveway	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Due to safety concerns resulting from its proximity to classrooms and playground equipment, the school driveway has been closed to parental traffic for several years. What measures have been undertaken by the Department to ensure the safety of children will not be put at risk by the planned use of the driveway for parent and staff access to the early learning Centre? How have the concerns of these groups been addressed?
EW0133_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Merewether Heights Early Learning Centre	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	Is the Department aware that the tender for the centre set several conditions including covering an area of 1100 metres-squared, a separate driveway and a centre with 42 places?
EW0134_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Merewether Heights Early Learning and Care Centre	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	What processes were used to increase the size of the centre to 68 places over 3500 metres-squared and using the school driveway?
EW0135_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	In Home Care program	Payne, Marise	LP	Written	0	How many places are currently funded under the In Home Care program? How many places are currently filled? Is there a waiting list? What is the average time that care is given? How much funding is committed to the program and for how long? What happens to places when providers cease to exist? Has there been or is there a review proposed for the In Home care program?
EW0136_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Skills for Sustainable Growth	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Written	0	In Budget Paper 2 (p149) there is a significant allocation for "Skills for Sustainable Growth", will this fund be used to assist in addressing the capacity constraints in the social services sector and the barriers to employment for disadvantaged job seekers?
EW0137_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Income Support Recipients under and over 25 years and length of time on pay	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Written	0	1. Please provide the following breakdowns of long term recipients of various social security payments by electorate, or by postcode if the data is not available by electorate: (a) Persons 25 years and over: • Newstart Allowance - total, and those in receipt of the payment for more than 12 months • Parenting Payment (Single), as above • Parenting Payment (Partnered), as above • Special Benefit, as above (b) Persons under 25 years: • Youth Allowance (Other) - total, and those in receipt of the payment for over 3 months • Newstart Allowance, as above • Parenting Payment (Single), as above • Parenting Payment (Partnered), as above • Special Benefit, as above
EW0138_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Compliance data	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Written	0	On Monday I asked about compliance data and the Department said that would take the question on notice and asked me to provide more detail on the groups I want. They said they would give me the data from 1 July 2009 to 31 Dec 2009 and provide the next quarter later. I'm after the number of 8 week penalties & No show no pay penalties Broken down by: - Age - Gender - Indigenous/non-indigenous - Payment type - Type of failure Also the number of people on - 'working off' provisions - hardship provisions - Number of appeals broken down into those that were successful and not successful
EW0139_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Compliance Assessments	Siewert, Rachel	AG	Written	0	Number of: • Comprehensive Compliance Assessments (including outcomes, review of activity requirements, referrals, etc). Breakdown of the areas I asked for by: • Type of failure (including refusing a suitable job offer, dismissal for misconduct or being assessed as being 'persistently and wilfully non-compliant', etc) • Reason for failure (the indicating top five reasons) • Centrelink Area Office • Recipients newly unemployed (ie. within three months of new claim) • Recipients with a mental health condition • Recipients experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness Number and percentage of participation failures recommended by Job Services Australia compared to those applied by Centrelink. Number of job seekers with compliance issues who seek to review or re-negotiate their Employment Pathway Plan.



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EW0140_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Innovation and Business Industry Skills Council (IBSA)	Trood, Russell	LP	Written	0	Innovation and Business Industry Skills Council (IBSA) 1. How many agreements for the supply of training materials has IBSA concluded with TAFE Colleges in Queensland? 2. What is the value and length of time of each of these agreements? 3. How many agreements IBSA in the process of negotiating in Queensland? 4. Do these agreements require IBSA to be the exclusive supplier of training materials to the institutions concerned? 5. How many agreements of similar type is IBSA negotiating in Queensland? 6. What contracts or agreements has IBSA concluded for the preparation of training materials for supply to TAFE Colleges. Please supply the name/s of the contracting parties, the value of the contract and details of the materials to be provided. 7. Please provide a copy of IBSA's constitution or a reference to a place where it can be viewed.Est
EW0141_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Schools with a low socio-economic status	Williams, John	NATS	Written	0	I refer to the funding which I understand is given over a 7 year cycle. Gilgai Public School, Red Range Public School and Mingoola Public School in the New England electorate all have low socio-economic status as recognised by the NSW Department of Education and Training. However all have missed out on funding, and in Gilgai's case, they are not included on the 7 year cycle for funding. Can the Department explain how this is possible?
EW0142_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Community Socio-Educational Advantage	Williams, John	NATS	Written	0	On The MySchool website, Gilgai's Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage is 905 which is second lowest in New England. However, more affluent schools with a higher ranking have received the funding. Is this not defeating the purpose of the program?
EW0143_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Funding checks	Williams, John	NATS	Written	0	The funds are rolled out by the New South Wales Government. What checks and balances are in place by the Commonwealth to check this program is being administered properly?
EW0144_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School funding	Williams, John	NATS	Written	0	Will Gilgai, Mingoola, Red range and Gum Flat Schools be receiving funding under this program. If so, when will that funding be made available? If not, please state reasons
EW0145_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	School Term Hostels	Williams, John	NATS	Written	0	School Term Hostels at Broken Hill, Cobar and Dubbo provide accommodation for students who live in remote areas and would not otherwise be able to access schooling. Allison House at Broken Hill is one such hostel but is struggling to survive. Does the Department understand and value the role played by these hostels? Is there any funding available to them for capital works? Where can non profit organisations such as these access funding? Does the Commonwealth have any checks and balances on what funding the State Government allocates for these types of organisations How would the Commonwealth accommodate these students ( 17 in Broken Hill) if Allison House was forced to close because it could not get Government funding for capital improvements?
EW0146_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Written	0	Is the Department aware that five primary schools in the Adelaide Hills (Yankalilla Area School, Basket Range Primary School, Stirling East Primary School, Macclesfield Primary School, and Eden Hills Primary School) are being forced to meet new state government regulations in relation to fire fighting water storage tanks out of money allocated to them for new buildings under the BER grant?
EW0147_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Written	0	The Department has previously stated that state governments must not use BER grants allocated to schools to pay for resources or infrastructure the state government would normally be responsible for. If this is the case, why is the South Australian Government allowed to force schools to use their BER grants to construct water storage tanks?
EW0148_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Written	0	It has been reported in the media that there is a huge discrepancy between the quotes the five schools have received for the construction of these tanks. While some differences due to site requirements and so on can be expected, the quotes vary from approximately \$27,000 to \$116,000. Given that there have been previous reports of BER rorting, will the department be examining these quotes to ensure schools are fairly charged?
EW0149_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Written	0	It has also been noted that, on catastrophic bushfire days when there is most likely to be a bushfire, these primary schools will be closed. Therefore, the tanks are most likely to be used to protect the local community. Is it fair that these schools use money allocated to them by the federal government for new buildings to construct water tanks for the benefit of the community?
EW0150_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Written	0	There is also the case of Basket Range Primary School, where the school already had both under and above ground water tanks in place for fire fighting. They were forced to install a second set of similar tanks using their BER money. Is the department aware of this, and does the department feel it is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?
EW0151_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Written	0	Given the example of Basket Range, what steps will the Department be taking to ensure that any BER money spent at the direction of state governments is being used effectively and appropriately?
EW0152_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER	Xenophon, Nick	IND	Written	0	What compensation or support will the department be offering to these schools, given that they will now be forced to amend their building plans to take this extra cost into account, and may not be able to afford the buildings their students need?
EW0153_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job Services Australia Tenders	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	7	Senator CORMANN—Are there instances where the providers you have contracted, as part of your tender last year, then turned around and subcontracted an unsuccessful tenderer who previously held that contract? Senator CORMANN—Could you take that on notice?
EW0154_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Quality framework	Cash, Michaelia	LP	31/05/2010	10	Senator CASH—Do you have a risk management procedure that you could table for us? Ms Parker—Yes, we have a quality framework that we can provide at a high level including KPIs, which include financial management.

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EW0155_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job Service Providers	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	11	Ms Fletcher—I would have to take that on notice to do the breakdown for the number of locations they come from
EW0156_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job Service Providers	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	11	Senator CORMANN—Are you able to tell us today the dollar figure of business that they are looking after for you? Ms Fletcher—We would have to take it on notice, yes.
EW0157_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job Service Providers	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	12	Senator CORMANN—Well, it depends. What is the size of the contracts that we are talking about, the five organisations that have approached the department? How big are those providers, how big are those contracts? How much business are they looking after for you? Ms Fletcher—I might have to take that on notice.
EW0158_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job network subcontractors	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	12	Senator CORMANN—Just finishing off on the subcontractors, and we have gone through this to a certain degree, has the department or the minister received any complaints from subcontractors beyond not being paid? We have gone through the not being paid bit. Has the department or the minister received any complaints from subcontractors because they are not satisfied with the way the arrangements are playing out for them? Ms Fletcher—I am going to take that on notice.
EW0159_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job network subcontractors	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	31/05/2010	12	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Just on the subcontractor issue, can I ask you to put these transition issues into context in terms of the previous changes in the model, going back from JN1 to JN2 and what issues there were around subcontractors at that point so we have the context of these current transitions? Ms Parker—Any detail we would need to take on notice from the previous contracts.
EW0160_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job seeker complaints	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	13	Senator CORMANN—What was the most common form of complaint that you have received? Ms Parker—We would need to take that on notice. We do have breakdown but not with us.
EW0161_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA providers KPI's	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	16	Senator CORMANN—How many providers would you be concerned about in relation to this KPI? Ms Fletcher—I will take that on notice.
EW0162_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSP meeting KPI's	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	16	Senator CORMANN—What might be useful is if you could give me the number of those where you are concerned that they are not meeting— Ms Paul—We will take it on notice to give you a breakdown.
EW0163_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	17	Senator CORMANN—Maybe I could just ask you what I am after and then it may be easier to get it on notice because otherwise we will waste too much time. Ms Parker—Okay, that is fine, thank you. Senator CORMANN—If I could get the numbers by stream, broken down by 15 to 24, 24 to 50 and then 50 and above, and female, male and Indigenous, that would be really useful. Ms Parker—Yes, we can provide that.
EW0164_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	18	Ms Parker—We need to take that on notice, Senator. We can provide— Senator CORMANN—I assume it is a low number because it is the lowest level of support. Senator Arbib—Stream 1 is job-ready. Senator CORMANN—That is right. So the question is: has anybody been in stream 1 all the way since 1 July 2009? Ms Paul—We can get that for you if there is any— Senator SIEWERT—On those who are, at the moment job-ready: how long are they generally staying in stream 1 before they find a job? In other words, how quickly are they going on and off? I asked this of Centrelink and they told me to ask you. Ms Paul—Yes, it is for us, but we may need to take it on notice. Ms Parker—We can provide that but we do not have it with us. We can certainly look at that for you. Senator SIEWERT—Could you get that over the next two days? Is that possible— Ms Parker—I am sure it is. Senator SIEWERT—rather than taking it on notice? Ms Paul—We will see if we can do that.
EW0165_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	19	Senator CORMANN—I am keen to get a breakdown of the number of people who are in various placements and recognised activities, those that are not yet, as you describe it, in the work experience phase, that have not gone through the 12 months yet, and then those who are doing neither or do not fall into that category, and the reasons why. ... Mr Griew—We can take on notice a breakdown across those categories. Senator CORMANN—if you could provide us a detailed breakdown of that, that would be great.
EW0166_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Connection failures	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	19	Senator CORMANN—How many of those job seekers had a connection failure since 1 July 2009? Ms Parker—Connection failures to 31 March numbered 242,866. Senator CORMANN—242,866 connection failures, but that is individual connection failures rather than people, isn't it? Ms Parker—Yes. Senator CORMANN—How many people does it relate to, how many individual job seekers? Ms Parker—How many job seekers? I think I would need to take that one on notice. I have specifics by actual failures, not job seekers.
EW0167_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Job seekers with exemptions from participation requirements 2007, 2008, 2009,2010	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	20	Senator CORMANN—Going back to the number of exemptions, how many job seekers actually have formal exemptions from mutual obligation? Ms Parker—Is that the exemptions from participating? Senator CORMANN—Yes, that is right, exemptions from participation requirements. Ms Parker—To end of March, 69,177. Senator CORMANN—Again you might have them there: could you give us the same numbers for the last three years? Take it on notice. Ms Parker—We will take it on notice, I am not sure.

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EW0168_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	How many job seekers have had their income support suspended	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	20	Senator CORMANN—I am not adding them all together; I understand that. I would be very keen to know how many individual people are involved. How many job seekers have had their income support suspended? Ms Parker—Financial penalties to the end of March numbered 21,189. Senator CORMANN—Again, because the minister and Ms Paul always emphasise the historical context and the importance of that, are you able to provide us that data, not now but on notice, in its historical context? Mr Griew—I can give you the data for exactly the same nine months for the previous year: the number was 16,903. Senator CORMANN—Rather than go through all of them, if you could provide us that data for two or three years. Ms Parker—Yes.
EW0169_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA	Ronaldson, Michael	LP	31/05/2010	21	Senator RONALDSON—Minister or Ms Paul, I want to return to a matter that we raised at the estimates before last; I think the February estimates did not allow time for it. In relation to the company A4e, you will remember previous discussions at the Senate estimates about this British firm. Last year my colleague, Senator Cash, asked question on notice EW654_10: Who attended the meeting in February 2008 between A4e executives, Minister Gillard's office and Minister O'Connor's office on behalf of the government and on behalf of A4e and was there any department representative at the meeting? The government's response to this question was: A senior advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister met with the executives from British work placement firm A4e in February 2008. I ask again, who was this advisor? Was it Tom Bentley who participated in that February 2008 meeting with A4e? Ms Paul—I do not know if it was Tom Bentley, I would have to take that on notice. That meeting in February 2008 was a long, long time before the request for tender was even developed for Job Services Australia and it is a long, long time away from now. I do not have a briefing on it with me. Senator RONALDSON—Ms Paul, that is the very point, it was before the tender process. The question Senator Cash asked on 21 October last year was, 'Who attended the meeting?' Ms Paul—I cannot verify this document. This document is claiming that some employees acted in some way which required this repayment. I have no knowledge of the verification of this document. Senator RONALDSON—So will you take that on notice? Ms Paul—I think I already have, but at any rate, I will note again, the UK Department for Work and Pensions was a referee for A4e. We did follow up after estimates in October with the UK Department for Work and Pensions and we satisfied ourselves, and I have already taken that piece again on notice.
EW0170_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA providers	Ronaldson, Michael	LP	31/05/2010	25	Ms Paul—I cannot verify this document. This document is claiming that some employees acted in some way which required this repayment. I have no knowledge of the verification of this document. Senator RONALDSON—So will you take that on notice? Ms Paul—I think I already have, but at any rate, I will note again, the UK Department for Work and Pensions was a referee for A4e. We did follow up after estimates in October with the UK Department for Work and Pensions and we satisfied ourselves, and I have already taken that piece again on notice.
EW0171_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Youth Allowance	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	32	Senator CORMANN—On notice, not now, are you able to provide us with a breakdown—again, this was discussed before—of male, female, Indigenous? Do not worry about it now, but are you able to provide that breakdown? Dr Morehead—Yes. Senator CORMANN—What I would be interested in today, though, rather than having to wait for the answers on notice to come in, is the 31 March 2009 figure which compares to the 313,000-odd that you have mentioned; is that okay? Ms Paul—Yes, sure. If we do not have it here, we can obtain it on notice. ... Senator CORMANN—Thank you. Has somebody found that figure yet for March 2009? Senator Arbib—It does not look like it. Ms Paul—I think we will take it on notice.
EW0172_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Relocation Assistance	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	33	Ms Paul—Perhaps even better; rather than speculate at all, perhaps we could take on notice the sorts of examples that are actually in that 700. Senator CORMANN—What I am trying to understand—and again, I am not meaning to be flippant, but I am a bit surprised to hear words like 'the sky is the limit' and 'it really depends on what the provider thinks is appropriate'. That is bad in two ways: it can be bad in the upward way, because people might spend more than is appropriate, but it can also be bad the other way because they might be reluctant to spend everything on one because that stops them from spending on others. I would have thought there ought to be some sort of objective criteria around how much relocation expenses you can qualify for if you are looking at shifting to get a job in Western Australia?
EW0173_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Local Employment Coordinators	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	37	Senator CORMANN—Sure, but up to \$517,000 is what you would pay? How many of them are getting the full contract value? Do we know yet? Ms Kidd—No, I do not have the figure here. Senator CORMANN—Can you please provide us with that on notice. Some of them are individuals, some of them are trusts and some of them are companies. How do you select them? How do they get identified? Ms Kidd—We ran a recruitment process. We used Hudsons to help us select local coordinators in each of the priority areas. It was pretty much just like a general staffing recruitment process that you would run. We have employed individuals, but some of them just have company set-ups behind them. In the main, the local employment coordinator is an individual that we have contracted. Senator CORMANN—How many applications have you received for each region? Can you provide us with that on notice?
EW0174_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Local Employment Coordinators	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	39	Ms Kidd—No. Generally when they run a breakfast they will negotiate with stakeholders in the priority area and usually manage to get a venue donated, or someone will provide morning tea, or whatever. Often they do that through— Senator CORMANN—Who covers any additional costs? Is it the department? Who? Ms Kidd—We have covered some minor additional costs, but generally they negotiate— Senator CORMANN—So the sky is not the limit here? Ms Kidd—The sky is not the limit here. Senator CORMANN—Can you provide on notice how much you have spent? Ms Kidd—Sure. It is a very small amount.

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EW0175_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Indigenous employment providers	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	31/05/2010	42	Senator SCULLION—Which Indigenous-specific employment service providers are accredited or registered? Ms Wood—There are different ways that we contract under the program. There are two panels under the program: an employment panel and an economic and business development panel. Then there are some projects that are with other organisations, where there is a direct contract with those organisations. The Aboriginal Employment Strategy is a direct funding agreement for that service. There is a range of other projects that will be delivered by panel members. I will find you the numbers of panel members. I will find you the exact figure, but across the two panels it is approximately 250 providers. Some of them are on both panels; some of them are only on the employment panel. Senator SCULLION—Perhaps on notice, it would be useful if you could divide those up for me.
EW0176_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	31/05/2010	44	Senator SCULLION—Because the question I am going to is what I thought was a fundamental question: how many people have come into the system, have been employed? You have given me the mainstream number of 25,800. Out of those, I want to know who is currently still employed. I understand that it is staggered as they did not all start on the same day. So the two figures I am looking for are: firstly, how many went into the system and are still there and, secondly, how long were those people who are no longer there employed? Mr Griew—We will have to take that on notice.
EW0177_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	JSA	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	31/05/2010	46	Senator SCULLION—Indeed. Are you able to differentiate and pull from your information those particular clients— Mr Griew—I would imagine we could probably interrogate our data by Indigenous status. Senator SCULLION—Clearly that would be very useful to see the difference in the circumstances under which the breach arose; the circumstance in which it came up might be of use. Mr Griew—We will take that on notice.
EW0178_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Wrap around servicing	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	31/05/2010	47	Senator SCULLION—.....The \$1.6 million is actually an investment by your own organisation to provide extra capacity to lift capacity in these targeted organisations rather than actually paying them anything? Ms Wood—Yes, that is correct.Senator SCULLION—About how many more staff would you have? I am assuming it is staff in terms of the resources. Ms Wood—I do not have those numbers right in front of me, but we can get those quite quickly. Senator SCULLION—Perhaps you could include those with the others.
EW0179_11	Cross Portfolio	Indigenous Staffing	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	31/05/2010	48	Ms Paul—There will be more than just my department that has a Reconciliation Action Plan with some targets about recruitment too. So we have a Reconciliation Action Plan for DEEWR which is very well regarded by Reconciliation Australia and has a target in it of 330 employees by the end of June who are Indigenous Australians. We are not quite there, but we are hoping to get there by the end of June. Senator SCULLION—How close are you? Ms Paul—I think we are at about 314. Senator SCULLION—Are they full time employees? Ms Paul—I think so. Yes, I am sure most of them are. Senator SCULLION—If you can add that answer to those other answers, it will be very useful. Ms Paul—Yes, sure
EW0180_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Disability Employment Services	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	50	Senator CORMANN—What is the success in terms of employment outcomes when comparing people with a physical or intellectual disability? Is that something that you can talk to us about? Ms Durbin—I can talk about it in general terms, but I am happy to provide more information on notice. ... In terms of the people with a physical disability, I do not have the particular outcome figures here, but I am happy to take it on notice.
EW0181_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Subcontracting	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	51	Senator CORMANN—Is there any subcontracting going on? Ms Parker—We will take it on notice. Senator CORMANN—So you do not know whether there is any subcontracting? You cannot tell me. Ms Paul—We will know. We just do not have the information to hand. We will take it on notice.
EW0182_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Disability Employment Services	Cormann, Mathias	LP	31/05/2010	52	Senator CORMANN—Can you provide us with a copy of the notional split? Ms Stuart—Certainly.
EW0183_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Income Support recipients aged under 34 years	Fifield, Mitch	LP	31/05/2010	55	Senator FIFIELD—Could the department advise what the numbers are of unemployed and underemployed people under the age of 34 receiving benefits in 2007-08. Mr Griew—Under 34 may not be data that we have here. We might have to go and look that up. Senator FIFIELD—If you need to, take that on notice. Mr Griew—So, it is unemployed and in receipt of benefits? Senator FIFIELD—Yes, that is right. Could you also take that on notice for 2006-07 and 2005-06? Could I have the youth unemployment rate for 2007-08, 2006-07 and 2005-06? Ms Paul—We will probably take it on notice to go that far back. Senator FIFIELD—Also, could you provide the long-term unemployment rate amongst young Australians under 34 years of age for 2006-07 and 2005-06?
EW0184_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Income Support recipients aged 50 years and over	Fifield, Mitch	LP	31/05/2010	55	Senator FIFIELD—Also, for what you have taken on notice as well, could you also provide that information for people who are over the age of 50—obviously not youth unemployment rates. Ms Paul—No, we are onto it. Senator FIFIELD—Unemployment rates in those same years that I asked for in both— Mr Griew—You mean all of those breakdowns, yes? Senator FIFIELD—That is right. Senator BILYK—Could you also provide that information for people who are studying.
EW0185_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	2007 recipient numbers - Newstart Allowance and other payments	Fifield, Mitch	LP	31/05/2010	57	Senator FIFIELD—Can you take on notice 2007 figures for all of those as well? [Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy, Sickness Allowance, Parenting Payment, Widow Allowance]

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EW0186_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Widow Allowance	Fifield, Mitch	LP	31/05/2010	59	Senator FIFIELD—The widow allowance is being phased out. The figure was 34,898. What are the figures year by year for how you expect that to decrease and at what point do you expect that there will no longer be the widow allowance? Mr Millington—I do not have that figure in front of me. At the moment access is restricted to women who were born on or before 1 July 1955 who were divorced, separated or widowed once they had turned 40, but I do not have a projected final date for a payment on that. Senator FIFIELD—Is that something you could take on notice?
EW0187_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Youth Attainment Program	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	31/05/2010	62	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Could you describe one of the milestones that a state would need to achieve before it attracted the additional funding? Dr Morehead—I do not actually have that on me but we can certainly provide that. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I am just interested in an example; so the state of Victoria would need to achieve X before it attracted the additional funding? ... Senator JACINTA COLLINS—if you are taking it on notice, I would be quite interested in the full picture of it.
EW0188_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Henry Tax Review	Siewert, Rachel	AG	31/05/2010	64	Senator SIEWERT—That would be appreciated. Thank you. In terms of some of the recommendations that the Henry tax review made—because they were also looking at transfers, not just at tax—regarding simplification of some of the categories, is there any work being done in that area? Is that being followed up or has there been any work done in the recent past in terms of trying to make the payment processes a bit simpler—because, as you know, they are highly complex? ... Mr Griew—We may be able to answer the specific questions, but often we will have to take them on notice. Senator SIEWERT—I would appreciate it if you could take that one on notice to the extent that you can answer it.
EW0189_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Income Support Payments	Siewert, Rachel	AG	31/05/2010	67	Senator SIEWERT—Could you also tell me on notice how much money is then spent by those agencies in extension of those services? Is that possible? Mr Griew—We may or may not be able to access that information, because that would essentially be a decision for those non-government agencies, who may or may not have a relationship with us at all. Senator SIEWERT—I beg your pardon, I do not mean those agencies, I mean going back to the issue around DHS. Is it possible to get a breakdown on what the expenditure is to target those particular areas? Mr Griew—We will pass that on.
EW0190_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Multilateral IGA	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	31/05/2010	69	Senator FISHER—The multilateral IGA has provisions in it about consultations with the states in the event of amendment to the Fair Work Act, does it not? Mr Kovacic—That is correct. Senator FISHER—Can you update the committee as to whether there has been any activity in that regard? Ms Shelley—Yes, I can in relation to two instances. One of them relates to the regulations in relation to take-home pay orders. Those regulations have now been made. The other one that I can mention is the Paid Parental Leave Bill. The Deputy Prime Minister wrote referring the states and the territory ministers in April to commence the consultation in relation to proposed amendments to the Fair Work legislation. I can take on notice whether there has been anything further from that, but I am aware of those two.
EW0191_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Paid Parental Leave	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	31/05/2010	72	Senator FISHER—Are you able to provide the committee with a copy of the Deputy Prime Minister's correspondence to states? Mr Kovacic—I can take that on notice.
EW0192_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Paid Parental Leave Bill	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	31/05/2010	76	Senator FISHER—.....My question is whether an amendment to this end would need to be dealt with under and, therefore, consequential to the Paid Parental Leave Bill and whether an amendment of this nature would need to be done through the fair work legislation and, in fact, could not be done through the paid parental leave legislation. That is my question. Mr Kovacic—I will take that on notice. Senator FISHER—if your answer is, 'Yes, it can be,' what then is there to prevent the Commonwealth from circumventing the referral of powers legislation to make workplace relations amendments other than through the Fair Work Act? With the referral of powers, what is to stop the Commonwealth from getting around the consultation period or anything else that it may consider undesirable by legislating workplace relations matters elsewhere? Mr Kovacic—you have asked the primary question and I have taken that question on notice. Senator FISHER—And you will take that further question on notice— Mr Kovacic—That further question is a contention on the second answer and— Senator FISHER—please, Mr Kovacic? Mr Kovacic—Certainly. I was going to come to that. Senator FISHER—My final question on this issue is: would the Commonwealth have constitutional power to amend the Paid Parental Leave Bill in this respect? Mr Kovacic—I will take that
EW0193_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work Act - amendments	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	31/05/2010	78	Senator FISHER—All right. The Deputy Prime Minister, as I understand it, has ruled out any further amendments to the Fair Work Act this side of the election, in any event, hasn't she? Mr Kovacic—I am aware of some general comments that the Deputy Prime Minister may have made to that effect; in terms of the precise terms of those comments I cannot say because I have not got them with me. Ms Paul—That is a matter for her, obviously. .... Senator Arbib—I am happy to check that for you.

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EW0194_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Determining unemployment rate	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	80	Senator ABETZ—What input did the department have, if any, in relation to the government now determining that full employment is 4.75 per cent as opposed to four per cent? Ms Paul—That is not a question for us. They are the macro settings that Treasury concerns itself with, and I do not think we can answer that. Senator ABETZ—Did you have any input? Were you consulted by Treasury? Ms Paul—Not that I know of. Certainly it would not be the workplace relations people; it would be people who were here before. I am happy to take it on notice; however, from my own perspective, the answer is no. Senator ABETZ—Please take that on notice. Basically, by saying that full-time employment has shifted from four per cent to 4.75 per cent, the government has given up on 75,000 Australians, so I just want to know whether you were consulted in relation to that. If you would take that on notice, Ms Paul, I would be most obliged.
EW0195_11	Cross Portfolio	Japanese Whaling	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	81	Senator ABETZ—Earlier in the year, the Deputy Prime Minister was in Tasmania launching her much vaunted Fair Work Week. During the course of that, she was interviewed—Minister, this is a question for you—in relation to a supposed flight into the Southern Ocean supporting Japanese whaling activities. Ms Gillard said that she would bring the ‘full force of the law’ to bear regarding this flight; as I understand it, it was one flight. Could you take on notice exactly what follow-up Ms Gillard took after making that announcement? ..... Senator ABETZ—.....It was the AAP who on 6 January described her as ‘Deputy Prime Minister’ and not ‘Acting Prime Minister’. Either way, whether she was acting or deputy, perhaps you could let me— Ms Paul—It is probably our first question ever on whaling. Senator ABETZ—.....But, Minister, if you could find that out for us, it would be very helpful.
EW0196_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Jobs saved by stimulus spending	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	82	Senator ABETZ—There has been some community debate as to the alleged number of jobs saved by stimulus spending. Has the department itself been consulted or done any work in relation to determining those figures—or any figures? I know..... Ms Paul—Not that I am aware of. It would not be this outcome. Once again, I am happy to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—If you could. Ms Paul—Sure. Senator ABETZ—Also whether the 200,000 is full time, part time or full-time equivalent. Ms Paul—That is probably a matter for Treasury, but I am happy to take it on in that regard and refer it.
EW0197_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Modern awards	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	83	Senator ABETZ—Yes; but there is no pre-existing rate for a new employer with a brand new business. Say that it is a new business with a new employer and new employees—brand spanking new, with no pre-existence of anything. That new employer in that new business would be entitled to pay at the modern award rate, would he or she not? Senator ABETZ—And the transitional provisions would not apply. Mr Kovacic—I would want to confirm that. I would take that on notice, just in terms of the precise operation of transitional provisions in that relevant modern award.
EW0198_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Take home pay	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	84	Senator ABETZ—All right. You may also wish to take this on notice; given your previous answer, I assume that you will have to do so. Can you then check whether it is permissible to reduce the take-home pay of an employee just because the underlying minimum conditions of the award have changed? Mr Kovacic—I will take that on notice.
EW0199_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Safe Rates Group	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	85	Senator ABETZ—Can you tell us about this safe rates group? I think you may have told us who is on it. Mr Kovacic—We have. Bear with me and I will just find the detail. It is chaired by Scott Chamberlain, who is the former industrial relations adviser at the Housing Industry Association. It involves representatives from employer organisations and the Australian Logistics Council. Those employer representatives are drawn from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. It also has members of the Transport Workers Union. Senator ABETZ—.....Please take on notice at this stage the full list— Mr Kovacic—Certainly. Senator ABETZ—what their background is, who appointed them, what they are currently doing, when they have met and when they hope to have these issues finalised. Is there a deadline for this?
EW0200_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	GEERS	Cash, Michaelia	LP	31/05/2010	90	Mr Hart—The figures I have are to the end of April—that is, the GEERS claims received in the period 1 July 2009 to 30 April 2010 were 15,622. Senator CASH—Are you able to provide a month-by-month breakdown? Mr Hart—I do not have a month-by-month breakdown. I can take that on notice.
EW0201_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Hotline inquiries	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	31/05/2010	92	Senator FISHER—Those were from employers in the industry who had claims for insulation laid but unmet, were they? Mr Hart—I do not have that level of detail. I would have to take that on notice, but they certainly were not from employees seeking assistance through GEERS.
EW0202_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	number of claims - construction sector	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	94	Senator ABETZ—If I can just follow-up on Senator Fisher’s line of questioning, I think you indicated to us that there were a number of claims. Was it 303 or something in relation to the construction sector? Mr Hart—From the construction services industry, that is correct. Senator ABETZ—Are we able to break that figure down at all, as to whether they may have emanated from the insulation sector, because the construction services sector is pretty broad? Are we able to break that down further? Mr Hart—As I explained to Senator Fisher, I think breaking it down further into sub ANZSIC classifications is problematic, but I could take that on notice and if we are able to answer it we will provide it through that mechanism.
EW0203_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	GEERS - inclusion of superannuation entitlements	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	95	Senator ABETZ—.....Minister, can you tell us if any consideration been given to including workers’ superannuation entitlements for GEERS? ..... Senator Arbib—I am unaware. Senator ABETZ—Could you take on notice whether the government has given any consideration to that? That would be helpful.

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EW0204_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	GEERS	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	96	Senator ABETZ—Are you able to take on notice for us which company collapses you have paid out the most over the previous calendar year? Mr Hart—Absolutely. Mr Kovacic—Would you like to limit that to a certain number, whether it is six or 10? Senator ABETZ—That is a very good point. Can we have the top 10? Mr Kovacic—Yes.
EW0205_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	GEERS 2	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	96	Also on pg 97: Senator ABETZ—I have asked the minister to take it on notice, but there is the ABC Online story, 10 May 2010, titled 'Union demands GEERS loophole fix', which states that the forestry union says the federal government's General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme, GEERS, for displaced workers needs to be fixed to address a legal loophole. I would be obliged if you could tell us whether that has been drawn to the government's attention and whether it has any response to it? Senator Arbib—Yes.
EW0206_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	GEERS	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	97	Senator ABETZ—..... Has any claim been made in relation to Forest Enterprises Australia? I think they are only in administration. Is that correct? Mr Hart—I would have to take that on notice. I do not have those details. Abetz - if you would, and let us know whether claims have been made and the timeliness of being able to respond to them, that would be helpful. Mr Hart - yes
EW0207_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	GEERS	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	97	Senator ABETZ—.....The AMWU believes that doubling of the GEERS budget confirms the need for a new system. I would like to ask the minister whether the government is giving active consideration to a new system, in response to David Oliver's call for such a new system? Senator Arbib—I do not think that is the case, but I am happy to check.
EW0208_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	take-home pay applications	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	111	Mr Kovacic—So, in essence, the scenario that you allude to may be addressed through unions that are covered by one of the awards, being able to make an application on behalf of a class of employees. And indeed, the number of applications for take-home pay orders that have been made to date which total 19 does not suggest that there is a major issue out there—a flood of take-home pay applications. Ms Paul—There have been thousands and thousands of education sessions about the whole system. Senator ABETZ—Are any of those 19 applications multiple? Mr Kovacic—I do not have that level of detail but Fair Work Australia will be able to provide that for you.
EW0209_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Take home pay	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	112	CHAIR—Senator Fisher, you would be the last to want to criticise that, I think. Ms Paul—I think we have already taken this question on notice, and I think I said I wanted us to take away how the clauses interacted with each other in terms of a new employee. I can see that we are about to get into all different scenarios which are hard to explain because they keep shifting, so I am happy to take it away and work it through. CHAIR—Can we use an example of a real situation where there is a modern award that has a different award rate to the existing award and work through that in a real way, so we can see how that operates? Ms Paul—That is what we will probably take away. Senator ABETZ—The very first example I used was transport workers in New South Wales. We can go back there if you like. CHAIR—We were just pulling rates of pay out of the air. I think it is good to take that real example and work through it. Mr Kovacic—We will take the question on notice and respond to it using the road transport industry in New South Wales as the example against which we frame our response. Senator ABETZ—I will not be holding my breath in relation to that. What about the waste contractors? Ms Paul—What about the waste contractors?
EW0210_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Paid personal leave	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	115	Ms Paul—I am happy to take a particular case on notice and have a look at it, but I am not willing to speculate. Senator FISHER—Rostered hours. Senator ABETZ—What about this: I am being forced to use a new award because of Fair Work Australia. My old award was Teachers (Non-Government Early Childhood Service Centres Other Than Pre-Schools) (State) Award 2006. The new award is Educational Services (Teachers) Award 2010. The new award, section 24, says personal leave is provided for in the NES, That is days paid personal leave per year. The old award, section 7.1, says 15 days paid personal leave in the first year of employment and 25 days paid personal leave for the second and subsequent years of employment. That has now been reduced to 10, has it not? Ms Paul—You have given us a particular case. I am happy to take that on notice and look at it.
EW0211_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Proposed industrial action	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	118	Senator ABETZ—In relation to questions on notice from our additional estimates EW1060_10, I have been told that the department has provided advice to the minister regarding the options available in relation to actual or proposed industrial action in respect of four matters. In how many cases has the minister intervened, as at the time of this answer? Mr Kovacic—I would need to check the precise date that this answer was tabled. I can give you an answer in terms of recent interventions involving the Commonwealth in proceeding to— Senator ABETZ—No. If you could take on notice the examples. Mr Kovacic—If you are asking in respect of these four matters that are referred to in the answer, I would need to take that on notice, but if it is more general— Senator ABETZ—What I asked is: have there been other cases where active consideration has been given to her intervening? In how many cases has the minister been provided with advice about intervening and on how many occasions has the minister actually intervened? So, you, for example, might give advice to the minister, saying, 'This might be a worthy one to intervene in', and the minister says, 'Thanks, but no thanks' to your advice, or the minister might think, 'This is a case I should be intervening in,' get some advice from the department, after which she says, 'Well, that mightn't have been

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EW0212_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	119	Senator ABETZ—No, I will try and come back to that later on; there is some further information I need on another matter. In relation to the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill, why did it take so long to send this bill to the drafters? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—In relation to EW1063_10 you told me that the drafting instructions were sent on 26 August 2009, so if you could advise on that. Then in EW1064_10, we are told that 'Legal advice was obtained before and after the announcement of the moratorium on 11 December 2007.' Did the second lot of advice alter anything? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice
EW0213_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	WR Bargaining	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	119	Senator ABETZ—So, these matters cannot be subjected to bargaining in relation to the use of 'to engage a particular person or independent contractor or to give a particular person or independent contractor particular duties or responsibilities'? Mr Cully—I suppose it would depend on the form that the bargaining takes. The provision is a protection against being coerced, so an actual intent to coerce someone, and so there may be situations in which you could bargain which fall short of coercion. Senator ABETZ—I framed the question poorly and I accept that. You can bargain about 'a particular person or independent contractor or to give a particular person or independent contractor particular duties or responsibilities'. That is permitted as a bargaining issue? Mr Cully—Provided it falls within the matters that can be bargained under the act, yes. Senator ABETZ—Are these matters that can be bargained for under the act? If you do not know, take it on notice. Mr Kovacic—We will take it on notice, because it is not clear. We think that to take the opportunity to read the question and consider it in detail would be more appropriate.
EW0214_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	FWA Appointments advice	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	120	Senator ABETZ—It is with a Hansard as well, just to contextualise it in case we needed to. I am going backwards here, I think. EW1058_10—this was the letter in which Ms Gillard gave my predecessor all of four working hours notice in relation to the appointment of certain people to Fair Work Australia. When was the advice regarding the appointments given to the minister's office from the department? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice and check the precise date.
EW0215_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward With Fairness) Bill	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	123	Senator ABETZ—Given that the Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward With Fairness) Bill was not before the parliament on 20 March because it had passed the parliament on 19 March, which I accept, can the department now tell us what legislation was before the parliament on 20 March? Was there any workplace relations legislation before the parliament on 20 March? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—Yes, pursuant to that legislation. The argument that the Prime Minister tried to put at the time was that he was only specifically referring to the legislation currently before the parliament. I thought it was that legislation. We now get an answer that in fact this bill was not the one before the parliament. Can you tell me if it was not this legislation? Minister, you might be able to take this on notice: what legislation was the Prime Minister actually referring to? Senator Arbib—I think we have already taken that on notice. Senator ABETZ—Because if this legislation had already passed through the parliament and therefore it was not the one the Prime Minister was relying on for his statement, I would be very interested to know what bill or legislation was lying before the parliament to which the Prime Minister
EW0216_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Professor Andrew Stewart's evidence	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	31/05/2010	124	Senator FISHER—I presume that the department is familiar with Professor Andrew Stewart's evidence. He said: There will be a number of employees who are entitled to parental leave pay— under the Paid Parental Leave Bill— but who do not have an existing entitlement to parental leave. Mr Bohn has just explained that that would be an employee who has done less than 12 months service for an employer. You have given an example of the sorts of employees to whom Professor Stewart was referring. Does the department know how many employees there would be at any one point in time in that overlapping category who would be entitled to payments under the Paid Parental Leave Bill, were it to be law, but are not entitled to unpaid leave under the fair work legislation? Mr Kovacic—We would have to take that on notice. Senator FISHER—Has the government sought your advice as to how many workers might be in that category? Mr Kovacic—I am not aware, but I can take that on notice. Senator FISHER—So you do not know whether the government has or has not? Mr Kovacic—I said I am not aware of it, but I will take it on notice. Senator FISHER—Have they asked for that advice—for example, following the committee's inquiry into the bill? Would you know about it? Mr Kovacic—I am not aware that we would have the numbers, but I have taken
EW0217_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Terang hardware store	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	31/05/2010	126	Senator FISHER—The Prime Minister said: ... we will have its officers deal with these folk, employer, employees ...' On 8 February, some six days later, a spokesman for the Deputy Prime Minister was quoted in the Australian as saying that attempts were being made to come to an arrangement that suited both the employer and the teenagers. To your knowledge was there any communication with the teenagers? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice. I do not know. .... Senator FISHER—Is it news to the department that in four months since this incident first captured media attention in February no-one from government—not the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, the officers, my understanding is not the Fair Work Ombudsman, not anybody—has spoken to the teenagers concerned? Would that be news to the department, despite the Prime Minister's assurances that the Office of Fair Work would work it through with the employer and young people, that they would deal with these folk, employer and employees, and the Deputy Prime Minister being reported as saying '... an arrangement that suits both employer and the teenagers ...'? How can that be so if no-one has spoken to the teenagers? Would that be news to the department? Ms Paul—We should take that on notice.



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EW0218_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Correspondence of 12 May from DPM	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	127	Senator ABETZ—.....in saying that the normal course of events would be that a letter from the Deputy Prime Minister would somewhere along the way find its way through your department, but not necessarily all letters go that way. Therefore, we want to know whether that letter did take the normal course of events or did not. Ms Paul—I am happy to take that on notice. I imagine it did. It is a piece of ministerial correspondence, so you would have to guess that we had some responsibility for drafting the first draft response. I am happy to take it on the notice.
EW0219_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Vehicle award in Victoria	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	129	Senator ABETZ—I am going to follow up on those excellent questions by Senator Fisher and ask whether the vehicle award in Victoria, and now the modern award, has any minimum hours of engagement and what they are? You can take that on notice. Mr Kovacic—We will take that on notice.
EW0220_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Number of AIRC members appointed FWA	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	130	Mr Kovacic—.....All AIRC members have been appointed to Fair Work Australia. Senator ABETZ—Yes, but how many? How many of the 50 then were on the AIRC? I suppose that is what I am asking. Mr Kovacic—If you take off the seven primary appointments it would be 30, but I can take that on notice to confirm it.
EW0221_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Applicants for Fair Work Australia	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	130	Senator ABETZ—We know the make-up of those seven primary appointments because that is the first six plus Mr Simpson. How many applicants were there for Fair Work Australia? Mr Kovacic—Bear with me for a moment. I think it was 149. Senator ABETZ—One hundred and— Mr Kovacic—One hundred and forty-nine. Senator ABETZ—That is not too long a list. Could you provide us with a breakdown of that list in relation to the categorisations that you provided in EW1059_10 please? Senator ABETZ—Thank you for that. Could you also provide us with the state or territory from which they originate? Mr Kovacic—Certainly.
EW0222_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	132	Senator ABETZ—.....the Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation. Three people have been appointed to this body: Mr Weston, Mr Thompson and Mr Turner. If you could take on notice what their backgrounds are, that would be helpful. Mr Kovacic—I will take that on notice.
EW0223_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Fair Work education information	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	134	Senator ABETZ—Were there any hiccups or speed humps or whatever you might call it with particular organisations in them being able to deliver that which they had been contracted to deliver? Mr Kovacic—No. Indeed, the providers delivered over 3½ thousand activities, of which 2,400 were workshops or seminars. Senator ABETZ—How many people do we believe were reached? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice.
EW0224_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Funding agreement	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	134	Mr Kovacic—The objective of that particular grant is to create a cooperative workplace relations environment by improving the skills and knowledge of employee representatives in the workplace with respect to the Fair Work system. The requirements of the funding agreement, which was only signed last Thursday, are that each year the Trade Union Education Foundation will need to provide a project plan to the department six weeks before the end of the calendar year at least. There are also reporting obligations under that funding agreement. There are also auditing requirements et cetera which are consistent with the sorts of normal funding arrangements that apply. Senator ABETZ—Can we get a copy of that funding agreement? Mr Kovacic—Yes, we can provide that to the committee. Senator ABETZ—If you could, thank you.
EW0225_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Educative programs	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	135	Senator ABETZ—I am now asking the minister whether some national emergency power might be called upon for an information campaign. Is there anything in the pipeline at all, to your knowledge? Senator Arbib—Not to my knowledge, but I am happy to check. Senator ABETZ—Could you take it on notice? Senator Arbib—Sure. I thought I would add a bit of background about workplace relations education— how much money has been spent and where it has been spent. I am advised that \$30 million has been spent for workplace relations education. Of that, \$17 million was targeted at business—that is, the \$2.7 million that you raised, \$10 million to industry organisations, \$3.7 million—
EW0226_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Education programs - cost per worker	Abetz, Eric	LP	31/05/2010	136	Senator ABETZ—As an education program, in rough terms can you tell us how much has been spent per worker? Ms Paul—We will have to take that on notice.
EW0227_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Disability Employment Service Funding for 2010-11	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	10	Mr Storen—The total disability employment service funding in 2010-11 is \$752 million, \$752.783 million. Senator CORMANN—That is right, we spoke about that yesterday. understand about the program, this is over a two and a half year period. So the Commonwealth provides directly 30 per cent of the services? Ms Paul—I am not sure who the other providers are; we could be reminded. We do not have those people here now. We did cover this yesterday. CRS Australia is a major provider. Senator CORMANN—Are you saying that this was part of a competitive tender where others were able to compete for the same business? Ms Paul—In the reform of the disability employment services, some parts were rolled over, some parts were.....Ms Paul—Oh, that is helpful. Some parts were rolled over, some parts were put out for tender. CRS Australia has always had a large slice of the business and they retain a large slice of the business. Senator CORMANN—But did they obtain that large slice of the business as part of a competitive tender where they competed with others, or were they— Ms Paul—I cannot recall which piece is which unless someone wants to help me out. I will take it on notice. We could have dealt with this easily yesterday, I am sorry, Senator. Senator CORMANN—This is part of the contracts that I was told we usually look— Ms
EW0228_11	Cross Portfolio	Allocation of funding for the proposed Child Care Rebate Campaign	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	11	Senator CORMANN—How much of that is allocated in 2009-10 and how much of that is allocated for the next financial year? Mr McDonald—I am fairly sure it is all 2010-11. Senator CORMANN—You are fairly sure? Mr McDonald—I will check with the CFO. I do not have that detail with me but the proposed—

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EW0229_11	Cross Portfolio	Figures on staff turnover	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	15	year so that we can adjust for these effects, so 30 June 2007, 30 June 2008; I have got 30 June 2009 and then I have got the figure for now that you are able to give me. Mr Storen—With that question we can do back to 2008 but 2007 is a bit difficult because the department did not exist. Senator CORMANN—Because your department changed, yes, fair enough. What is the earliest that you can give me that? When did the department change? That was the beginning of 2008, was it? Ms Paul—The end of 2007. Senator CORMANN—The end of 2007 or the beginning of 2008. If the first figure I can get is January 08 and then from June 08 which is forward on an annual basis. What is the current turnover across the whole department?
EW0230_11	Cross Portfolio	Average age of DEEWR staff	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	16	Senator CORMANN—Actually not true, not true. What is the average age of your staff? Do you know? Mr McDonald—That is a good question. We can take that on notice. We would know. I cannot answer that now I do not have that off the top of my head....
EW0231_11	Cross Portfolio	Changes in the ranks of Senior Executive Services	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	17	Senator CORMANN—Ms Paul, have there been any changes in the ranks of the senior executive service since we last spoke?..... Ms Paul—We would have had a small number of new SES start with us. We would have had a few retirements, probably. Would you like us to get you the numbers on notice? I do not have the numbers in my head. Senator CORMANN—Yes, okay.
EW0232_11	Cross Portfolio	Figures in relation to external consulting firms	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	18	Senator CORMANN—Are you able to provide a list of those active consultancies on notice? Mr Kriz—Yes, we can. The data is of course on AusTender. Senator CORMANN—How does that compare with previous years? Mr Kriz—It is a decrease. I have data here going back to 2005-06. There is basically a decrease in each year in every category. Senator CORMANN—Can you give us some numbers, maybe on notice? Just give it to us on notice for the previous three or four years and then I can pass on to my colleague, Senator Cash.
EW0233_11	Cross Portfolio	IT staff	Cash, Michaelia	LP	1/06/2010	19	Senator CASH—In terms of a breakdown of the number of IT staff employed by the department, are you able to provide me with a breakdown of the IT staff who are employed on a full-time, part-time and casual basis? Mr Archer—There is a previous question on notice related to this to a previous year. Certainly we can look to update those numbers, yes. Senator CASH—If you could update the figures for me that would be greatly appreciated
EW0234_11	Cross Portfolio	Expenditure on IT subcontracting	Cash, Michaelia	LP	1/06/2010	19	Senator CASH—..... In terms of the total expenditure on IT subcontracting over the last 12-month period, or basically since the last estimates, do you have that figure with you? Mr Archer—I do not have it with me but again we previously obtained that number for you and we can certainly take it again.
EW0235_11	Cross Portfolio	Figures on overtime	Cash, Michaelia	LP	1/06/2010	20	Senator CASH—Is there any information kept by the department of the number of hours outside normal working hours that are worked by employees of the department—that is, overtime? Mr Wyers—Yes, there are. We can source that for you. I do not have that with me. Senator CASH—You do not have that with you? Mr Wyers—No, we will take it on notice
EW0236_11	Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations	Amendments to the Fair Work Act 2009	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	21	Senator ABETZ—I do not have any questions under cross-portfolio per se but with the Chair's indulgence I was wondering if I could ask a question of Ms Paul and if you cannot answer it just take it on notice. Has the department considered any amendments to the Fair Work Act 2009? I know I should have asked that last night. Ms Paul—I will take it on notice. Senator ABETZ—Yes but surely you must know as the head of the agency whether or not the government is considering any amendments to the Fair Work Act? Ms Paul—Not that I am aware of at present, but I am happy to take it on notice. Senator ABETZ—What about in the space of paid parental leave? Ms Paul—I think it is a matter for government and I am happy to take it on notice.
EW0237_11	Cross Portfolio	Hospitality Spend for year to date	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	24	Senator CORMANN—Thank you very much, Mr Chairman. What is the department's hospitality spend for the year to date?..... Senator CORMANN—If you could perhaps also provide us with all of the hospitality for ministers and parliamentary secretaries year to date for this financial year, that would be great
EW0238_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Trade training centres in schools program	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	25	Senator CORMANN—How many schools will be covered as part of the umbrella contract with state and territory governments? Mr Storen—I have seen some numbers recently in the portfolio budget statements on the number of projects in schools. It really sits within the schools outcome. Senator CORMANN—The election commitment was for 2,650 of them. CHAIR—We will take that question in the schools outcome. Senator CORMANN—I guess what I am trying to get at is: with the contracts that you have entered into, do they specify for each state the number of expected schedules to the contract? Mr Storen—We can take that level of detail on notice.
EW0239_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Delegate of the Minister	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	25	Senator CORMANN—Who is the delegate? At what level in the department is the delegate located? Mr Storen—We can come back and tell you that. Senator CORMANN—That would be good. Are there any exit clauses in those agreements? Mr Storen—Once again, we will take that on notice, and if we can provide you the answer on Thursday we will. Senator CORMANN—I would also like to get the following information on notice: how many schedules have been formally agreed to across all of the government schools; how many individual contracts have been entered into on the non-government side of things; what are the relevant exit arrangements, if applicable; what payments have been committed to under the contracts to date; and what would be the cost to the Commonwealth if it were to make a decision to get out of those contracts. Ms Paul—We may be able to answer some of that information on Thursday.

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EW0240_11	Cross Portfolio	Costs and figures in regards to Community Cabinet	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	27	Senator CORMANN—Ms Paul, regarding community cabinets; what was the cost of the minister's travel and expenses for the community cabinet meetings held since additional estimates? Has somebody got that cost for us?..... Senator CORMANN—How many officials have been travelling with the minister to community cabinet meetings since the additional estimates? Mr Storen—It varies from community cabinet to community cabinet, but we can provide an answer to that on notice, as we have done in the past. Senator CORMANN—That is good. Please also provide us the cost of the travel and the total cost of community cabinets to the department.
EW0241_11	Cross Portfolio	Reviews undertaken this financial year	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	27	Senator CORMANN—Another question that I am sure you are expecting because it would be a regular feature is: what is the total number of reviews completed and ongoing in this financial year in your portfolio? Mr Storen—We will take that on notice again.
EW0242_11	Cross Portfolio	Proportion of accounts paid on time	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	28	Senator CORMANN—Can you provide us, on notice, the proportion of accounts which have been paid on time, those which have not, and the proportion or the dollar value which has and which has not been paid within the 30 days. Would you be paying interest for any overdue amounts, post 30 days? Mr Storen—I will have to take that on notice. It depends on the nature of the account and the relationship with the vendor.
EW0243_11	Agency - Comcare	Returning to work after assessments	Cormann, Mathias	LP	1/06/2010	28	CHAIR—Do we know if any of the 391 have returned to work? Mr Kibble—I would have to take that on notice, Senator.
EW0244_11	Agency - Comcare	Breaches of the OHS Act 20	Marshall, Gavin	ALP	1/06/2010	29	CHAIR—Maybe on notice you could just give me a breakdown on who they were, and what the fines were? Mr Kibble—Yes.
EW0245_11	Agency - Comcare	Courses delivered by providers	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	34	As I understand it, Comcare has not ever raised one single concern about the conduct nor the quality of the course delivered by Safe Design Pty Ltd. Is that right? Mr O'Connor—I am not aware of any concern, but I will take that on notice in case there is any. Senator ABETZ—All right. That is my understanding. Can you also take on notice whether it is correct that Comcare have never found it necessary to attend another course for the purpose of course review. When I say 'another course', they initially went to one just to see how it operated. As I understand it they were perfectly satisfied and have never bothered to come back to another course. Can I have that confirmed for me as well?
EW0246_11	Agency - Comcare	Innovative flexible models	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	34	Senator ABETZ—But they are now going to be wiped out of the market because it does not conform to this nearly manic approach of one size having to fit all, and you cannot have anything other than straight out classroom learning. What research and what intellectual grunt went into the determination that it can only be delivered through the classroom? Mr O'Connor—I will take that on notice.
EW0247_11	Agency - Comcare	Change of guidelines	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	34	Senator ABETZ—Thank you. How much notice was actually given of the change to the guidelines? As I see it, basically what it has done is put a small business out of business because they have not even really been given much time to develop or to change their methodologies to this system, and I do not understand why it all has to be in the classroom. However, I dare say being an innovative business, if they are the rules, to stay in..... Continued on page 35 .....Mr Kibble—We will provide an answer on notice in relation to the transition arrangements, just to make sure that we have the details for you. You mentioned a consultant's report which Comcare commissioned on behalf of the SRCC, and as part of that process the consultants consulted with a range of people, including the providers of the training. Senator ABETZ—Yes, that is correct. Mr Kibble—In providing advice to the
EW0248_11	Agency - Comcare	Figures on ho many providers are currently accredited to deliver training	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	35	Senator ABETZ—How many approved providers are currently accredited to deliver training to any organisation? Mr Kibble—I will have to take that on notice.
EW0249_11	Agency - Comcare	One size fits all training module	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	35	Senator ABETZ—If you could. Is there any particular player in this field that this 'one size fits all' will assist in relation to their business model for the delivery of training? Mr O'Connor—We will take that on notice.
EW0250_11	Agency - Comcare	Spin off' companies that deliver training	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	35	To that end, are you aware if any trade unions have spin-off companies that deliver training? Mr O'Connor—In regard to the first comment, the response we will provide on notice will address the background of the requirements. With regard to the second question, I am broadly aware that some trade unions do have related training companies, but I have no knowledge of whether or not they are involved in these types of training programs. We can again provide on notice a list of those training organisations that are accredited. Senator ABETZ—If you could, I would be pleased. Then surprise me with the answer to this question, which I am sure you will have to take on notice: is the methodology used by the trade union movement spinoff companies, as I have described them, classroom methodology? If you could find that out for us as well on notice, that would be very helpful. Mr O'Connor—I will.
EW0251_11	Agency - Comcare	Survey on health and safety representative training	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	36	Senator ABETZ—Would it be fair to say that only 13 per cent of the responses were from the private sector? Mr Kibble—I would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—All right. In relation to the other 87 per cent, the figures are highly skewed in favour of the tax office. They comprise well over 30 per cent of the responses. If you could, please take that on notice. If you have done a survey with many HSRs, that is all good, but, if only 13 per cent come from the private sector and over 30 per cent come from one particular department, the evidence that is obtained from something like that may well be skewed and not necessarily reflective. Mr Kibble—Yes, we will have to clarify which survey it is. We will go back and have a look at the respective—

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EW0252_11	Agency - Comcare	Practical activities and classroom training	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	37	Senator ABETZ—Are we going to get the emphasis on all of these practical activities within the four walls of the classroom? Can I say there was another training scheme that sought to do this that the minister might have some recollection of. It led to most unfortunate results, but we will not go there. It just seems to me that classroom training without practical activities and training will be a severely limited training scheme. Mr Kibble—if I could just clarify my answer—and we have canvassed some of these issues already—the guidelines require: Full courses should comprise a minimum of 35 hours face to face training over a minimum of five days, with some flexible options available to accommodate the needs of the HSR. Providing that flexible arrangements offer the minimum of 35 hours of face to face training and include the mandatory practical skills development activities. So there is a minimum there, but the training courses can go beyond that in a range of ways to ensure that the training is of the highest quality. But I will come back to you on that.
EW0253_11	Agency - Safe Work Australia	Jurisdictional notes	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	46	Ms Ross—That some jurisdictions allow for the deleting of a clause? Senator ABETZ—Yes. Ms Ross—Yes, they do, and in most cases this would only be where there would be duplication with existing laws operating within the jurisdiction. Senator ABETZ—Mainly, but not only? Ms Ross—I might need to take that on notice. I would have to analyse all the jurisdictional notes.
EW0254_11	Agency - Safe Work Australia	Regulations and code of practice for employers	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	1/06/2010	50	Senator BILYK—It will not just be a code of practice; it will be enforceable through the regulations? Ms Ross—There will be a code of practice but in relation to some areas of the regulations there will be a duty to— Senator BILYK—Do we know what areas they will be? Ms Ross—They will be the high-risk areas. I might have to take it on notice in relation to what areas will actually have the duty to assess risk. Senator BILYK—if you could get back to me on that, that would be good. Ms Ross—The regulations are at the moment still a work in progress. I could only answer in relation to the areas that we know at the moment. Senator BILYK—if you would take that on notice and let us know that would be greatly appreciated.
EW0255_11	Agency - Safe Work Australia	Deaths in the workplace - provide copy of book	Marshall, Gavin	ALP	1/06/2010	52	CHAIR—That is all in the book, too. You might give us all a copy of that. Mr Hoy—I will give you a copy of the book. In 2006-07, 295 people were killed while working. A further 93 people died while travelling to and from work and 65 were killed as a bystander to work activity.
EW0256_11	Agency - Safe Work Australia	Number of commonwealth laws and regulations	Marshall, Gavin	ALP	1/06/2010	53	CHAIR—if it is on the website, that is all right. Mr Hoy—Do you wish us to find out how many state and territory and Commonwealth laws and regulations there are? Somebody will have the number; it is just that we do not off the top of our heads. CHAIR—if that work is being done already, it would be useful if you could give it to us, but I do not necessarily expect you to go out and count every one. That work has probably been done by somebody, maybe the same person who did your counting.
EW0257_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	FWO's external advice panel	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	55	Senator ABETZ—Where does the Fair Work Ombudsman get its advice from? Is it all in house or do you have a panel of experts that you draw upon for particular issues, and, if you do, how are they selected? Mr Wilson—I will ask Ms Smith to answer that. Ms Smith—The advice that we prepare is by and large in-house advice. We have a large number of staff who have had a great amount of experience in workplace relations over many years. We take escalations from the contact centre, from the email inquiry line and from some direct external lines for industry bodies and unions. Where we have a query that we are uncertain of, for various reasons, we have our internal legal team, headed by Mr Leigh Johns, provide a response. There are odd occasions where we need to go externally for another view, but that is a rare thing and we do that through a panel that Mr Johns could speak more about. Senator ABETZ—Can you take on notice who is on the panel and how they were selected? Mr Johns—I can answer those questions. Senator ABETZ—We have time constraints, so can you take that on notice?
EW0258_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	FWO email to payrollnews.com.au	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	56	Senator ABETZ—Can you advise whether somebody in the Fair Work Ombudsman emailed the editor of payrollnews.com.au, under the subject 'Ask an expert': 'We are hoping someone is able to provide some interpretation on Easter Tuesday in Tasmania. I've included the relevant clause from our collective agreement', and then there is a whole host of things added. There are questions about alternative readings. It says 'if we take "observed generally" to mean "by a cross-section of the community" and, 'It would be appreciated if some advice could be provided.' It finishes with 'Regards' et cetera. Mr Wilson—Are you reading from an email from a staff member? Senator ABETZ—I will not mention their name. It is from the assistant director of the payroll and entitlement section. Mr Wilson—In the Fair Work Ombudsman's office? Senator ABETZ—Yes. That is what I have been provided with. I cannot vouch for it, of course. But this sort of behaviour does not engender confidence in the small business community that the Fair Work Ombudsman has a handle on some of the things that might potentially lead to requirements for back pay or even the application of penalties. The Fair Work Ombudsman cannot get assistance internally and seems to be scratching around all over the place for a source, if the information I have here is correct. Mr Wilson—It is

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EW0259_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Cost and amount of post cards for campaigns	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	56	Senator ABETZ—Thank you. We had mousepads discussed yesterday. Whilst I must say postcards are somewhat more sensible than mousepads, I understand the Fair Work Ombudsman produced a blue postcard entitled 'Fair conditions on a fair playing field is fair enough' It says: 'I mean, fair's fair: fair work.' How much did they cost and have Australia Post's profits been boosted because people are madly mailing these around to their friends? Mr Wilson—I cannot answer that last part of the question. Senator ABETZ—I withdraw it. That is fair enough. Mr Wilson—We will check on the cost of those materials. I do not have that information. Senator ABETZ—How many were produced? Mr Wilson—What I can say is that is a stock-standard campaign that we are running, and there have been several of them over the past year. But I will obtain details and provide those to you.
EW0260_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Cost of print run and method of distribution	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	1/06/2010	57	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—When did they go out, or do you need to take that on notice, too? Mr Wilson—I have to take on notice which ones went out at which times, but we have run out several of them over the past year, I believe. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I would be curious about the print run, the method of distribution and the overall costs. Mr Wilson—Of course.
EW0261_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Complaints regarding major industry retail and manufacturing	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	66	Senator CAMERON—In response to questions on notice put to you at the last budget estimates, you indicated that Fair Work Australia had recovered \$726,426 in the building and construction industry for employees in the six month period from 31 January 2010. You also indicated that your predecessor had dealt with 4,962 complaints, finalised 4,640 complaints and recovered \$5,732,922. How does this compare with other major industries, such as manufacturing, retail and hospitality? I read the lips and it is a 'take it or notice', is it? Mr Wilson—Yes, we will take that on notice. I am afraid that we are not that resourced. Can you just repeat, please, the industries you were interested in? Senator CAMERON—Any major industry, but manufacturing, retail and hospitality. Mr Wilson—Certainly in relation to retail and hospitality that should not be a difficult task. As to manufacturing, I am not sure whether we code. Mr Loizides—Yes. Mr Wilson—We do. Do we have that information with us? Mr Loizides—No. I can break it down in terms of numbers of complaints at the moment, but I cannot break it down into those other metrics. I can tell you, for example, in the retail industry we received from 1 July 2009 to 30 April 2010 2,800 complaints. In
EW0262_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Why does the FWO not keep specific data on referrals to the ATO?	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	67	Senator CAMERON—You answered this to question No. EW0960_10. You said, 'The Fair Work Ombudsman does not keep specific data on referrals to the Australian Taxation Office.' I just wonder, why? Mr Wilson—I apologise for the look of confusion. We certainly recall that information and the response to you. We are not attempting to be disingenuous. Extracting that information from our database to actually find out those occasions where we have written to ASIC over that length of time would be a difficult, if not impossible, task. Notwithstanding that, I would have thought we could probably do better than simply say that we cannot tell you anything. At the risk of offending you, if we can take that on notice and try to come back—Senator CAMERON—I am not easily offended. Mr Wilson—But we will try to come back with a better answer.
EW0263_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Tabled arrangement between ABCC and estimates	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	68	Senator CAMERON—I have not asked that yet, but I will come to that, so keep it in mind. I am not asking that at the moment. I am asking: how do we deal with the confusion? Have you ever tabled the written arrangement that you have between you and the ABCC at estimates? Mr Wilson—I believe we have. Either Mr Lloyd or myself has tabled it. I would need to check.
EW0264_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Evidence for sham contracting	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	69	Mr Wilson—I can, and I certainly understand and appreciate what it is that you are saying. In relation to the messaging about which matters go where, that is certainly something we are happy to take on as a task and try to improve. In relation to the earlier part of your question about surveys, I am not sure I would accept that proposition. We speak to people about their experiences and we do use surveys. There have been instances where we have taken matters to court that relate to sham contracting, and I am happy to bring some evidence to the table about what action we have in the courts about sham contracting. Senator CAMERON—That would be helpful.
EW0265_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Difficulty in sham contracting	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	69	Mr Johns—I can inform you that we have commenced four matters involving sham contracting. The difficulty in these matters is the assessment that needs to be made as to whether or not the defence that is available in section 900(2) might be available to the alleged wrongdoer. We have to make an assessment about whether or not that defence would be available to them. Senator CAMERON—I am happy for you to provide on notice the details of why it is so difficult for you. I am happy to come back and have a look at that at the next estimates. For the purposes of the time limits that I have at the moment, I cannot go through every individual case and look at the arguments in that case. If you want to give the committee that on notice, I am happy to have a look at that and then I might be in a position to come back and take up further questions with you next round. I would ask if you could do that. Mr Johns—I am very happy to do that.
EW0266_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Advice on ABCC matters	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	69	Senator CAMERON—Can you tell me what happened to these four ABCC matters that were referred to you? Mr Johns—I will take it on notice.
EW0267_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Clarify sham contracting	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	69	Mr Wilson—if I can clarify one aspect, the work we do in relation to sham contracting, I would say, falls into capital 'S' and small 's' sham. There are some which relate to the specific provisions of the sections of the act that Mr Johns has referred to, 'S', and then there are some which relate to circumstances where workers have been termed contractors when at law they are employees, but they do not fit the full sham contracting provisions. We will clarify that for you.

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EW0268_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Referrals from ABCC for sham contracting	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	70	Senator CAMERON—What I am asking you is about referrals in relation to sham contracting. Mr Loizides—I have had no discussions in this financial year regarding sham contracting. Senator CAMERON—And no referrals. Discussions and referrals are different things. Mr Loizides—Can I take that one on notice? Senator CAMERON—You cannot tell me if you have had any referrals from ABCC? Mr Loizides—In regard to sham contracting this financial year? Senator CAMERON—Yes. Mr Loizides—No, I cannot answer that. I will take that on notice.
EW0269_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Investigation for sham contracting	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	71	Senator CAMERON—I will ask you to take this on notice. Given the reports of the widespread sham contracting, why have you not given any thought to that and whether you would consider conducting such an investigation? Mr Loizides—I will take that on notice.
EW0270_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Collecting due wages	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	73	Senator ABETZ—That is a lot. Out of the \$1.25 million that you hold, for want of a better term, 'in trust', please tell us—and take this on notice—how much of that money has been unclaimed for three months, six months, nine months, 12 months and 24-plus months, if they are appropriate delineations. If you do it in six-month gaps, so be it; but, if you have some convenient delineation in which you can provide that to us, please provide that on notice. Mr Scully—I can give that information to you now, if you wish. Senator ABETZ—I do not need it now and time is going to tick on. If I could ask you to give me that information, that would be helpful in giving me an update.
EW0271_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Proposed self audit	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	1/06/2010	75	Senator FISHER—Are you aware of allegations that the press found out about the proposed self-audit before the business was advised of it? Also, what is your comment on such allegations? Mr Ronson—I have no knowledge of it; the information in front of me does not disclose that particular sequence. Senator FISHER—Can you take it on notice to comment on that and to see whether you have any further information that might shed some light on that? Mr Ronson—Certainly.
EW0272_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Time when FWO made contact with Terang hardware store	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	77	Senator ABETZ—Perhaps I can follow up quickly. Can you please give me the time when, on 5 February, the first contact was made by the department with your office? If you do not have that now, please give it to us on notice. Then—chances are that this question goes to you, Mr Ronson—can you tell me what time of day the Ombudsman first made contact with the Terang hardware store? Mr Ronson—We will take those matters on notice.
EW0273_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Breach of letters	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	80	Senator ABETZ—Have we had any occasion where the Fair Work Ombudsman, in writing 'breach letters'—if I can use that term—to an employer in relation to a determination of contravention, has had to say that their letter of contravention subsequently has been withdrawn, a further contravention letter dated such-and-such was issued and then a final contravention letter dated such-and-such was issued? I am asking whether the Ombudsman has had three cracks at finally getting a contravention letter right. Mr Wilson—if you wish to give us more detail, we will find the answer to that question. But, without detail as to the employer that you are referring to, it would be impossible for us to find that information. Senator ABETZ—Has that ever occurred? Mr Wilson—You have had my answer. Senator ABETZ—Has it ever occurred? It must be within your knowledge— Mr Wilson—No, it is not. I have taken the question on notice. Senator ABETZ—It is not within your knowledge. What about Mr Ronson's knowledge? Mr Wilson—I have taken that question on notice.
EW0274_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Industries that have the most award questions	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	84	Senator ABETZ—Moving right along, can I ask: which award do you have the most questions about or in what industry sector do you have the most questions? Would it be the cleaning award? Mr Wilson—Ms Smith, can you help us on that? Ms Smith—I can, if you will just give me one moment to get to that particular detail. CHAIR—Do you know that we are finishing at five, which is in two minutes? Senator ABETZ—Yes. That is why I am moving right along. Mr Wilson—A number of calls that we— Senator ABETZ—Look, perhaps you could take that on notice. Mr Wilson—We will take that on notice. We have, off the top, five or so industries. Senator ABETZ—Take it on notice and list the various awards for me; that would be very helpful.
EW0275_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	List various awards	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	85	Senator ABETZ—... Also, on notice, could you please advise us of your 'expanded' role, as I understand it, with paid parental leave? You will now have a role in investigating complaints in relation to that area; is that correct? Mr Wilson—Obviously, that is dependent upon the passage of the legislation and the things that go with it. Senator ABETZ—Please take that on notice— Mr Wilson—Sure. We will ask for the appropriate— Senator ABETZ—because the government, at taxpayers' expense, has already prepared a document telling us, at page 23, that the role of the Fair Work Ombudsman is to 'work with employees' et cetera and then 'will have a role under the paid parental leave legislation to investigate complaints'. I am just wondering whether you have received extra funding in this budget to deal with that. Mr Wilson—We will take that on notice.
EW0276_11	Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman	Articles available to Fair Work Infoline staff	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	85	Senator ABETZ—All right. I will ask quickly, on notice: the last time around, you told me that there were 1,687 articles available to Fair Work Infoline staff. Can you tell me how many have been produced now for the Fair Work Infoline staff? Mr Wilson—We will take that on notice.
EW0277_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Inquiry about legal advice to FWA (refer EW0891_10)	Ronaldson, Michael	LP	1/06/2010	89	Mr Nassios—I will go back and see if there is any specific written advice. I do not believe there is any specific advice of the nature that you are asking in that question. Senator RONALDSON—I am sure you used the word 'much' advisedly, rather than 'all', so you will take that on notice, will you? Mr Nassios—Yes

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EW0278_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Conciliation	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	1/06/2010	97	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—You mentioned the 6,821 conciliations. How many people have opted not to go through conciliation? Ms O'Neill—I do not have that and I am not sure that I could, readily at least, obtain that. I can take it on notice and examine it if we can. Certainly in my experience, my observations and feedback are that it is a very minute proportion. In that event, the matter would simply be referred directly to either a jurisdictional hearing, where relevant, or a substantive arbitration. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—It is important information to a review of how the system is operating and, as you stressed earlier, the conciliation path is voluntary. We do not have a sense for those that are not volunteering down that path. That is not the total picture. Ms O'Neill—No. I could certainly identify the proportion of matters that are not conciliated. It is just that the reason for the conciliation not taking place may not just be confined to a party not wanting to participate. It may be because of unavailability, it may be— Senator JACINTA COLLINS—That is fine, but I think that in an overall review that is information we need as well. Ms O'Neill—At that level I would not anticipate that we would have any difficulty in obtaining that information.
EW0279_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	FWA induction	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	100	Senator ABETZ—It has been indicated to me that induction for new employees takes about half a day; is that correct? Mr Lee—The most recent induction was around that time, yes. Senator ABETZ—And then, after that half-a-day induction, are any of them put on the front desk at Fair Work Australia? Mr Lee—I would have to take that on notice. I could not tell you that.
EW0280_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Assessment of Agreements	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	101	Senator ABETZ—Are you able to provide us—and I would assume you would take this on notice—with the number that were lodged before 1 January 2010 and how many are still awaiting their assessment? Mr Giudice—We could take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—Thank you for that. Then, if you could let us know as well, with applications or agreements lodged after 1 January 2010, are they in general terms experiencing a similar delay? Mr Giudice—I could not really answer that without looking at the figures. Senator ABETZ—If you could take that on notice for me, I would be much obliged.
EW0281_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	CMS database	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	102	Senator ABETZ—Do you have an internal database called CMS? Mr Lee—Yes, we do. Senator ABETZ—I am told it breaks down frequently. Does it break down from time to time? Mr Lee—I would not be able to tell you the periods of outage. It has had some periods of outage. From my general observation, it has not been excessive, but there have been down times. If you would like details on that I can provide it. Senator ABETZ—You can take it on notice. Do we measure it by hours or days down? Whatever timeframe is the most convenient. Mr Lee—I would have to take that on notice as well. It is quite possibly hours. Senator ABETZ—And whether it occasions any genuine delay in the processing of matters in Fair Work Australia? Mr Lee—Indeed, yes.
EW0282_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Entering data into CMS	Fisher, Mary Jo	LP	1/06/2010	103	Senator FISHER—How do you know that is happening as soon as possible? How do you reassure yourself of that? Mr Lee—Mr Nassios has outlined that there is a tracking of the time period that is taken to lodge the material. I can take all of that on notice.
EW0283_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	List of Commission members and number of cases	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	108	Senator ABETZ—.....can we have a list of the commission members and the number of cases they have dealt with since 1 January; the category of case—let us say unfair dismissal, a collective agreement, full hearing or whether they sat on an appeal—and the outcome of each case—for example, whether the unfair dismissal application was accepted or rejected, and whether the collective agreement was approved or not approved. You can take that on notice.
EW0284_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Info line (in relation to EW0965_10)	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	109	Senator ABETZ—How is the info line going? Is it going well? How long are people waiting? Mr Lee—I will ask the manager of that area to answer your question. Senator ABETZ—It is EW0965_10. We were told that there were 6,479 calls between 4 January and 15 January. I was wondering if you could provide us with an up to date— Mr Lee—Before Mr Hower responds, generally speaking, the numbers of calls that are coming in to the line has started to stabilise. In terms of our management of calls coming in, we are pleased with the improvements that have been made with response times. Mr Hower will be able to give you some detailed indicators on that. Senator ABETZ—Mr Hower, having brought you to the table, I do not like doing this to you, but would you mind please taking that question on notice? I have just noticed the clock. We only have 20 minutes left. Mr Hower—Certainly.
EW0285_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Applications for award variations	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	110	Senator ABETZ—I will not take that one any further. Are you able to tell us how many applications for variation or whatever for each award there might be? Take that on notice. I have just been told that there are some real issues in relation to the modern cleaning award. It was altered in May, is that right? If I may have the indulgence to quickly say what the problem is. A small business, a cleaning company, now have to pay, they were told, penalty rates for work on Saturdays and Sundays. They are in the business of cleaning low-cost accommodation cabins and that is all fine, but in very rough terms they were charging \$30 an hour and paying \$20 an hour, no matter when the work was being done. Now they have to pay—and this has been backdated on them—\$40 per hour, I think, on Saturdays and \$50 per hour on a Sunday. Of course, they have had their contractual arrangement, they have already done the work, and the business got a maximum \$30 per hour. But now, under this backdating, they will have to pay their workers moneys which they do not have; they cannot recoup it from the person for whom they provided the services. They are some of the difficulties—and I will just leave it at that—in relation to backdating of awards. If you could advise on notice
EW0286_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Unfair dismissal claims	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	111	Senator ABETZ—Can I then place a few questions on notice. Can you advise us how many costs applications have been made and granted in relation to unfair dismissal claims. Is it accepted by Fair Work Australia that, due to an error in registration, the Supported Employment Services Award 2010 had the transitional schedule deleted? You might need to take that on notice. Mr Giudice—Yes.

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EW0287_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Shortest time agreement lodged to being approved	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	111	Senator ABETZ—.....What is the shortest time in which an agreement has been processed, from being lodged to being approved in Fair Work Australia? Mr Giudice—I would really have to take that on notice.
EW0288_11	Agency - Fair Work Australia	Award modernisation	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	111	Senator ABETZ—.....If I may on a final note, because I am sure we have all got a sweet tooth, raise the issue of Haigh's Chocolates, they had a substantial delay before their agreement was ultimately approved by Fair Work Australia. I think it went for—I hope I do not do them, or indeed Fair Work Australia, a disservice—some 17 weeks. It was lodged on 22 October 2009. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Did that one involve undertakings? Senator ABETZ—it was allocated to a second member on the unavailability of the first, then there was a substantial delay before the agreement was ultimately approved. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—it does not say anything about undertakings? Senator ABETZ—No, it does not. If you could possibly give us an indication in relation to the Haigh's Chocolates agreement—I understand that it has all been approved and all is well that ends well—what the rationale or reason was for the delays, that would be very helpful. In relation to the award modernisation, did the issue of student workers come up? Indeed, as I understand it, the Pharmacy Guild sought variation and the SDA, during the hearing, suggested that it could be dealt with by IFAs, I am told; is that correct? If nobody has a recollection of that, you could take that on
EW0289_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Matters referred to ABCC legal section (refer EW0971_10)	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	115	Senator ABETZ—There has been a slight rise there as well? It is about the same, is it not? There is about a 30 per cent increase in both areas. If I can go to EW0971-10, the question was: Of the 3 matters referred to the ABCC legal section in January 2010, how many were against building contractors? And then: Of the 59 active investigations, how many were against building contractors? Are you able to provide us with updates as to how many matters have been referred to the ABCC legal section, let us say, for this calendar year so far? Mr Lloyd—No, I do not have those figures. Senator ABETZ—Could you take that on notice for me, please.
EW0290_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Investigations	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	116	Senator ABETZ—Could you tell us on notice how many, under the current lot of 59, were against building contractors? Last time around there were 29 against building contractors, 10 against head contractors and 19 against subcontractors. Mr Draffin—I would have to take that on notice, but it would be a similar number, I would think. Senator ABETZ—How many were against building contractors; no, the description was 'builders, contractors and union officials'? If you could provide that in relation to the matters referred, I would be much obliged.
EW0291_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Cancel entry permits	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	117	Senator ABETZ—How many applications has the ABCC brought to cancel any entry permits of union officials? Mr Dalgleish—I would have to take it on notice for the precise number, but it would be in the vicinity of half a dozen. Senator ABETZ—How many of those applications have been successful? I know of one that has not been successful, but how many of those would have been successful? Mr Dalgleish—In three cases that I can think of there were suspensions of permit rather than revocation of permit, and in each case that permit holder would have got it back after the period of suspension. In another case there were conditions imposed. Senator ABETZ—Possibly, if you could take on notice, the number of cases, what was sought from the court—whether a suspension or revocation—and then what the court or Fair Work Australia actually ordered.
EW0292_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Mr Harrison application for unfair dismissal	Abetz, Eric	LP	1/06/2010	117	Senator ABETZ—Do you know whether he [Mr Brett Harrison] brought any applications? This may be not within your knowledge and you would not necessarily know, but did he bring an application for unfair dismissal or unlawful termination in relation to his dismissal from that job? Mr Dalgleish—I do not know. I could take that on notice.
EW0293_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	ABC Commissioner - remuneration	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	120	Senator CAMERON—Can you provide the committee with your total rate of pay and the total value of all remuneration since you were appointed in September 2005. Mr Lloyd—All remuneration since I was appointed? Senator CAMERON—All remuneration, yes. CHAIR—You may need to be a bit more specific than that. Are you talking about salary? Senator CAMERON—Salary and any other payments you have received. Mr Lloyd—What officials normally do is indicate to the Senate the band which they are employed under and the arrangements which apply to that. That is what is normally done and I can tell you what the band increases were as they were issued by the remuneration tribunal. Senator CAMERON—Okay, please do that.
EW0294_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Sham contracting	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	126	Senator CAMERON—When did you put your publications out on sham subcontracting? Mr Lloyd—I would have to take that on notice. We have a number of mediums, predominantly on the website— Senator CAMERON—Have you put any recent publications out? Mr Lloyd—On sham contracting? Senator CAMERON—Yes. Mr Lloyd—There are fact sheets on it. I do not know whether there is anything else. I would have to take that on notice. Senator CAMERON—So can you take on notice whether you have done anything new since 10 February 2010, and what you have done since then that has resulted in a difference of four investigations that were referred to the Fair Work Ombudsman? You now have 17 active investigations being conducted by the ABCC.
EW0295_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Prosecutions	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	127	Senator CAMERON—Well, can you take on notice the number of prosecutions against the CFMEU compared to employer organisations or employers? Mr Lloyd—Yes.
EW0296_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Sham contracting	Cameron, Doug	ALP	1/06/2010	128	Senator CAMERON—So what have you done about sham contracting other than this recent rush of activity? How many sham contracting arrangements did you look at in the last four years? Mr Lloyd—I would have to take that on notice.



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EW0297_11	Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission	Injuries in building and construction industry	Back, Chris	LP	1/06/2010	130	Senator BACK—Mr Lloyd, I have some figures and I wonder if you could confirm them. The first is injuries per thousand workers in the building and construction industry. I have them as going from 27.7 per thousand workers in 2003-04 down to 22 per thousand in 2006-07 and 21 per thousand in 2007-08. Are those figures consistent, or could you take that on notice and confirm them? Mr Lloyd—I will take that on notice. Senator BACK—Thank you. Could you also take this on notice. I have a figure, and perhaps you could update it, that in the building and construction industry from 2004 to 2007 there was a 25.5 per cent increase in wages against an all-industries average increase of 15 per cent. Are those figures consistent with those that you understand? Mr Lloyd—They are broadly consistent, yes. Senator BACK—I would be very pleased if you could extend that to 2009 so that I could have an understanding of that. Mr Lloyd—Okay.
EW0298_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Government Decision - learning and care centres	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	7	Mr Cook—It was for the.....the government decided that a large-scale supply in relation to early learning and care centres, the 222, would not be warranted based, at this stage, on the market and ensuring that we could have stability around the market and prevent further disruption to families. Senator PAYNE—Was that decision taken in April or was it taken before that? Mr Cook—Excuse me, Senator? Senator PAYNE—Was that decision taken in April at the time of the press release or was it taken before that? Mr Cook—I might have to take that on notice in terms of the government decision itself. Certainly the announcement based on this information was in consideration of the GoodStart activity and also in relation to the release of the data on 22 April. Ms Paul—We can get the date for you, I think. Senator PAYNE—Thank you, Ms Paul.
EW0299_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Childcare rebate	Fifield, Mitch	LP	2/06/2010	10	Senator FIFIELD—Thank you. Could I ask who provided the original draft of the press release? Was it provided by the department? Ms Paul—I do not know—unless you know? Mr Cook—No. Ms Paul—There may have been one from our communications area, but I am happy to take it on notice. Ultimately, of course, it is the minister's. Senator FIFIELD—Surely, Ms Paul, there is someone here who would be able to assist with that? Ms Paul—We will check that out. Ultimately it is the minister's press release. I imagine we probably did do a first draft. Senator FIFIELD—Did the department do a first draft? Mr Cook—I am not aware of that. I would have to take that issue on notice. Senator FIFIELD—Is this your area, Mr Cook? Mr Cook—Yes, it is. Senator FIFIELD—This has been an area of great public interest. You would have been well aware that there would be significant questions going into details including the manner of announcement, the drafting of the press release. Are you saying that you do not know? Mr Cook—That is correct. Ms Paul—Senator, we may well have drafted it. We normally would do a first draft. I am quite happy to check that out and let you know. Senator FIFIELD—If you could. Ms Paul—Sure.
EW0300_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Press release	Fifield, Mitch	LP	2/06/2010	11	Senator FIFIELD—Yes. Was there any instruction from the minister's office as to where to place in the press release the paragraph that says, 'In order to support continued stability in the market, the government has decided not to proceed with additional centres to the 38 centres already in train'? Ms Paul—Any communication like that has probably been with our communications people; I can check that. I would be very surprised if there would be a direction about where to place a piece of information. Nonetheless I am happy to check it out for you.
EW0301_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Announcement on 22 April	Fifield, Mitch	LP	2/06/2010	13	Senator FIFIELD—Thank you for that, Ms Paul. Ms Paul, when were you first made aware that the minister would be making the announcement on 22 April? Ms Paul—it would have been some time before then, but I do not know the date. I can get that for you, probably. It will be my best recollection. Senator FIFIELD—Thank you. Could you take that on notice? Ms Paul—Yes.
EW0302_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child Care Centres	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	13	Senator PAYNE—..... What part of the \$3 million of each centre is capital and can you tell us what other costs are included in that \$3 million? What is the breakdown of the \$3 million cost? Mr Cook—I can certainly give you a breakdown of the total funding. We may have to take on notice the breakdown of the \$3 million.
EW0303_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Autism specific early learning and care centre	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	14	Ms Shannon—I am aware that the La Trobe University Margot Prior autism specific early learning and care centre is on the La Trobe University site. Senator PAYNE—Does that mean one? Mr Johnson—We would have to probably take that on notice. Ms Shannon—We would have to check, yes. Mr Johnson—I do not have all of the site specific detail with me. Senator PAYNE—Could you then, on notice, Mr Johnson, please provide a breakdown of how many are on school, how many are on university, if it is more than the one and how many are on TAFE land in the 80 per cent? Mr Johnson—We are more than happy to do that. Senator PAYNE—As well as the nature of the land in the other 20 per cent.

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EW0304_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Childcare centres	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	15	<p>Senator PAYNE—On notice, Mr Johnson, could you please provide the committee with a brief description of the arrangements in relation to the tender processes, the contractors for the individual processes, these sorts of arrangements that we have been talking about, just a brief description for each of the 38? Mr Johnson—We would be happy to do that, Senator. Senator PAYNE—Thank you very much. When the centres were first being discussed the DEEWR website indicated that the new centres would be located in areas of unmet demand. That has been a matter which we have discussed across the past few estimates. For each of the sites for the 38 centres, can you indicate to the committee what factors were used for each of those and whether any review has been conducted since those original announcements to determine if those factors still exist in those locations? Mr Johnson—The areas for the allocation of each of the centres, 36 of the 38 were announced by the government in the 2007 election. At that time the indication was to provide those centres in areas where there was significant demand or requirements to respond to the needs of particular communities. Beyond that I would probably have to take on notice any analysis around the particular demands of communities at this point in time in each of those 38 regions. Senator PAYNE—Can</p>
EW0305_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Integrated services independent of Commonwealth	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	2/06/2010	16	<p>Senator JACINTA COLLINS—As you indicated the role of the states and territories in these centres has been fairly significant as well. Can you tell me does the Commonwealth have any understanding of how many integrated services the states and territories have rolled out independently of the Commonwealth? Mr Cook—We would have to take that on notice. I come from Victoria, and Victoria has a very strong commitment to integrated centres, with over 70 I understand, in terms of the government commitment in Victoria. All the work that has been done, and the Children's Capital Program in Victoria is based on integrated children's centres predominately providing support to local communities around ensuring that families have a range of services being provided through those centres. A number of other states and territories, such as South Australia, are also predominately focusing on integrated services. We would have to take that question on notice to be able to get that information back to you. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—The reason I ask, in part, to inform that is the discussions around the double drop-off have been going on for many, many years, not just the 2007 election. Indeed, discussions with the states and the Commonwealth have been seeking to further those sorts of integrated services for quite a number of years</p>
EW0306_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	GoodStart	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	17	<p>Mr Kimber—It is a \$15 million loan over a seven-year repayment period. The repayments have been structured so that there is no cost to the government or to the taxpayer. The loan is covered by four trust deeds: a loan facility agreement between GoodStart and the Commonwealth; a common terms deed between GoodStart, National Australia Bank and the Commonwealth; a security trust deed with the same parties; and also an inter-creditor deed. It is quite a complex arrangement. It is a seven-year repayment period, and it uses the Commonwealth bond rate from time to time to calculate the interest that is payable on the loan. It is calculated quarterly, but the exact details of that will vary from time to time depending on the Treasury bond rate. Obviously it is a commercial loan. It was negotiated with a range of parties to be repaid over seven years. Senator PAYNE—Can any of those documents be made available to the committee? Mr Kimber—That is something I would have to take on notice. You would understand the commercial sensitivity of these arrangements for all parties. Senator PAYNE—Would you do that, please? Mr Kimber—I will take that on notice. Ms Paul—I would want us to seek the parties' agreement if it is okay, because it is commercial-inconfidence.</p>
EW0307_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Financial checks for new child care centre operators	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	18	<p>Senator PAYNE—What consultation has been done with the sector to date before this initiative was announced in the budget? Mr Kimber—There has been no consultation with the sector at this stage. That consultation will occur in the second half of this year for further consideration by the minister about the final framework. This also will be the subject of legislative changes required in 2011 for an introduction on 1 July next year. Senator PAYNE—Have any concerns been raised by the sector about the announcement that was made in the budget without consultation? Mr Kimber—Not that I am aware of. Senator PAYNE—Could you take that on notice, please? Mr Kimber—I will take that on notice, but I am not aware of any concerns.</p>
EW0308_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	CCMS reporting	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	23	<p>Senator PAYNE—Thank you. What proportion of service providers is not meeting the two-weekly reporting regime? Mr Wright—I would have to take that on notice. Senator PAYNE—Big, small? Mr Wright—I would not have thought it would be a very large proportion. Senator PAYNE—But you will take it on notice and advise me? Mr Wright—Yes.</p>
EW0309_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Average level of debt	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	24	<p>Senator PAYNE—I appreciate that. I think that is an important initiative in that regard. What would be the largest individual debt that a centre would owe in terms of the over-advances? Mr Johnson—The average level of debt is around \$11,000 per provider. There is obviously a fairly significant range in that debt level. I would have to take that on notice, but it would reflect the scale of business for individual operators.</p>
EW0310_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	Child care rebate	Hanson-Young, Sarah	AG	2/06/2010	27	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG—So the three per cent is in the next financial year? Mr Kimber—It is, yes, 26,000. Senator HANSON-YOUNG—And yet this decision has been made to affect the forward estimates? What is the modelling for the three subsequent financial years to follow? Mr Kimber—I do not actually have those specific details with me, but I will take it on notice, also on page 29.. Senator HANSON-YOUNG—Can I get an indication of when the modelling for the forward estimates will be tabled? Ms Paul—As I said before, we will try to do it for you as quickly as possible. We will have it—</p>

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EW0311_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	University Placements of early childhood teachers	Payne, Marise	LP	2/06/2010	30	Ms Hosking—Currently 1,280 places have been allocated. The other places coming up to 1,500 are still in the process of being allocated at the moment. Of those, 430 have been allocated in New South Wales, 320 in Victoria, 195 in Queensland, 125 in WA, 105 in South Australia, 25 in the ACT, and 80 in the Northern Territory. Mr Cook—That information, particularly the 2009 information broken down by university, is available on our website. Senator PAYNE—What proportion of those are regional versus metropolitan universities? Ms Hosking—I think we would have to take that question on notice.
EW0312_11	Outcome 1 - Early Childhood	National Partnerships program	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	36	Senator MASON—I love the national partnerships program. Thank you. Ms Hosking—I said before that 150 of the 1,280 places under the HECS-HELP program were in regional universities. In fact that was 150 out of the first 500 places. We just need to take on notice how many of the additional places there are. I apologise for that. Senator PAYNE—Thank you. If you are doing that, would you mind indicating which regional universities those places are? Ms Hosking—Yes.
EW0313_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Consulted organisations	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	39	Senator CORMANN—You have consulted with the government departments who gave you their feedback as to what they thought was required and what was not required; who else did you consult with? Mr Shreeve—We consulted with a wide range of professional associations and peak bodies and we also contacted all the industry skills councils. Senator CORMANN—On notice, can you provide us a list of all the organisations that you have consulted with? Mr Shreeve—Certainly.
EW0314_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Skilled Occupations List	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	41	I have read articles about the minister's home state of Victoria where the union over there, the Ambulance Employees Australia union, and Mr McGee keep talking about serious shortages in paramedics and ambulance officers. How come that was removed from the Skilled Occupations List? Mr Shreeve—I would need to have a look at ambulance officers in detail on notice but it could be that in some cases some occupations are covered by other occupations. An ambulance officer's qualifications might be based within some other medical professional, that is, a nurse, and they are still on the list.
EW0315_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Commonwealth Scholarships program	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	2/06/2010	48	Mr Coutts—In 2010 there will be \$7.1 million provided for the Commonwealth Scholarships Program for new Indigenous Commonwealth scholarships. I do not have a figure for the continuing Commonwealth scholarships just for Indigenous students, but I can take that on notice. Senator SCULLION—So is there an assumption that will continue? I have not looked at that in the budget. So is there an assumption that it will be around about the same figure? Mr Coutts—Yes.
EW0316_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Indigenous Education Statement	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	2/06/2010	48	Senator SCULLION—Where would I go to find those reports? Are they on the net? Are they public reports? Mr Coutts—The material in them is not of a nature that would not be able to be made public. I do not know if they are published. Ms Paul—Would you like us to look at that for you? Senator SCULLION—I would. It provides feedback on how the funding is being spent. Ms Paul—Yes, that is right. Senator SCULLION—We are talking about Indigenous support. I am sorry that I do not have an in-depth knowledge of the actual breakdown of the programs and how they are spending that money. I have made an assumption that the IES was to provide you with some accountability about how the \$34 million is being expended. Ms Paul—Yes. Senator SCULLION—If they are public then I will not worry you anymore about it; but, if they are not public, can you provide them. Ms Paul—I think it is a fair thing to be able to do so. If they are not, I am quite happy to have a look at them and send them in. Senator SCULLION—One of the challenges is the time of the year that it is and the process of taking something like that on notice. Would you be able to find that out for me this afternoon? Ms Paul—Yes. No problem. Senator SCULLION—Whether it is on the public record, where I can find it and if you have copies of it. Ms Paul—Yes. Senator SCULLION—I will keep in touch with the chair.
EW0317_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	HEEF	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	49	Senator MASON—How much interest in total has the fund earned since it was first set up under the previous government as HEEF? Ms Randall—That is a question I will need to take on notice and ask the Future Fund to calculate. Senator MASON—Do you know how much interest has been earned under the current government since the fund has been known as the Education Investment Fund? Do you know how much that interest is? Ms Randall—No. I will need to take that question on notice. Senator MASON—Both of those questions for HEEF and the EIF. Ms Randall—Indeed.
EW0318_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	EIF	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	50	from the fund? Ms Randall—The last funding round in the education portfolio opened last year. There was also a funding round that is run from Senator Carr's department for the Clean Energy Initiative. I am afraid I do not know the dates that program opened. I think there are two components to that program and they opened on two separate dates. But I am sorry; I do not have that with me. Senator MASON—Can you take that on notice? You cannot tell me the date the government last announced that it was distributing moneys from the fund?
EW0319_11	Cross Portfolio	EIF	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	53	Mr Storen—The subsequent changes, from my memory, were made possibly in MYEFO. There may be a reference I can find for you— Senator MASON—Could you take that on notice? Mr Storen, I might suggest that I could not find anything, or my staff could not find anything. Mr Storen—I can take that on notice. If my memory is correct, there was a subsequent estimates variation and we can see if we can track down a reference to that for you. Senator MASON—All right, because we are talking about proposed expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars and the fact that it has been mischaracterised in an accounting context has not been explained anywhere. My staff just happened to pick it up. Mr Storen—I am happy to see where we can find that.

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EW0320_11	Cross Portfolio	MYEFO	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	55	Mr Storen—No. I am pretty sure that the Treasury document around MYEFO would have disclosed the same numbers, so the mid-year estimates adjustment accounted for that line. Senator MASON—Can we just go to the previous question that I asked about? That line, the \$608 million and the \$304 million, \$304 million and \$304 million—had the planned disbursements changed by the time of that document, in other words, by the time of the supplementary report? Ms Paul—I would probably imagine so. I am not sure; we may have to take that on notice, too
EW0321_11	Cross Portfolio	Proposed expenses	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	56	Mr Storen—It is \$121 million. Senator MASON—Why the difference? These are large sums of money. Ms Paul—These are large projects. Ms Randall was talking about the way they were being phased to meet milestones. Ms Randall—Yes. Ms Paul—I can take this on notice, but would they be quite chunky in their profile? Ms Randall—They are. Some of this is estimation of when we will spend funding for grants that have not been determined; when the grants are determined that also shifts money around in the forward estimates. Ms Paul—We can give you examples of something that has been re-profiled. Senator MASON—I am sure my staff are watching, so can you repeat the title of the document that you have? That might help us—I am sure it will help you. Mr Storen—It is the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2009-10, Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio. The page reference is 26. We have said that we will take it on notice, but we will also see what else we can do to provide further explanation of this. Senator MASON—I do not like mistakes of this magnitude. It is a lot of money. Ms Paul—To be fair to us, it was a transitional year. Not only bringing the department together was a challenge, in terms of financial statements and PBSs, but changing from HEEF to EIF was, too. I take your point entirely, and we will do our
EW0322_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Applicant Data	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	2/06/2010	63	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—As to the [increase in] non-metropolitan [applicants], which is the 8.4 per cent, can you tell me how they sit in terms of school leavers, non-school leavers and also SES levels? Mr Coutts—We do not have that data at the moment. We may be able to disaggregate to that level. We publish a report on applications and offers each year, and we may be able to disaggregate to that level in that report. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I would appreciate that.
EW0323_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Number of universities under EIF	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	2/06/2010	64	Senator BILYK—How many universities receive capital funding under EIF? I think there are 38 universities in Australia; is that right? Ms Randall—There are 41 eligible applicants for EIF. I do not know that I have a frequency count for the number of universities that have received EIF funding. Senator BILYK—Could you take that on notice and get back to us on it?
EW0324_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Students eligible for VET FEE-HELP	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	81	Ms White—Yes, we do. The forward projections are that, over the four years, nationally, this particular measure will put loans out for an additional 477,810 students. We do not have a break-up by state, but we will need to have the negotiations with the states. That is based on a formula of looking at how many diplomas and advanced diplomas we have had in the system historically and forward projecting. Senator CORMANN—Why do you not have that by state? Ms White—We probably could take it on notice and break down how much we think it would be approximately per state. Senator CORMANN—Yes, sure; okay.
EW0325_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund legislation	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	86	Senator MASON—But what about the start-up and finish dates? Ms Paul—It looks as though we might take on notice whether the start and finish are in the legislation.
EW0326_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Relocation scholarship replacing the Commonwealth accommodation scholarship	Mason, Brett	LP	2/06/2010	88	CHAIR—What did that scholarship replace? Ms Milliken—It replaced the Commonwealth accommodation scholarship. CHAIR—Which was how much, and how many of them were applied?
EW0327_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Cost of the student start-up scholarship	Marshall, Gavin	ALP	2/06/2010	89	CHAIR—What is that an increase of compared to the scheme that it has replaced? Ms Milliken—It would be a substantial increase, given the broader reach and the number of students taking up the— CHAIR—if you cannot give me that figure now, perhaps you could take that on notice. Ms Milliken—We can take that on notice
EW0328_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Number of enrolments in VET	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	98	Senator CORMANN—if I wanted to know about the number of enrolments in vocational education and training, as to how many of them are user choice and contestable as opposed to the public and private split, would you be able to provide that data for me? Ms Paul—Yes, we can do that. Senator CORMANN—And the most recently available data to the end of 2009? Mr McAuslan—We have provided that data to you already in relation to a previous question that you raised with us. We do not have any new data to add to that. Senator CORMANN—Essentially the latest data up to 200. Mr McAuslan—Our understanding is that the states and territories are still offering up funding on a contestable basis, and that is not likely to change.
EW0329_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	PPP NEIS	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	102	Ms Taylor—The Commonwealth makes those allocations to the industry skills councils. They do not come from the component that is there by the states. There is also a component of PPP that is used for places in the NEIS, the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme, and I can get the figure for that number of places if you like.
EW0330_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Productivity Places Program	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	103	Senator CORMANN—in terms of unit cost for equivalent services, they are getting different— Ms White—I am not sure. I would have to take that on notice. Those things were worked out before I came to this position, but it is a different— Senator CORMANN—I would be interested to see whether there is a comparison—obviously, comparing apples with apples and oranges with oranges. Ms Taylor—We will take that on notice, because it depends on population, the number of places and so on.

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EW0331_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	PPP job seeker places	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	103	Ms White—.....The Commonwealth also, before the states and territories came on board, was delivering job seeker places. Senator CORMANN—How much did you spend on that? Ms White—The budget is \$293.976 million. Senator CORMANN—How much did you spend? Ms White—I am not sure I actually have that figure with me. I know how many places. Ms Taylor—Can we take that on notice?
EW0332_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	PPP	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	104	Senator CORMANN—I will get to that in a minute. Can I just quickly put on notice that I would like a detailed breakdown of the \$2 billion package in terms of all of its subcomponents and a list of what goes where for what purpose. Is that okay? Ms White—Yes, we can do that.
EW0333_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Industry Skill Council	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	105	Senator CORMANN—How much paperwork is that? Ms White—There was a template that was completed. Senator CORMANN—How many pages in the template? Ms White—I do not know. We will have to take that on notice.
EW0334_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Industry Skill Council - unspent monies	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	105	Senator CORMANN—Out of that \$2 billion how much money right now is unspent? Ms Taylor—There is a proportion of it, because it goes out in stages to the states and territories. I can find out that figure and take that on notice. Senator CORMANN—If you could provide us on notice how much money is unspent right now and how much of that money even though it is unspent is firmly committed and how much of it is not yet firmly committed?
EW0335_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Evaluation Criteria for POPPL	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	107	Senator CORMANN—Yes. The evaluation criteria are very interesting, but I am also interested in how you prioritise. Ms White—Whether the qualification to which the proposed project relates was included on the POPPL. The POPPL is our acronym for the priority skills list that is used for the PPP programs, so what qualifications are in demand. The level of the qualifications proposed to be delivered is consistent with the guidelines, because there is a set of public guidelines on EBPPP. The extent to which the application demonstrated that a proposed participating employer had undertaken a training needs analysis or has a workforce development plan in place— Senator CORMANN—I get the flavour of this. Maybe you could table the document.
EW0336_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Submissions deadline	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	109	Senator CORMANN—When did you receive those submissions? What was the deadline for the submissions? Ms Taylor—To my recollection, the deadline for submissions was March or April. I will confirm that.
EW0337_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Industry Skills Council	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	113	Senator CORMANN—I can only ask you about what goes through your department, but could you please provide me with everything that goes from your department to industry skills councils that is now committed and over the forward estimates? Ms Taylor—We will take that on notice.
EW0338_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	List of 100 largest RTOs	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	113	Senator CORMANN—Can we have a list of the 100 largest RTOs? Ms Paul—Yes.
EW0339_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Apprentice Kickstart	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	116	Senator CORMANN—Are you able to provide us, perhaps on notice, with a breakdown of the number of the apprentices hired as part of Apprentice Kickstart on a state-by-state basis? Ms Griffin—I have that. Senator CORMANN—You do not need to read it out. You can provide that to us on notice. Ms Griffin—Is it the registrations by jurisdiction? Senator CORMANN—By jurisdiction, yes. Do you have an indication of the average age of the apprentices? Ms Griffin—I do not have it with me, but we could determine that. Mr Maynard—We can take that on notice. Ms Paul—They had to be under 19. Senator CORMANN—I know it is between 15 and 19, but I am wondering whether it is closer to the lower or the higher end. Mr Maynard—We will take that on notice. Senator CORMANN—Do you have a breakdown by industry in terms of where those apprentices were? Again, you can take that on notice. Mr Maynard—We will take that one on notice. Senator CORMANN—Would it be fair to say that the largest number was in construction? Ms Griffin—I could not hazard a guess. Also on page 117: Mr Walters—Are you asking for figures for Apprentice Kickstart round 1? Senator CORMANN—Yes. Mr Walters—We will take that on notice.
EW0340_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Apprentice Kickstart bonus	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	117	Senator CORMANN—Can you provide us with the top five per cent of beneficiaries of this, on notice. Ms Griffin—Do you want the names of the employers? Mr Maynard—Are you looking for a frequency distribution? Senator CORMANN—No, do not give me the names. I am keen to know what the top numbers are in terms of maximum numbers for an individual employer. Can you give me a bit of a sense of the spread? Ms Griffin—Yes.
EW0341_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	VET proposals	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	120	Senator CORMANN—Out of the \$0.9 billion, how much of it went to VET proposals? Ms Randall—The \$0.9 billion is, of course, payments that we have made to date. I do not have a total for payments just for the VET sector. Senator CORMANN—Can you provide that on notice. Ms Randall—Yes.
EW0342_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Disabled Australian apprentice	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	127	Senator CORMANN—Are the trades that are eligible for this specified? Is there a limit in terms of the trades that are eligible? I see you are nodding. Mr Maynard—I am sorry, not for this one. All apprentices have entitlement to this. Senator CORMANN—Irrespective of what trade, that is the adult Australian apprenticeship incentives and the disability incentives? Mr Maynard—That is our understanding. Senator CORMANN—Could you take it on notice and check?
EW0343_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Australian apprenticeship incentives	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	128	Senator CORMANN—It would make it easy if the recommendation is to discontinue. How long did the tender process take last time for the last contract? Mr Maynard—I would have to take that on notice.

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EW0344_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	National Code of Good Practice for Australian Apprenticeships	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	2/06/2010	131	Senator BILYK—Can you tell me quickly about the National Code of Good Practice for Australian Apprenticeships and how that works. Mr Maynard—I think we would have to take that matter on notice. It is not a name that immediately— Mr Walters—I think this is one with its origins several years back, to the best of my recollection. Senator BILYK—Is it? Does it still apply? Mr Walters—I assume it is still in place, and it has obviously not been across the desks of the officers currently dealing with it recently. But my recollection is that it goes back a few years to when people raised concerns about the way in which employers treat apprentices, and it was decided that there should be a national code. There were certainly consultations at the time, but we will take it on notice and update you on where that stands.
EW0345_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	ESOS Assurance Fund	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	134	Senator CORMANN—Who drafted the press release? Was it drafted in the department or in the minister's office? Mr Walters—I think we would have to take that on notice. [in relation to the press release regarding the \$5.1 million in funding]
EW0346_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	ESOS Assurance Fund	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	135	Senator CORMANN—In 2009 the regular contribution was \$2.3 million. How much of that \$2.3 million came from the five largest providers? Mr Walters—I do not know if we would be able to tell you that offhand. Ms Chaudhury—I would have to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN—What is the single biggest contribution by one provider? Can you tell me that? Ms Chaudhury—I would have to take that one on notice.
EW0347_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	ESOS Assurance fund	Cormann, Mathias	LP	2/06/2010	137	Senator CORMANN—I have a case study here from some students from the Czech Republic. They are now back in the Czech Republic and pretty annoyed. They went to a college on the Gold Coast which has folded. They went through all of the preliminary processes and then submitted their paperwork on or about 25 March, yet they are back in the Czech Republic and have not heard a thing. Is that the normal sort of time frame? Ms Chaudhury—I would have to look into the detail with that one, because it is not clear whether they submitted the paperwork to the Tuition Assurance Scheme or the fund. I am happy to take the details on notice.
EW0348_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	AGSRC	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	10	Ms Paul—It is the same indexation rate. Senator MASON—The same? The acronym is AGSRC, is that right? Ms Paul—The average government school recurrent cost. Senator MASON—It is the same and has been for the last few years? Ms Paul—It is the same indexation. We may make some estimates inside that on what the level of AGSRC might be, because it relates to real costs. I would have to check the notes. Senator MASON—Thank you, officers.
EW0349_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Palm Avenue School in partnership with Dalwood Assessment Centre	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	14	Ms Phillips—This is a centre in New South Wales that provides diagnostic and assessment services for students with educational difficulties. Sorry, I will just read through— Senator MASON—Sure. It is receiving Commonwealth funding? Ms Phillips—I would have to take that on notice I think. Senator MASON—All right. Ms Phillips—I am aware of the school and some of the issues that they have been working through with the New South Wales Department of Education. I understand that they have created an expert advisory panel to look at sustainable programs for children with complex reading difficulties who live in remote New South Wales and how they progress the work, by I am not aware of what our funding commitments are. Senator MASON—Could you take it on notice, if you will, and let the committee know what the funding arrangements from the Commonwealth are and is it now or has it ever received Commonwealth funding? Ms Paul—It is not hard to work out. It will come down to whether it is a registered school and then whether it is also seen as a school specialising in disability. Senator MASON—I suppose the theme is the special needs schools, and often you are right, they do not necessarily cater for a lot of children but they are so critical to those families and it is just a pity when people contact my office and say that they are under threat
EW0350_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	\$78,000 increase out of a total budget	Abetz, Eric	LP	3/06/2010	15	Senator ABETZ—Other than the two Greens of course but let us move on. It was a \$78,000 increase on \$45 million? Dr Bruniges—That is correct. Senator ABETZ—So that would not even cover for inflation or CPI, would it, so in real terms it is a cut? Dr Bruniges—It is an increase of \$78,000. Senator ABETZ—I know that in dollar terms but— Ms Paul—Not necessarily. I think I would want to work that out. It might actually represent indexation, I am not sure. I think we would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—\$78,000 on \$45 million? Ms Paul—I think we would have to take that on notice.
EW0351_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Budget or money allocated for this calendar year	Abetz, Eric	LP	3/06/2010	15	Senator ABETZ—What about the budget or money allocated for this calendar year, 2010, because I think that is what the complaint is actually about, this calendar year's funding? Dr Bruniges—I do not have that with me, I would have to take that on notice. I have got the final for 2009 but no further.
EW0352_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Trend towards non-government school	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	3/06/2010	16	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—What sort of trend are we anticipating at this point? Mr Robertson—I do not know the actual— Senator JACINTA COLLINS—The reason I ask is that there is continued growth up until 13-14 in all primary, secondary and Indigenous students. I understand a proportion of that might be demographic but the proportion, as you said, may also be a representation of presumably a current trend towards non-government schools. I am interested in what that trend is that you are currently factoring? If you do not have it— Mr Robertson—Yes, I might have to take it on notice.

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EW0353_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Take-up rate for new arrivals in the English as a second language program	Marshall, Gavin	ALP	3/06/2010	17	CHAIR—I have just got one quick question, really. It is about the take-up rate for new arrivals in the English as a second language program. Is this the right area for that? Dr Bruniges—Yes. In non-government schools it is. CHAIR—Yes, well a non-government program. What is the size of that compared to the government program or is it all non-government? What is the take-up rate for new arrivals; is it improving or decreasing? Do we know? Ms Paul—I will get what we have for you. Dr Bruniges—I might start by saying what this indicates is that the number of new arrivals assisted in the non-government sector but it does not really probably look at the population of new arrivals across the country. I am not sure whether we would have those statistics with us and again, I would probably need to go back to the ABS and Schools Australia to have a look at the number of arrivals and then look at the proportion that are arriving in the non-government sector as compared to the government sector. I think that is probably the way— CHAIR—I would be interested to understand what the take-up rate is and why and whether it is an acceptable take-up rate because you would assume people who do not have English as their first language would all be taking up the
EW0354_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Boarding facilities for kids	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	3/06/2010	20	Ms Paul—They are boarding facilities for kids to be able to go to school. Ms Wall—I do not have to hand the list of all consultations since the announcement of the measure. I can say that certainly over the last six months there have been continuous consultations. We engaged in the Warlpiri triangle and East Arnhem consultations. KPMG was undertaking a feasibility study which involved extensive consultations. Our staff, particularly our Northern Territory office, have been following up those consultations. Some were held again last week and there are others being held today and tomorrow. I am a little surprised to hear that. I could certainly give you a comprehensive list of all the consultations that have been held over the period. I just do not have that with me. Senator SCULLION—Excellent.
EW0355_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Tiwi Island facility	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	3/06/2010	21	Ms Wall—The Tiwi Islands certainly have been used in discussions. Senator SCULLION—Often when you see something yourself that is working, there is a high level of confidence, particularly if they are countrymen. You know that they have gone through the same sorts of challenges and the same sort of concerns you have had. Do you take some of the leaders to the Tiwi Islands to have a look at the college and see how that is going as part of the process? Ms Wall—I have not been involved in those consultations myself. I know that the Tiwi Island facility has been raised by us, in terms of a model, and also by the communities with whom we are consulting. I am not sure about taking people to have a look at that. I would have to check if that has happened. Senator SCULLION—if you can take that on notice, that would be useful.
EW0356_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Boarding Facilities - Access	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	3/06/2010	21	Senator SCULLION—I can recall them being closely involved in the construction and the process with the Tiwi college. It was part of a shared responsibility agreement that said, 'We will effectively build the college.' It was a school so that people were far enough away from the community so they would not be influenced by, 'Well, I just don't like this. I'm just going to say that I just don't like it and go home.' They decided it should be far enough away to do that. It would be a school. That was a trial, which I have to say, being out there at the opening the other day, although it has been running for some time, appears to be quite successful. It seems now there has been a change. If we are now building something close to Wadey, the people who live in the town can say, 'Well, my kid who is living in my house can now go and live in a boarding college that might not be too far away.' There seems to have been quite a significant change from what I recall to be a trial, which was at Tiwi Island. There is quite a significant difference in that it was a schooling and education facility. I am surprised that we are now nearly three years down the track and some of those fundamental answers that we need in terms of access and who is going to be in the school in
EW0357_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Boarding Facilities - Student contributions	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	3/06/2010	22	Senator SCULLION—The original remote Indigenous boarding school budget included a figure of something like \$15,000 per student resident per year, and that is indexed at four per cent per annum to operate the facilities. Have you decided on whether or not there will be a contribution from the student or the family, or a fee that would be included in that? Ms Wall—I do not believe we have, but I will check that for you as well.
EW0358_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Boarding Facilities - Mentoring	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	3/06/2010	23	Ms Wall—I am sorry, what role has mentoring played? Senator SCULLION—What funding has been provided for the obvious levels of support? Ms Paul—So, what sort of support will be offered ongoing? Senator SCULLION—if you have had consultation, and almost anywhere in the conventional wisdom, particularly in Australia and overseas now, moving individuals from one demographic and one level to another is going to involve mentorship, coaching, call it what you like, and notionally we have always provided funding, and in other programs, this government and others have had, there is a provision of funding to ensure that that mentoring aspect has been able to be facilitated. Ms Paul—We will probably have to take that on notice, too, to get down to that level of detail.
EW0359_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	IYMP - Number of institutions engaged	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	3/06/2010	24	Senator SCULLION—How many facilities would that involve in terms of TAFE or school or whatever the institution? How many institutions are being engaged at the moment? Mr Davies—I do not have the figure with me as to how many institutions the current 200 are in. I could find that out for you. Senator SCULLION—All right
EW0360_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	IYMP - from a budget perspective, of the \$49.2 million how much has been expended	Scullion, Nigel	CLP	3/06/2010	24	Senator SCULLION—All right. Just from a budget perspective, of the \$49.2 million how much has been expended so far? Mr Davies—Sorry, Senator, I will have to find that expenditure figure for you. Senator SCULLION—I am sure of the normal kind relationships we have developed, so I have a level of confidence that you can get that to me today. Mr Davies—Yes, I will have it.

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EW0361_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Bundarra School	Williams, John	NATS	3/06/2010	28	Senator WILLIAMS—Do schools have access to grants to assist in those programs? Ms Paul—I am not sure about that particular school [Bundarra], and if you would like, we could take it on notice. For example, depending on what it is and where it is and who it is looking after, it may well be receiving money through some of the national partnerships and so on. If you would like us to take that question about that particular school on notice, we can. Senator WILLIAMS—That would be good. I cite Delungra but there are many small regional areas, towns and small schools where obviously this would have been of great assistance to them. Now it is gone, and I am sure they have concerns about that. Ms Paul—Yes. Ms Wall—There is also often some contingency funding within the department of education for the jurisdiction to support a whole range of means which the school can draw on. As Ms Paul said, if we take the name of the school that you are interested in and follow up, we are more than happy to find that out for you. Senator WILLIAMS—Yes, if you could please; they are Bundarra and Delungra. Ms Wall—Okay. Senator WILLIAMS—Even schools like Bingara and Barraba, those four would give me a good idea— Bingara, Barraba, Delungra and Bundarra. Ms
EW0362_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Professional development courses	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	3/06/2010	35	Senator BILYK—You said that there has been close to 1,500 teachers and other school staff attending professional development courses. How many of those courses were there? Were they run in each state? Ms Wall—They are run nationally in every state and in regional as well as urban areas. I can get you more detail if that would help. Senator BILYK—That would be good. I would be very interested in that, as well as for the carers. Can you give me a breakdown by state? Ms Wall—Yes. Senator BILYK—if you could take that on notice, that would be great.
EW0363_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Languages Education	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	3/06/2010	36	Senator BILYK—Do you find that smaller schools apply? Ms Davy—I would have to go back and check this, but I would expect that we are getting more clusters of schools applying—and that high school-primary school model. One of the big issues we have in languages education is the continuity of the same language learning from the primary school to the high school. Senator BILYK—I was thinking about the regional areas where it is probably harder to get teachers. Dr Bruniges—We could have a look maybe at the kinds of schools that have applied and how many are in clusters. I certainly think that this component has created the licence for schools to innovate in a whole range of areas, to look at the importance of both the professional learning of teachers and how they might deliver, how they craft curriculum resources and how they link to their communities. As Ms Davy has pointed out, that clustering often comes from a really positive response to gain things like continuity of language learning between primary and secondary schools.
EW0364_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Collaboration between the school sectors	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	3/06/2010	38	Senator BILYK—Are you able to tell us about some of the collaboration between the school sectors? I am particularly interested in rural and regional areas. Ms Horrocks—Yes. In regional areas, there are 11 projects over the two rounds and four in rural communities. Senator BILYK—In what areas are they? Ms Horrocks—Do you want them by state? Senator BILYK—if there are 11, can you tell me where they all are? Ms Horrocks—Okay. I have them by state, but not by region or within state, if that is all right? Senator BILYK—Yes. Ms Horrocks—In New South Wales, there is Eagle Vale High School, which partners with Mary Immaculate Parish Primary School and the Claymore Public School. That is to support participating schools in an arts program while enabling and encouraging ongoing quality community wide performance projects. Do you want me to go through them all? Senator BILYK—Yes, that would be good, thanks. ...The Plumpton High School..Box Hill High School..Sebastopol College, in Victoria..Edenhope College, in Victoria..The Ivanhoe East Primary School..The School of the Nativity, the Thiele Primary School and Pilgrim School, in South Australia..The St Columba College.. CHAIR—We might get you to put the rest on notice.
EW0365_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	National partnership funding	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	40	Senator MASON—I have four sets of questions. I refer first to 2.8, the Western Australian independent public schools program. On the Department of Education in Western Australia website there is a column regarding independent public schools. It states as follows: The creation of Independent Public Schools from 2010 is an exciting new development in Western Australian public education. The first intake of Independent Public Schools began operating in 2010. ... .. These schools have more ownership of overall school direction, teacher selection, education programs, values/ethos and discipline, and behaviour management. Principals and staff have more authority and freedom from central policies, procedures and compliances. However, there are strict accountability measures in place. Are you aware of this program? Dr Bruniges—Yes, I am. Senator MASON—Does the federal government contribute towards the costs of the running of this program? Dr Bruniges—My understanding is that it is a Western Australian government initiative. About 34 independent public schools were established in 2010, but it is an initiative of the Western Australian government. Senator MASON—It is an initiative of the Western Australian state government and they pay for it? Dr Bruniges—Yes, that is correct. Senator MASON—Why then did Ms
EW0366_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Disadvantaged schools program	Williams, John	NATS	3/06/2010	44	Dr Bruniges—You would have to look at the individual case, I think. There would be programs that run within jurisdictions, such as New South Wales which has a disadvantaged schools program, so those categories of schools may be in receipt of that funding. We would really need to look at the individual school to see the sources of funding and some of those things. Senator WILLIAMS—Can you do that? Can you look at the individual school? Dr Bruniges—Yes. Senator WILLIAMS—Could you take on notice three schools for me, please? Dr Bruniges—Yes. Senator MASON—The information is provided by the states; that is the evidence. Senator WILLIAMS—The schools I am very interested in are Red Range, Mingoola, Bonshaw and Gilgai Public Schools because these schools I think really fit the criteria, and they have been missing out. We hear of other schools.....



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EW0367_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Trade Training Centres	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	48	Senator CORMANN—How many are fully operational? Mr De Silva—We do not have confirmed numbers for every one of the 22, but I can take that on notice and get back to you.
EW0368_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC - clustering	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	49	Dr Bruniges—Depending on the nature of the course and what it has been doing. I would have to look at the individual case, but probably not. Senator CORMANN—The individual case of Edward John Eyre High School, which is clustering with Ceduna Area School, is 454 kilometres away; Cleve Area School is 146 kilometres away; Cummins Area School is 257 kilometres away; Port Lincoln High School is 266 kilometres away; Streaky Bay Area School is 376 kilometres away and Wudinna Area School is 242 kilometres away. It does not sound like 'close proximity' to me. Dr Bruniges—It depends on the nature of what is being delivered and how it is being delivered. I am happy to have a look at that case.
EW0369_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Trade Training Centres	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	50	Senator CORMANN—Of those 68 due by the end of the year, how many are government and how many are non-government? Mr De Silva—I do not think that I have that data here. Also on page 51: Senator CORMANN—Can you provide it on notice? Mr De Silva—Yes. Senator CORMANN—Can you provide us with a list of where they are? Mr De Silva—Yes.
EW0370_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Trade Training Centres	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	51	Senator CORMANN—The information you are going to provide for me on notice is going to show me how many schools have their own individual TTC without being in a cluster and how many of them are going to be clustered. Is that going to be part of it? Mr De Silva—We can show that, yes. Senator CORMANN—including for those that are going to be delivered by the end of the year and those that are committed to as part of the funding rounds and so forth— Mr De Silva—Do you want a breakdown by single schools, TTCs and clusters? Senator CORMANN—Yes.
EW0371_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC clustering	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	52	Senator CORMANN—How many of them are built on a third party site? Mr De Silva—I would have to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN—As you take it on notice, could you also find out what is the dollar amount that is invested on those third party sites for us? Mr De Silva—It would be the amount of funding for the project as a whole. If it is a cluster and there are several sites being built, some may be built on schools and some may be built on third party sites. Senator CORMANN—We do not really know yet because the policy there was supposed to provide between half a million dollars and \$1½ million. That is not enough money to be doing something serious, which is why things have been clustered so you come up with figures of \$4 million-plus. I guess what I would like to know is: for those that are on third party sites what is the capital invested on those sites as part of the program? Ms Paul—Sure, we can do that for you. The clustering is also to get a high-level qualification able to be delivered to a critical mass of students, if you like. So clustering in part is to bring together smaller numbers of enrolments into a larger cohort that makes sense to offer a certificate III or whatever qualification it is.
EW0372_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC clustering	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	52	Senator CORMANN—.....I am just looking here at the Ngukurr School in Roper River which is clustered with the Borroloola Community Education Centre, the Minyerri School in Hodgson Downs and the Numbulwar School. They are 200 kilometres, 328 kilometres and 140 kilometres away. This is not the close proximity as you were talking about before. How long and how far will students have to travel between schools on average? Mr De Silva—I would have to take it on notice in terms of particular details of a particular TTC project.
EW0373_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC cluster	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	53	Senator CORMANN—How does this work with the mix of public and private schools in clusters? How many clusters have got private-public mixes? Mr De Silva—I would not be able to give you an exact number in terms of the breakdown of clusters where they are a sector-only cluster as opposed to a cross-sectoral cluster. We can get that data. The obligations in terms of reporting fall on the lead school and the relevant education authority for that school.
EW0374_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC average cost	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	53	Senator CORMANN—Have you got an average cost for each TTC that has been committed to so far? We know about between half a million dollars and \$1½ million, but what is the average cost? Mr De Silva—I can tell you what the average cost was for round 2. I do not have the information for the average cost for round 1, but I could get that very quickly. Senator CORMANN—Tell us the average cost for round 2 to start off with Mr De Silva—About \$1.2 million for round 2, but I will just confirm that. Senator CORMANN—it does not sound like there are many clusters. Ms Paul—That is on average so you have got a range, I guess. Senator CORMANN—We will get the detail.
EW0375_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	54	Senator CORMANN—It is like for like; an industrial kitchen type TTC set-up could cost more in one area than another depending on local conditions? Mr De Silva—I would take that on notice.
EW0376_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC costs	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	56	Senator CORMANN—Can you tell us—and take it on notice—the average cost of a TTC in a government school compared to the average cost in independent and Catholic schools? Mr De Silva—I will have to take that one on notice.
EW0377_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC - qualifications/certificates	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	57	Senator CORMANN—Can you match them with the schools? I want to know, per school, what the new qualifications are that were not being delivered at that school before which have only started to come into play since the trades training centre became fully operational. Last time we spoke..... Ms Paul—We can certainly pull out some of that information for you. We will probably have to go to the schools and I think it will be really useful because the point about getting modern twenty-first century facilities for these vocational training courses is that you have to have facilities of that quality to offer the high level qualifications. For example, when..... Ms Paul—It sounds good. We certainly can pick some and have a look at what was on offer before, but I think you will find that on the whole the new facilities allow for higher level qualifications. We could get out that question on notice, too, but it probably—

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EW0378_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC funding	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	57	Senator CORMANN—Out of the 2009-10 budget for TTCs overall, how much is unspent? Mr De Silva—I will have to take that on notice to give you the precise figure. Senator CORMANN—If you take it on notice, can you also let me know how much remains unallocated from the 2010-11 overall allocation for trades training centres and forward estimates?
EW0379_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC contract	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	58	Senator CORMANN—Could we have a copy of the contracts—funding agreements—that you have entered into to date? Mr De Silva—I can give you a blank copy of all the funding agreements, which have each of the clauses dealing with milestones and all of the clauses dealing with what happens if a project is terminated.
EW0380_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	TTC projects	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	59	Senator CORMANN—Are you able to provide us with the percentage of how much of the project that was spent on management fees for each one of those projects in rounds 1 and 2? Mr De Silva—The individual cost for every single project? Senator CORMANN—What was allocated as a proportion of the overall spend on each project for management fees and— Mr De Silva—Design costs and engineers? Senator CORMANN—All of those, yes. Mr De Silva—Yes.
EW0381_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Aust Technical Colleges	Crossin, Trish	ALP	3/06/2010	62	Senator CROSSIN—How many students were projected to be enrolled? You said 10,000. Mr McKinnon—Around 10,000. Senator CROSSIN—Of those 7,500 how many actually got through to the other end and completed any kind of certificate outcome? Mr McKinnon—That is difficult to say. I can take it on notice
EW0382_11	Outcome 3 - Higher Education	Trends in apprenticeships	Marshall, Gavin	ALP	3/06/2010	65	Mr Robertson—We could show you the trends in the apprenticeship data that says that the proportion of entrants who have year 12 is certainly growing, compared with the past when it was year 10 when you would traditionally leave school and go into an apprenticeship. CHAIR—Thank you.
EW0383_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Computers in schools - electorate of Canning	Cormann, Mathias	LP	3/06/2010	66	Senator CORMANN—I have a specific question in relation to the federal electorate of Canning, where 4,314 laptops were promised but only 882 have been delivered effective 21 April. Could I have a breakdown of those 882 that have been delivered by school? Dr Arthur—We can provide that information. We are not going to have that information available today. Senator CORMANN—I did not expect you to be able to do that. .... Senator CORMANN—Yes. I am listening to what you have just said, and I am looking at your answer and it says, 'Number of units required to reach the one-to-one benchmark,' and it gives the number 4,314. It then says 'Number of units actually installed', and it is 882. The question was: which schools have those 882 gone to? Dr Arthur—We can provide that information.
EW0384_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Computers in schools - delivered and installed by state	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	67	Senator MASON—As at a couple of days ago? Can you give me a breakdown of how many computers have been delivered and installed in government schools and non-government schools, both overall, nationally and by state? Ms Bloor—Yes. Also on page 68: Dr Arthur—It will take considerable time if we want to read it out with the breakdown between rounds. Senator MASON—Just globally is fine. Can you take it all on notice—give me all the information—but just give me the global figures as well?
EW0385_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Computers in schools - rollout numbers each year	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	3/06/2010	73	Dr Arthur—We have numbers and these just reflect in a forward projection the rollout numbers that are happening at the moment. So, it would mean that in 2013 some 160,000 to 170,000 computers would become obsolete. In 2014 some 250,000 computers would become obsolete. These figures are assuming that we also do not issue 120,000 computers in 2011. In 2015, some 230,000 computers would become obsolete around Australia. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Do you have a graph of that decline? Dr Bruniges—We can do a graph, but I think we will take it on notice.
EW0386_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	DER is a universal access program	Bilyk, Catryna	ALP	3/06/2010	78	Senator BILYK—I am also interested in rural and regional areas. I am happy to be corrected, but I think it was in 2008 that the Darwin university—I am sorry; what is it called? Dr Arthur—Charles Darwin University. Senator BILYK—Charles Darwin University did some work with rural and regional areas, and Cape Barren Island and Flinders Island were included in that. Is this within your sphere? Dr Arthur—I am not familiar with that particular— Senator BILYK—Other rural and regional areas in the rest of Australia were involved as well, but I was going to ask what the children had gained from those projects; whether there had been any ongoing benefit. Perhaps you can expand on what we are doing for rural and regional areas in regard to the project. Ms Bloor—The DER is a universal access program, so it is applying with equal weight in rural and regional areas. Senator BILYK—Do you have a couple of case studies that you could tell us about just to let us know how it is going? Dr Arthur—We could certainly look at that, but I do not know that we have anything and I am not familiar with the example that you have just cited. Senator BILYK—I think it was in about 2008. Dr Arthur—We can certainly investigate that and come back to you with any details on that.
EW0387_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	NAPLAN comparison	Crossin, Trish	ALP	3/06/2010	85	Senator CROSSIN—You have not done a comparison, but states and territories were still having systemwide testing prior to that. Have you done an analysis in relation to the 2008-09 data? Ms Hanlon—I may have to take that on notice, But, to my knowledge, we did analysis from 2001, I believe, of the gap or the difference between Indigenous performance and all student performance. Dr Bruniges—Before the introduction of NAPLAN, states and territories, as you rightly say, did their own testing program and the results of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students were reported every year through the National Report on Schooling, which is an annual report, and you can discern a trend over a much longer period of time than just 2008-09. Senator CROSSIN—Yes. So what is the difference? Dr Bruniges—I would have to take that on notice and get back to you because I would want to look in each of the reading for year 3, year 5, year 7 and year 9.

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EW0388_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Report specifically on Indigenous education.	Crossin, Trish	ALP	3/06/2010	86	Dr Bruniges—No. I was not looking like that either; sorry; but I am happy to take it on notice. Ms Paul—Can you just say that again? Senator CROSSIN—The annual report on Indigenous education. We started to play catch-up after a while. I think the 2004 year was not tabled finally until 2006. But I just have not seen it for the last few years, so I am wondering whether that is still occurring. I am thinking that you are thinking 'not'. Ms Paul—I am thinking that I am thinking that it is, and I will go and check. It is important. You are right; I have not seen it either. I will check it out; it is important. There was always the problem with the lag. Senator CROSSIN—Yes, there was. Ms Paul—We will check it out.
EW0389_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	NAPLAN - Annual Report on Schooling	Crossin, Trish	ALP	3/06/2010	86	Senator CROSSIN—So I guess that my question to you is: is that comparable data now going in the annual report on schooling? Dr Bruniges—Yes, it will. It will go into the annual report on schooling and it will also go on to the My School website. Senator CROSSIN—Except that the annual report I am talking about tracked trends in VET and higher education schooling and also trends in each of the specific Indigenous education programs, such as IEDA, for example, when it existed. Dr Bruniges—I will have to take that on notice and find out for you. I am not aware of that at all. Ms Paul—It will have changed, obviously, because of the change to the federal financial regulations; but, nonetheless, that is a particularly good question. Senator CROSSIN—This is probably not the right time to ask questions about your PaCE Program. Was that earlier? Ms Paul—Yes, it probably was. I do not think it is under national partnerships, I am afraid. We are happy to take something on notice.
EW0390_11	Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy	Review of the SEAM program	Crossin, Trish	ALP	3/06/2010	86	Senator CROSSIN—All right. Also, attendance: can you tell me about the review of the SEAM program? Who is conducting it and where is it at? Ms Hanlon—We may have to take that on notice so that the appropriate person— Ms Paul—Basically, the review of the SEAM has found it to be 'probably useful', but we were bogging it down in some red tape. Senator CROSSIN—The review or SEAM has been found to be useful? Ms Paul—I am talking about SEAM. This is where the review is heading. Senator CROSSIN—Do you have evidence that people who have been captured under SEAM are sending their kids to school more regularly? Ms Paul—I will have to check that out for you.
EW0391_11	Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority	My School website	Crossin, Trish	ALP	3/06/2010	87	Senator CROSSIN—My understanding is that a group has been established now to look at how those results will be utilised on the My School website—although 'utilised' is probably not the right word. Dr Bruniges—Yes; and that is under the branch of ACARA. ACARA has established a working group to be able to have a look at those issues. Senator CROSSIN—Who is involved in that working group then? Dr Bruniges—I would have to take that on notice, or it can be put to ACARA tonight, when they arrive at 10.
EW0392_11 (SQ10-001373 (draft number))	Outcome 2 - Schools	Block grant authorities	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	96	Senator MASON—Your answer to my question on notice implies that the Commonwealth can seek to recover money and have it repaid by the block grant authorities for failure to meet requirements, but not the states and territories because there is no specific clause about recovering money. Can you confirm that your only power over the states and territories is to suspend or withhold money; that there is no equivalent clause to the block grant authorities that the Commonwealth can seek to have money repaid by states and by territories? Ms Paul—No, we cannot confirm that, because I think there is such a power. You are a lawyer and I am not. I will need to go away and compare them. I think our answer to this QON has not been as fulsome as it should have been. We should have put in that part of the bilateral
EW0393_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Benchmarks	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	110	Senator MASON—But any of them? I want to know any of them. Are you aware of any instances where a state's benchmark is industry standard or any industry standards, or are they all internal benchmarks? Mr Manthorpe—We are just checking. There may be a state or two where we know that. Senator MASON—You do not know that off the top of your head? Mr Manthorpe—Not off the top of my head, no. Senator MASON—That says a lot in itself. Mr Manthorpe—That depends. CHAIR—That depends on the context. Ms Paul—I do not know that it does. Senator MASON—Okay. Are you finding this out right now? Mr Manthorpe—We are seeing whether we have information on that with us. If we do we will answer the question as best we can. If we do not we will take the matter on notice.
EW0394_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER - industry benchmarks	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	110	Senator MASON—.....Does the department compare the internal benchmarks of states against industry standards? The answer is no; is that right? Ms Paul—Let me tell you one of the things we can say— Senator MASON—Hold on, please. Senator Carr—You have asked the question. You are not giving the officers a chance to answer. Senator MASON—I do want to ask the questions. Senator Carr—Give them a chance to answer. CHAIR—You have asked the question. It is an important question. Senator MASON—It is. Ms Paul—I think we have done it and I will explain why. Of course we have had the same interest. We looked, for example, at what was in some of the per-square-metre inclusions in, say, New South Wales, which is clearly a state of interest in this matter with Rawlinsons, for example. Senator MASON—You did. Ms Paul—Yes, we have. And we found that there was quite a difference between what was included, so it is back to that apples-and-oranges issue that I raised at the inquiry. We found that Rawlinsons, for example, in its industry standard does not include a whole lot of stuff that New South Wales is including in its estimates, and of course what it has on its website are only estimates anyway. But, for example, one of the things not included is fit-out and furnishings. The other thing is that there is the internal standards issue. That is just an

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EW0395_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Complaint rates	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	3/06/2010	122	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Mr Manthorpe, still on that issue, can you give us an assessment or comparison of the complaint rate in terms of how it relates to other project implementation processes—I am sure there is a general sense of what is an acceptable level of problems in implementing a program—and how this sits in that benchmark. As you said, it sounds relatively minor in comparison, but by the same token some people have been able to attract significant media attention to those examples. I would be interested in looking at the implementation of other Commonwealth programs, what sorts of complaint rates have occurred in those and how these then compare, both in terms of the number of actual complaints and the level of resolution. You will obviously have to take that on notice. Mr Manthorpe—We will.
EW0396_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	BER - training packages	Collins, Jacinta	ALP	3/06/2010	122	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Along similar lines, my own high school principal had pointed out that she was particularly impressed with the training packages, so I am interested in what was available for principals and/or project managers in the training packages in terms of managing these types of projects, what the level of utilisation was and whether there is any correlation between the utilisation of those packages and complaints. Mr Manthorpe—That is an interesting dimension of the issue. I am not sure we have any information on that with us today, but we are happy to take that on notice and come back to the committee with some advice. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Thank you. That is it, thank you, Chair.
EW0397_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Commonwealth's ability to recover money from the states	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	122	Senator MASON—One issue that I did ask to be taken on notice was the Commonwealth's ability to recover money from the states as compared with the block grant authorities. Has anybody got to the bottom of that? Ms Paul—No, I just wanted to get the legalities correct, so we will have to come back to you on notice. Senator MASON—It is a critical issue. Ms Paul—Yes, I understand that. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Just while you are on that question on notice, though, I am sorry, could we have an historical perspective on that as well? Ms Paul—Yes. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Thank you.
EW0398_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Number of organisations for each state and territory	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	122	Senator MASON—You will have to help me on youth. You may need to take some of these on notice, but bear with me. What is the number of organisations for each state and territory who had previously been funded under, firstly, the Mentor Marketplace Program and, secondly, the Youthlinks Program who are not funded under the Youth Attainment and Transitions National Partnership? Dr Arthur, this is not you, is it? Dr Arthur—Yes, it is. We have some information, but I do not know that we have the complete set of information that you want so we will probably need to take that on notice.
EW0399_11	Outcome 2 - Schools	Total funding for schools programs	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	123	Senator MASON—Okay. You may need to take this on notice as well: I have a number of programs— Youth Connections, Youth Attainment and Transitions National Partnership, Schools Business Community Partnership Brokers and several others. I need to know what the total funding for these programs is; I would not expect you to have it on you, but can I just put that on notice? Dr Arthur—Yes, but I do not know that I heard a complete list of programs. Senator MASON—I will read them out and then put it on notice. For each of the programs I am about to mention I need to know what the total funding for these programs is in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14—any funded by multiple governments, what is the federal government's funding contribution, if funded by multiple federal government departments, what is DEEWR's funding contribution, what is the number of staff positions allocated to these various programs and what budget line items are these programs funded under. Dr Arthur—Yes. Senator MASON—I will put these in writing, but for the record the programs are the Australian Youth Forum, the Youth Development and Support Program and the Transition to Independent Living Allowance, and under the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions: Youth Connections, School Business Community
EW0400_11	Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority	Cross-curriculum perspectives	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	126	Senator MASON—Were parents consulted? Mr Randall—Yes, as a key stakeholder group through the formal groups that represent parents. Senator MASON—I have never heard of any consultation regarding those cross-curriculum perspectives. I am not saying it did not happen, but I do not know how broadly it was canvassed. Can you get back to me and show me, firstly, the document and, secondly, the stakeholders that were consulted? Dr Hill—Yes. Senator MASON—Can you take that on notice? Mr Randall—Yes.
EW0401_11	Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority	Feedback from stakeholder groups	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	126	Senator MASON—In their feedback did any of the stakeholder groups suggest any other cross-curriculum perspectives? Mr Randall—To answer that properly I would need to go back and check. My recollection was that there was no strong feedback, otherwise we would have picked those up. I would need to take that on notice and, with the other document, give you the consultation report that was there at the time.
EW0402_11	Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority	ACARA - Liberal democratic institutions as a cross-curriculum perspective	Mason, Brett	LP	3/06/2010	127	Senator MASON—I understand there is a learning area. There is a learning area that touches on each of these cross-curriculum perspectives. The fact that a learning area touches on cross-curriculum perspectives does not void it from being a cross-curriculum perspective. Why do we not have something like that? Why do we not have a debate about that? The national curriculum is a huge issue right across the country. All our school kids are doing this. I have suggested the role and importance of liberal democratic institutions. I reckon that is pretty important. Why would that not be included as one of the cross-curriculum perspectives? Mr Randall—The documents that are there for the moment are subject to the consultation and the feedback can come. In terms of commitment, as I said earlier on, the focus of the learning areas is on English, maths, science and history. Civics and citizenship will come. Part of my answer earlier on was that they are the prime focus for the curriculum. Senator MASON—I accept that. I accept, as I keep saying, that liberal democratic institutions could be part of civics or whatever you call it. Each one of the cross-curriculum perspectives that you have here would be part of a specific learning area, as well as being a cross