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E330_04	I&T	1/1.4	Carr	The decision to take ECEF back into the Department was taken in the 2003 Budget context, wasn't it? In 2002-03 you let a contract to Ernst and Young for accounting services 'in respect of the ECEF'. Explain it? What accounting services were required? Presumably it was connected to its return to DEST? In what way? (written)
E331_04	I&T	1/1.1	Carr	So why, in 2001-02, did the Department let a contract for nearly \$3m to Erebus Consulting Partners for work on best practice in Enterprise Education in Australian Schools? Shouldn't this have been done by ECEF? (written)
E332_04	PAL	All	Carr	What is the final cost of the establishment of the PROMISE/Buyit system? How much has it cost so far? (p. 4)
E333_04	FIN	All	Carr	Can I have a list of those (the staff housing) you have sold off and the price you have received for them? (p. 5)
E334_04	FIN	All	Carr	What are the fit out costs of \$3.5m, under the heading of land and buildings (Purchases), made up of? How much of the infrastructure, plant and equipment figure of \$5.6m went into the fit out of 72 Northbourne Avenue building? I would like to know the full cost and breakdown of the move to Northbourne Avenue. Would you say that it was most of the \$5.6m?(pp. 5-6)
E335_04	FIN	All	Carr	Can I have a copy of the Actuary report [2001-2]? (p. 7)
E336_04	CSG	All	Carr	How many reports have been written by Dr Spring? Provide copies? (p. 13)
E337_04	ARC	1	Carr	There has been growing international concern at the effects of the global lack of knowledge about biodiversity and environmental destabilisation and particularly by a chronic shortage of expertise in taxonomy and systematics. (a) In the light of its international importance, why was there no funding for systematic research in this year's ARC Discovery Grants? (b) Confirm that biodiversity was a Government priority area for funding this year? (c) Does that make the lack of support for this area even more inexplicable? (d) Provide a table showing the number and value of ARC Discovery grants addressing systematics research over the past 4 yrs, on a year by year basis? (written)
E338_04	CSG	All	Carr	[In relation to the number of inquiries into alleged breaches of the APS Code of Conduct.] How many inquiries have you had in the last year-just the one? (p. 10)
E339_04	CSG	All	Carr	Cessation of 66 Executive Level employees - At the level immediately below SES how many have you lost in the last 12 months? (p. 11)
E340_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Johnston	Could you please provide an update on the actions taken in relation to matters previously identified in relation to the Construction Skills Training centre and the CFMEU? (p. 29)
E341_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Johnston	Can you tell me how many group training organisations operate in Western Australia? (p. 27)
E342_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Carr	(a) In relation to the construction skills training centre in WA, was there a similar arrangement with the Master Builders Association of

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E343_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Western Australia? (b) Were any payments made by ANTA to the Master Builders Association? (c) Is it the case that the Master Builders Association facility is no longer operating? (d) Were any Commonwealth monies associated with that centre and, if there were, have any efforts been made to recover those moneys? (p. 37-38)
E344_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	The amount of funding allocated to the Commonwealth New Apprenticeship incentives scheme for the 2002-03 financial year for employer incentives and the final amount actually paid to employers at the end of the financial year? (p. 18)
E345_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	How many new apprentices were engaged under the training contracts where an incentive was paid under the incentive scheme to employers in the last financial year? How many were full time, part time, casual or school based? (p. 19)
E346_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Provide details of the types of qualifications that school based apprentices were engaged in the last financial year? (p. 19)
E347_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Provide details of the amount of incentives paid to employers by qualification offered under the national training packages payable under the Commonwealth New Apprenticeship incentives scheme for financial year? (p. 19)
E348_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can the Department provide a breakdown of the total amount of incentives paid per type of qualification under the department's New Apprenticeship Incentive Scheme? (p. 19) [see E346_04]
E349_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Details the amount paid to employers in the Commonwealth New Apprenticeship scheme for the innovation incentive from January 2003 until now, and which qualifications it was paid for? (pp. 19-20)
E350_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	What amounts in total for each separate occupation were paid to employers under the New Apprenticeship scheme to enrol apprentices and trainees in current areas of skills shortages identified by DEWR, including childcare, aged care, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, cabinet makers, panel beaters, metal fabricators and chefs? (p. 20)
E351_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Review of training arrangements being undertaken by the Office of Training and Tertiary Education in Victoria - contact them and advise Senator Marshall is keen to see copy of review report. (pp. 20-21)
E352_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Do we know whether any of these companies [like Broadscope] are operating outside of Victoria? (p. 23)
E353_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can you provide details on how many of the Certificate III in IT (Software Applications) have been cancelled or transferred due to the Victorian Office of Training and Tertiary Education audit? (p. 24)
E354_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Given the joint responsibility of the Commonwealth and State governments to ensure the quality in the training system and appropriate use of Commonwealth and State funding, can the Department outline the mechanisms it has in place to ensure that examples such as Broadscope where trainees undertaking Certificate III qualifications are standardly offered to be delivered in 8-10 days of total training, do not occur? (written)
E354_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can the Department indicate what action is being taken against those New Apprenticeships Centres who were involved in the Broadscope affair ie where they processed approx 7,500 trainees under the Certificate III IT (Software Applications) in Victoria, as well as apprentices for incentives from the Commonwealth for at least 1,800

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E355_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	new apprentices, when the qualifications were clearly inappropriate for the type of work new apprentices were undertaking? (written) Can the Department provide details of the names of New Apprenticeships Centres and registered training organisations that were involved in delivering the Certificate III IT (Software Apps) of which the qualification is currently the subject of a joint Victorian/Commonwealth Government investigation? (written)
E356_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	What guarantees are the Department prepared to give that examples such as Broadscope are not occurring in other industry sectors such as security, cleaning, call centres and transport and distribution? (written)
E357_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can the Department outline what accountability mechanisms are in place in the New Apprenticeships Incentive Scheme to highlight instances where registered training organisations are enrolling significant percentages of their workforce on particular types of new apprentices in high risk areas? (written)
E358_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can the Department provide a list of all New Apprenticeship Centres and the total level of funding received in the past financial year? (written)[answered E359_04 and E362_04]
E359_04/ 362_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	How much incentives funding was paid to employers by (a) New Apprenticeships Centres (by individual New Apprenticeships Centres) in the last financial year? and (b) peak employer body and organisations who operate New Apprenticeships Centres? (written)
E360_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can the Department provide details on New Apprenticeships Centres who are also group training companies and/or registered training organisations, or who are established as part of a related organisation entity that is a group training company or registered training organisation? (written)
E361_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can the Department provide details on which peak employer bodies and organisations who operate New Apprenticeships Centres through their organisation or a related entity? How many and who out of these, are group training companies and/or registered training organisations? (written)
E363_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Can the Department detail the accountability mechanisms that are in place where a New Apprenticeships Centre is also a group training company and/or registered training org to ensure that issues such as conflicts are dealt with? (written)
E364_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	Non-completion of traineeships has been identified as a particular problem. What responsibilities are outlined in contracts between the Department and New Apprenticeships Centres to increase the rate of completions and how is this being monitored by the Department? (written)
E365_04	VET	2/2.2	Marshall	(xxvii) Can the Department provide the details of funding allocated to and spent on National Industry Skills Initiatives (NISI) over the past 3 years? In each case who was the funding actually paid to and what targets and key performance indicators were put in place? What have been the deliverables? (xxviii) Can the Department outline where any of the initiatives arising from the NISI have increased training places in areas of skill shortages and actually reduced or alleviated skills shortages? (written)

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E366_04	VET	2/2.1	Marshall	(a) Over the past 5 years, what has been the enrolment growth in VET places? (b) Can the Department provide details of exact funding that has been allocated by the Commonwealth in the 2003-06 funding agreement to help resource this growth? (written)
E367_04	VET	2/2.1	Carr	Does the Table in Attachment A (E164_04) ANTA agreement 2004-06: (a) The additional \$218.7m is a cumulative increase for the period? (b) That \$150m or 69% of the increase if for indexation, to cover the costs of delivery only - not for growth? (c) The remaining \$68.7m is for the <i>Australians Working Together</i> initiative in the 2001-02 budget and the <i>Recognising and Improving Capacity</i> . (d) With the net effect being that the Minister's offer contains no new money for growth or meeting unmet demand? (written)
E368_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	Can ANTA provide details of the research project 'Future Growth and Demand' commissioned by ANTA in early 2003, including funding paid for the project and the current status of the research?
E369_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	(a) How many ANTA employees were made redundant and/or ceased employment at the end of June 2003, and of these, how many have been subsequently engaged as contractors/consultants and under what arrangements? (b) What has been the percentage turnover of staff within ANTA over the past financial year and how many senior managers have left the organisation? (written)
E370_04	ANSTO		Carr	Note 5G(b) to your accounts states that " <i>ANSTO Inc accumulated losses of A\$0.204 million were forgiven in the 2002-03 year as ANSTO Inc is unlikely to trade in the near future.</i> " Have these losses been paid from your appropriation? If not, from where have they been paid? (written)
E371_04	ANSTO		Carr	When was ANSTO Inc established? (written)
E372_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	What funding levels and arrangements have been in place for the current Industry Training Advisory Body structure? (written)
E373_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	What funding has been spent on consultancies to review the structure of Industry Training Advisory Bodies over the past three years? (written)
E374_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	What are the funding levels and arrangements that are proposed for the new Industry Skills Councils? (written)
E375_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	Can ANTA outline why the views of major employer groups and unions are being ignored in the process of deciding board structures for the new Industry Skills Councils? (written)
E376_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	Can ANTA confirm that they are opposed to equal union-employer representation on the new Industry Skills Councils and isn't this another blow to bipartisan industry support for a national training system? (written)
E377_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Marshall	Can the Department/ANTA provide a report on the outcomes of the first meeting of the newly established National Industry Skills Forum, its objectives and how this will assist with reducing skills shortages for industry? (written)
E378_04	ANTA	2/2.1	Carr	Answer E540_04 provides details of the auditing of RTOs situated in schools as part of VET in Schools. (a) It seems that progress towards auditing of all school RTOs has been very varied across the states and territories. Has there been any analysis on why this is so? (b) Is it connected to the number of such RTOs in each state? NSW

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				seems to be especially slow. Do you know why this is? Have you asked NSW about it?
				(c) Where there has been non-compliance, have you conducted any analysis on trends and possible reasons for this?
				(d) What action has been taken by DEST to ensure that states and territories are monitoring compliance by school-based RTOs in a timely and adequate fashion?
				(e) What do you believe the length of the auditing cycle for school RTOs should be? Every two years? Five years?
E379_04	ANSTO		Carr	Who are the current directors and office holders [of ANSTO Inc]? (written)
E380_04	ANSTO		Carr	ANSTO's 1999-2000 Annual Report stated: " <i>Significant progress was made in developing business opportunities for ANSTO's synroc technology. A subsidiary company, ANSTO Inc, was formed in the United states to develop strategic alliances with major engineering and technology organisations involved in radioactive waste management projects</i> ". I take it that those business opportunities for ANSTO Inc have now evaporated. Is that correct? (written)
E381_04	ANSTO		Carr	What alliances were struck with major engineering and technology companies? Which were approached unsuccessfully? (written)
E382_04	ANSTO		Carr	Does this mean that ANSTO applications using ceramics-based methods of waste immobilisations are not being pursued? (written)
E383_04	ANSTO		Carr	What are the current prospects for these applications? (written)
E384_04	ANSTO		Carr	If ANSTO Inc will not be trading in the future, how are you progressing possible commercial opportunities? (written) [linked to E383_04]
E385_04	ANSTO		Carr	Does this also mean that the limited liability company that you formed with COGEMA using ANSTO Inc as your vehicle is also defunct? (written)
E386_04	ANSTO		Carr	The company [the COGEMA/ANSTO joint venture] was established to seek business in the field of plutonium immobilisation and disposal. Is that correct? [see E381_04 also] (written)
E387_04	ANSTO		Carr	In June 2000 the former President of ANSTO Inc, Professor Garnett, spoke up prospects for this venture. What happened? (written) [answers E380_04]
E388_04	ANSTO		Carr	Is \$200,000 the full extent of ANSTO Inc losses? (written)
E389_04	ANSTO		Carr	Do you have annual reports for ANSTO Inc? Can you provide them please? (written)
E390_04	ANSTO		Carr	Is ANSTO Inc being wound up now? If not, why is it being kept if it will not be trading in the future? (written)
E391_04	ANSTO		Carr	Can you provide a copy of the details and results of the analysis into the consequences of a breach of a cask carrying SNF? [consequences of an attack on spent fuel shipment] (written)
E392_04	ANSTO		Carr	Was ARPANSA or any other Government agency or department involved in this assessment? (written)
E393_04	ANSTO		Carr	Is the age of each Spent Nuclear Fuel rod documented? (written)
E394_04	ANSTO		Carr	Please provide an inventory of the 344 rods transported, including age and condition of each rod? (written)

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E395_04	ANSTO		Carr	Has ANSTO ever worked with the NSW emergency authorities to develop emergency plans for dealing with an accident on an SNF transport? (written)
E396_04	ANSTO		Carr	Would such a[n emergency] plan require evacuations of areas surrounding the accident? (written)
E397_04	ANSTO		Carr	If such a[n emergency] plan exists, please provide a copy? (written)
E398_04	ANSTO		Carr	How many ANSTO staff are involved in SILEX laser enrichment research? (written)
E399_04	ANSTO		Carr	How much space does SILEX lease from ANSTO? (written)
E400_04	ANSTO		Carr	Does the company Fiberbyte conduct any research at Lucas Heights? (written)
E401_04	ANSTO		Carr	Does waste generated by SILEX research remain the responsibility of that company, or does it go into the general waste stockpile? Is a separate inventory of waste generated by SILEX maintained? (written)
E402_04	ANSTO		Carr	How far behind schedule is the construction program for the new reactor? (written)
E403_04	ANSTO		Carr	What part has ANSTO played in the additional investigations undertaken by ARPANSA in seeking to determine the significance assoc with welding and welding repairs to the reactor pool liner? What evidence or info has ANSTO provided to ARPANSA in this matter? (Please provide copies of these documents) (written) [Large hardcopy attachments]
E404_04	ANSTO		Carr	Since the breaches associated with the reactor pool liner have any other suspected breaches been identified by ANSTO? Have any suspected breaches or other issues relating to the construction and fit-out of the new reactor been brought to the attention of ARPANSA? (written)
E405_04	ANSTO		Carr	On p. 37 of the current Annual Report, you explain that ' <i>project re-scheduling was implemented by the contractor in May 2003 to accelerate the project schedule</i> '. To what extent was this forced by delays to the project? (written)
E406_04	ANSTO		Carr	Are these changes considered as variations to the original contract? (written)
E407_04	ANSTO		Carr	What are the cost implications of this decision? (written)
E408_04	ANSTO		Carr	What is the scheduled date of hand over now? (written)
E409_04	ANSTO		Carr	When you say on the same page that ' <i>the schedules for the neutron beam instruments project and reactor construction have been aligned</i> ' what exactly are you saying? Does this mean a delay to either or both of these components of the total project? If so, what is the extent of this anticipated delay? (written)
E410_04	SCG		Harradine	Provide copies of funding agreement documents grants to MNRF? [MNRF grant to NSCC Ltd and Centre of Excellence grant to NSCC Ltd](written) [large hardcopy attachments]
E411_04	SCG		Carr	a) What approaches has the Department received for support for the LOFAR radio astronomy project, that if successful would be based in WA? b) What funding has been committed by the Department so far? (written)

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E412_04	SCG		Carr	a) Has the Commonwealth been asked to contribute approx \$20m to match a commitment by the Gallop Government in WA? b) Has the Department been approached for funding support by any portfolio agencies in this regard? c) When will a decision be made on funding for this project? (written)
E413_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	Provide the names of the schools that have received support under the Schools Transitional Emergency Assistance Program (STEA) across Australia? (E015_04) (p. 130)
E414_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	a) Provide a table showing all repayments since 1996 to the Commonwealth under sections 136 and 137 of those administrative guidelines. Show the names of schools, details of the purpose of the funding provided, the amount paid and the amount subsequently repaid. b) Also provide a table since 1996 of the schools that did not repay and the steps taken by the Commonwealth to recoup the funds in the circumstances? c) What happened to Gippsland Christian College, which received a capital grant of \$120,000 in 2000 and closed in 2002? What happened there? d) Stanthorpe Adventist Primary School in Queensland received \$37,800 in 201 and closed the following year. I will give you a few more because I want to make sure I get the information right. Tarlina Community School in Victoria got \$40,000 in 2002 but closed in 2002. Kooralbyn International School in Queensland got \$816,000 through the 1990s and closed in 2002. They got an emergency grant of \$100,000 in 2001. That is right, isn't it?. (E015_04 & E617_03) (pp. 131-2))
E415_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	How much did Kincoppal School at Rose Bay and Vacluse receive in Commonwealth grants? (E015_04) (p. 132)
E416_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	a) Can the Department provide a report on the Discovering Democracy program, including details of expend on the various components and activities funded under the program since Jan 01 and info on these activities and initiatives? b) Provide information on current status of initiatives originally intended under the program, including the course and resource materials originally prepared by distribution to schools? (written)
E417_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	a) Is the review of the Establishment Grants program completed yet? b) When will the report be available? Can you provide it? (E284_04 & 285 & 286 & 287_04) (written) [this response supersedes E284_04]
E418_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	a) When did the Department look into Glendale Christian College and Glendale College? Was it prior to the decision to pay it an Establishment Grant, or subsequently, after the question was raised in June Estimates 2003? b) What proportion of enrolments would have to be 'new' for the school to be classified as a genuinely new school, for this purpose? If fewer than two-thirds of the students were 'new', would the school be a new school? c) Has the school received \$1.8m in capital grants from the Commonwealth - all but \$70,000 since 1996. Is that correct? Presumably the existing capital stock was one thing that the 'old' school handed over to the 'new' school. Can you confirm that? d) Between 2000 and 2003, the school has consistently had two campuses, but these have been at five different locations over that period - each 'campus' has moved at least once. Can you confirm this? e) Which campuses or buildings has the Commonwealth paid for that

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				are no longer in the possession of Glendale College, however named? f) How much money has been recovered from the school as provided for in the Administrative Guidelines, with respect to buildings no longer used by the school, or sold by the school? g) Has the Department sought to recover capital funds across the change in ownership of the school – seeking reimbursement from the ‘new’ school with respect to the ‘old’ school’s buildings? h) If the Department has not sought to recover, and/or not succeeded in recovering these funds, from either school, how has the school been adjudged a ‘new’ school for the purpose of Establishment Grants? i) In answer E285_04 the Department states, “A school is not eligible for Establishment Grant funding simply for formally changing its name.” Is this school (or this set of school buildings) being treated as not a new school for Capital Grants purposes, but as new for Establishment Grant purposes? (E285_04) (written)
E419_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	a) When did the Department look closely at the status of Wilgie View Learning Centre WA? b) Has the Department been monitoring the school-level enrolments of this provider? c) Given the exceedingly small enrolments of this school – when it’s intermittently a school – it would seem that the Department should consider alternative arrangements for determining funding levels based on enrolments. Has the Department considered this option – to ensure that funds are not flowing to entities that actually have not school-level enrolments? d) What are the school enrolments at this school in 2003? Have they remained stable? (E286_04) (written)
E420_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	a) What are the enrolments at school level at Child Side School Boyanup Western Australia? Are they all Year 1 level? b) Is this school similar to Wilgie View, in that it has very small school-level enrolments, that fluctuate? c) Has the Department considered imposing a minimum enrolment level for eligibility for Commonwealth grants? If not, why not? (E287_04) (written)
E421_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	a) Does this confirm the Department does not have information on which schools were funded in the NSW Catholic system, and for what purpose? b) Is the Department satisfied with the 'activities' approach to the reporting by the Association of Independent School (AIS)? (E015_04) (written)
E422_04	SG		Carr	64% of non-Government schools were audited in 2002 - a) Is this an adequate number? Does it meet auditing standards? b) Describe the audit process? What checks are made? (E262_04) (written)
E423_04	RAE	1/1.1	Carr	1. In general is it the case that accountability for schools funding is met by systems through the annual national report on schooling?[National Report on Schooling in Australia] 2. When was the 2000 released? 3. When will the 2001 report be released? 4. Will the 2002 report be released by the end of the year, as required by MCEETYA? If not when? (E279_04) (written)

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E424_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	Further to E265_04 which did not provide the answer to the question asked. Comment on assumptions underlying the Budget Estimates for each of the years in the forward estimates including enrolment projections; Government and non-Government; primary and secondary retention; Assumed transfers from non-Government to non-Government schools; Assumed staffing levels and student/teacher ratios; Indexation assumptions. In Table 7 of Budget Paper 1 how much of the increase is the effects of indexation assumptions, demographics, enrolment transfers, retention assumptions and other? (written)
E425_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	E285_03 provides details of general recurrent grants by non-government schools for 2000. Can you provide an update of this table? (written)
E426_04	SG	1/1.1	Carr	Provide details and explanations for the variations in Appendix B of the final report on 2002-03 Budget outcomes including enrolments, indexation, under-spending and other. Also provide a reconciliation statement for each element. (written)
E427_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	Teaching and Teacher Education - (a) Is the review report an independent report of the Review Commonwealth? (b) Was the Minister or the Minister's Office involved in any way? If so, to what effect? (c) Was the Secretary of the Department involved in 'clearing' the report. Or was the Minister's role simply in proving comment? If so, to what effect? (written)
E428_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	Teaching and Teacher Education - Can the Department identify which level of Government and which other agencies (eg universities) would be responsible for implementing the recommendations? (written)
E429_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	Teaching and Teacher Education - (a) has the report been costed? (b) Can the Department provide costings of each recommendation and other important findings - cash and accrual? (written)
E430_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	Teaching and Teacher Education - was it necessary to let a contract for secretariat services for the Review? (a) Why could the review not be serviced through DEST? (b) Are these things always outsourced? Why? (written)
E431_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	Teaching and Teacher Education - (a) The Background section to the main report (page xiv) states that the committee '... visited schools already in the vanguard of innovation ...' identify the schools visited? What were their characteristics/features? How did these schools influence the Committee's recommendations and findings? (b) When will the Government respond to the reported and what form? (c) Will the Department be consulting on the reports? (written)
E432_04	RAE	1/1.3	Carr	Teacher supply - [Background data and analysis report] Does the Department agree with the advice from the Committee on p. 74? If you agree, what strategies will the Commonwealth be adopting? Can the Department explain the evidence behind the Minister's claims that there are no looming shortages? If you do not agree, explain why and on what data? (written)
E433_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Teacher supply - 1. the Government's higher ed package does not including any earmarked places in the 'national priority' area of teaching ed, at least at public unis. (a) Does this mean that any new places in teacher education will have to be found from among the 25,000 places that are currently marginally funded? (b) If so, how many such places will be needed over 2004-07? 2. With the 1,400 Commonwealth supported places in 'national priority' areas

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E434_04	RAE	1/1.3	Carr	in private higher education institutions. (a) Can the Department identify which of these places will be earmarked for teacher education? In what institutions? (b) Explain why the additional places are for private institutions only? (c) Does this mean that the Commonwealth is expecting growth only in private schools (written) Teacher supply - how many teachers have left Australia for overseas? To what countries? Why are they leaving? (written)
E435_04	RAE	1/1.3	Carr	Growth in initial teacher education - does the Department agree with the Commonwealth that there is a problem with regard to shortages of secondary education, including in particular maths and science? Does the Department agree with the Commonwealth that there is a problem with regard to shortages of secondary teachers, especially in maths and science? How would the Department characterise the problem? (written)
E436_04	HEG	1/1.3	Carr	HECS for maths and science teachers - (a) what evidence did the Commonwealth obtain to support the recommendations (that secondary and primary teachers of science and tech and maths should not pay more HECS than their teaching colleagues)? Please provide evidence. (b) How much extra HECS will a maths and science teacher pay under the Government's new policy arrangements? (c) Does the Department agree with the Commonwealth's recommendations? Please provide your reasons. (written)
E437_04	RAE	1/1.3	Carr	Maths and science students - does the Department agree with the analysis that there has been a steady decline in the percentage of Year 12 students studying science and is it a problem? To some extent this decline has been caused by growth in other areas of senior secondary curriculum (eg vocational education and training in schools; technology). Do we need a better balance of subjects in Years 11-12? If not, why has the Committee raised the issue? What does it think the Commonwealth should do about it? (written)
E438_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	Maths and science students - quality of teacher education students. The Committee reports that students in initial teach education were likely to have been from the low or lowest groups. Is it a problem? What should be done? If no real comment: why was this raised by the review? (written)
E439_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	National Institute of Quality Teaching and School Leadership - (a) what will be the Institute's functions? Will it affect states' registration and accreditation of teachers? Does it intend to accredit 'accomplished' and 'leading' teachers? Or is it mainly an advisory and research body? If so who will it be advising? The Commonwealth only? (b) What are the governance arrangements? Who will be on its governing council? How will they be appointed? Elected? Will unions be invited to nominate? Other professional bodies? (c) When will it begin to operate? (written)
E440_04	SG	1/1.3	Carr	Quality of teaching program - This program (around \$35m in 2003-04) is due to terminate in 2004. Will this program be extended a further 3 years? (b) (c) Has the program been evaluated? (d) How will the outcomes of the program be measured? Improved student learning? On what grounds? Increased teachers' knowledge and skills? On what grounds?(e) How will this be linked to the development of professional teaching standards? (written)
E441_04	RAE	All	Carr	What is the contract number for the science and innovation mapping summary report [Boitext consultancy]? (p. 70)

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E442_04	RAE	All	Carr	(a) When do you expect the final version of the Mapping Australian Science and Innovation report to be released? (b) Have any significant changes been made to the Interim Report? (c) How much has this particular inquiry cost? (d) How many DEST staff have been involved in the report's compilation? (e) How many staff from other Departments have been involved? (f) Who authored the report? (g) Has the Taskforce, or any of the Department's involved in this review contracted external consultants for any aspect of the review or the report itself? If yes, who? (h) On the Interim report are you concerned at the findings of the review? (written)
E443_04	RAE	All	Carr	Mapping Australian Science and Innovation: How do you respond to the [interim] report's finding that 'investment in and maintenance of Australia's research infrastructure appears to have declined and we face significant challenges in building adequate broadband infrastructure to support e-science and to leverage access to international infrastructure'? (written)
E444_04	RAE	All	Carr	Mapping Australian Science and Innovation: Can you confirm that the emphasis on the lack of maintenance of infrastructure was including at the insistence of private sector members of the Taskforce, who see this neglect as a major impediment to public/private collaboration? What research is that finding based on? Provide copies to the Committee? (written)
E445_04	RAE	All	Carr	Mapping Australian Science and Innovation: (a) How many representations were made on the importance of international high bandwidth? (b) What is the scale of the shortfall? (written)
E446_04	RAE	All	Carr	Mapping Australian Science and Innovation: What specific indicators of decline in our human capital were discussed by the taskforce? (written)
E447_04/ E448_04	RAE	All	Carr	Mapping Australian Science and Innovation: Has the Department undertaken or commissioned any research, in these fields of research infrastructure failure, skills shortages, falling award rates? If yes provide copies. (written)
E448_04/ E447_04	RAE	All	Carr	Mapping Australian Science and Innovation: In the face of such evidence of acute problems in these areas, and the evidence that this is a problem that has been evident for some time, the obvious question is just what the Department has been doing to address these problems? (written)
E449_04	RAE	All	Carr	Mapping Australian Science and Innovation: (a) On p. 3 the report notes: 'there have been suggestions of a lack of systematic support to enhance the international connectivity of individual as well as organisations'? What do you understand that comment to mean? (b) Where could the Department improve in providing such support? (written)
E450_04	HEG	3/3.1	Carr	International Bandwidth: What is the current capacity? How far below international standards is the connection through to Singapore ... We compare, for instance, our connections across the pacific. What is the relativity of those two channels? (pp. 68-69)
E451_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Accessible Curricular Materials: What progress has been made on the Department's work with the Steering Committee on Accessible Curricular Materials for Universities, chaired by the AVCC, to determine possible approaches to research into the provision of alternate format materials in Australian universities? (E578_03) (written)

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E452_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Operating grant advances: Please provide a comprehensive list of advances made to universities on their operating grants over the last seven years, the repayment schedules on these advances, repayments made and amounts outstanding? (written)
E453_04	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	(a) Confirm that the Australian Institute of Commerce and Language (AICL) has direct articulation agreements with University of Newcastle, University of Ballarat, Central of Queensland University and The Australian Computer Society? (b) What is meant by an "articulation Agreement" with the Australian Computer Society? (c) Where are these agreements referred to on the relevant universities' websites? (d) Is AICL working through licensing of bachelor level programs with Edith Cowan University? How far has this progressed? Will this lead, as the college claims, to 'co-branding' of courses between the university and this provider? (e) Will this provider need to be accredited as a higher education provider, under the MCEEYA National Protocols? (f) What will be the status of the courses it will provide in higher education? Will they be ECU courses, run through a franchise agreement?(written)
E454_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	How much will the Commonwealth save through reduced Centrelink payments and increased taxation collections as a result of the intro of the Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS) and Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS)? (E059_04) (written)
E455_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	(a) Isn't a scholarship system an ineffective method of increasing payments to students as a result of the clawback in other benefits and increased tax liabilities for the recipients? (b) Wouldn't it be the case that an increase in existing payments to students would result in a significantly greater improvement in their financial situation? (written)
E456_04	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	HECS Doubtful debt: Provide estimates of what proportion or quantum of debt will be considered doubtful under the Government's package? (E419_03) (written)
E457_04	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	FEE-HELP Loan Limit: Why was it deemed good policy to intro a loans scheme that does not cover the cost of 34% of domestic undergrad fee-paying courses at public institutions? (E077_04) (written)
E458_04	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	HECS write downs: (a) What would be the saving to the Commonwealth of reversing the provision that means that HECS debts are written off when a borrower dies? (b) Provide a figure? (c) What assumptions are built into this figure? (d) When would such a saving show up in the books? (e) Where does the HECS write-down now appear as a loss? Is it on-budget or off-budget? (f) (i) When does a written-off HECS debt appear in the Budget? (ii) Is that only when the debtor dies? (g) Will this change under the new arrangements in Dr Nelson's package? How? (E076_04) (written)
E459_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Over-enrolments: Breakdown of over-enrolments to be phased out by institution/state/national and type of over-enrolment (eg marginally funded and total; undergraduate and postgraduate) (E092_03) (written)
E460_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	(a) Provide a list of professional associations that require postgraduate qualifications in order to gain initial professional registration and the year in which this requirement was first applied. (b) Provide the number of domestic full-time, part-time and total

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E461_04	HEG	3/3.1	Carr	enrolments in each of the courses offered by Australian universities which fulfil the requirements listed above by course. (written) This year 5 universities received \$3.2 million through the RTS Regional Protection Fund. If this fund were to be continued into 2004, are you able to tell which institutions would receive funding under the scheme and how much each of them would be eligible for? (written)
E462_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Please indicate the quantum of additional funding resulting from the arrangement that the Northern Territory University's over-funding outside the band normally tolerated was allowed because of special factors. (E054_04) (written)
E463_04	HEG	2/2.4	Crossin	What effect will CAS and CECS have on Youth Allowance and Abstudy payments students may be getting? (written)
E464_04	HEG	2/2.4	Crossin	The Northern Territory University was being funded \$3m from Higher Education Innovation Program, the last payment of which (\$750,000) was due to be made at the end of September subject to receipt of satisfactory Interim report. Was this report in fact received and the payment made? (written)
E465_04	HEG	2/2.5	Crossin	(a) What is proposed for the Supplementary Learning Entitlement scheme? (b) When will it be finalised and come into operation? (E081_04) (written)
E466_04	HEG	2/2.4	Crossin	(a) Why are universities not being paid the full cost for implementing HEIMS? (b) Who is being tasked with developing and setting up this system? (c) Will it be tried and tested or set loose on unis with the potential to cause major problems as with certain other recent programs? (written)
E467_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Provide the data being collected on universities classes with small enrolments. Provide the data gathered during the Crossroads review process on universities classes with small enrolments? (E579_03) (written)
E468_04	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	Update the data provided in answer to part 1 of E419_03 and also provide a state by state breakdown of the data? (written)
E469_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Provide the reference values for the Tasmanian population for the equity groups listed and performance relative to these. (E306_04) (written)
E470_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	(a) Can you confirm the Government plans to fund selected courses in private institutions (providing access to HECS-related places) in identified priority areas? It won't fund courses across the board? E045_04 goes on to say that 'the Government intends to set national priorities as required'. (b) What does that mean? 'As required' on what basis? (c) How will national priorities for this purpose be determined? What process will be followed? Who will be consulted? (d) Has the process been transparent with respect to the decision to fund medical places at Notre Dame? (e) Has the process been transparent with respect to the decision to fund medical places at Notre Dame?(f) Who was consulted? (g) Has the Government released a report on its decision? (h) Can the Committee see this report? (E045_04) (written)
E471_04	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	Update the data provided in answer to part b) of E623_03 for the years 1998 to 2001 and provide additional data for 2002. (written)
E472_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Update the data given in answer to part b) of question E587_03. (written)

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E473_04	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	Update the answer given to question E632_03 to including 2003 information. (written)
E474_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Update the answer given to question E053_04. (a) How many universities have now applied for funding under Round 2 of the Workplace Reform Programme? (b) How many have been successful? Which institutions are they? (c) Which universities are still to become eligible to apply for the second round funding?(written)
E475_04	VET	2/2.3	Crossin	<i>Language Literacy and Numeracy Programme (LLNP)</i> : (i) what is the present situation re numbers doing this course? The waiting time? The number of hours of training available? (ii) How were estimates of numbers who may want this course made and why were they so seriously underestimated that funding of (\$40.7 million) was grossly inadequate? (iii) How many providers have had to close their doors due to funding problems with this programme? (written)
E476_04	AEI	3/3.1	Crossin	Has DEST had any thoughts, plans or proposals for assisting TAFE sector to expand more into the overseas market as recommended by TAFE Directors Australia? (written)
E477_04	I&T	1/1.4	Crossin	What information is available about the Australian Indigenous Training Advisory Council? How often does it meet? Who are the members? What outcomes have been produced to date? (written)
E478_04	RAE	2/2.2	Crossin	Report - How Young People are Faring (Dusseldorp Skills Forum 2003) stated that as of May 2003 an average of 14.9% of young Australians between 15-19 were not at school or in full time work. Does the Department agree with this figure? What plans are there for improving VET and other training programs for young people in this age group? (written)
E479_04	ARC	1/1	Carr	Research grant success rates: Can you get me a list of what you believe to be the success rates (number of grants awarded) by comparable countries? (p. 39)
E481_04	ARC	1/1	Harradine	Expert Advisory Committee - Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences: Who was on the Committee of experts who approved the pornography study? (p. 47)
E482_04	ARC	1/1	Harradine	Literature on Treatment utilizing human embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells: Provision of copies of studies on embryonic stem cell research previously provided. (p. 48)
E483_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Workplace Relations and governance matters: (a) How much money is being paid for each of the institutions on workplace relations and governance matters? (b) What is the relative funding position by EFTSU? (c) What is the weighted EFTSU for each institution under HEFA in 2003; and. (c) what was it in 1993? (p. 81)
E484_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Provide a copy of the report from the expert review panel to the Maritime College. (pp. 85-6) [large hardcopy attachment]
E485_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	The analysis of the Labor Party's policy proposals - was it requested or initiated? (p. 88)
E486_04	HEG	2/2.5	Carr	Setting of HECS-HELP charges - technical legal advice to be provided on the interaction of clauses 19-90(1) and 19-90(2). (p. 92)
E487_04	RAE	2/2.2	Crossin	Provide details of the arrangements for the calculations and the payment of the Indigenous Support Fund and what they will mean for each and every institution around this country. (p. 111)

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E488_04	HEG	2/2.4	Crossin	(a) What amount of funding the Commonwealth has given to Charles Darwin University over the last 5 year period, over and above the standard payments-outside operational grants or outside other moneys paid to universities under the standard calculations? (b) The amount of many provided by the Commonwealth to the Northern Territory University since January 2002? (c) How many progress reports have there been? (pp. 111-2)
E489_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Crossin	ABSTUDY service delivery: 1. Where is the review of the analysis of the Centrelink and ABSTUDY provision? 2. Provide detailed update on where each of those elements is at. (p. 96)
E490_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.1 & 2.4	Crossin	Provide schedule for the Commonwealth's overall spending on Indigenous education program? Provide the breakdown of primary, secondary, vocational education and higher education? (p. 101)
E491_04	I&T	1/1.2	Crossin	<i>Indigenous funding on a per capita basis</i> : How many Commonwealth dollars under the Indigenous education programs go, per capita, to an Indigenous child attending a government school compared to an Indigenous child attending a non-government school? (pp. 101-102)
E492_04	CSIRO		Carr	Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus: Provide an update on the wheat streak virus escape from CSIRO facilities (written)
E493_04	I&T	1/1.2	Crossin	Do you keep figures on how many students are assisted under IEDA, IESIP and the NIELNS? (p. 102)
E494_04	I&T	1/1.2	Crossin	Give breakdown or an understanding of the way in which DEST is working with other agencies: Hearing Australia, DHA or DFACS? Provide copy of case study on hearing. (pp. 102-3)
E495_04	I&T	2/2.5	Crossin	What are the completion rate stats for Indigenous students enrolled in teaching degrees? (pp. 103-4)
E496_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Crossin	Provide progress report on each of the elements - improving remote area servicing, particularly for ABSTUDY clients. (p. 107)
E497_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Carr	Amended Interim and Final: Abstudy recipient: numbers: In the Annual Report on p.49, you provide the numbers of tertiary students in receipt of Abstudy for 2001 and 2002. Can you provide this information by sector (VET and higher education)? Can you also provide this information for the schools sector for those years? When will 2003 data become available? Can this also be provided? (written)
E498_04	I&T	2/2.1	Carr	What is the reason for the sudden surge of Indigenous VET enrolments in 2001? (written)
E499_04	I&T	1/1.2	Crossin	The report "Breaks in the Road : an evaluation of the Indigenous Youth partnerships Initiative' seems to find much good in these programs but notes that "As successful as many of the projects were they were all locked in to one or two year time frames with little attention paid to how they might be sustained over the long term" What thought has been given to this in terms of actually making longer term, ongoing commitment to some of the supposedly successful programs, or does DEST intend continuing, as with ECEF, funding only short term programs.
E500_04	I&T	1/1.4	Crossin	When ECEF was to be terminated and the functions and management incorporated into and undertaken by DEST by 30 Sept, was the timeline met? What effects were there on those schools using the program in terms of funding releases? Were all releases needed able to be released on time? Did all participants in fact continue uninterrupted? (written)

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E501_04	I&T	1/1.4	Crossin	What are the intentions for both POEM and CAT beyond February 2004? (written)
E502_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Crossin	There is a remote servicing case management model in Far North Queensland assisting remote students apply for ABSTUDY? Is there any plan to extend this type of assistance? (E003_04) (written)
E503_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Crossin	The Department was going to investigate the provision of certain information from ABSTUDY form to third parties such as school principals or registrars. Has this in fact happened? (E128_04) (written)
E504_04	I&T	1/1.4	Carr	Future of CAT and POEM - What are the plans to continue the funding? If no funding, did the Department not think the programs were worthwhile? What were the outcomes of the programs - provide copies of reports. What alternative or existing programs does the Department feel would fill the gap created when the programs stop? If funding is to continue - how much will be available? When and where will it be available? What services are going to receive allocations? (written)
E505_04	I&T	1/1.4	Carr	Jobs Pathway Programme (JPP) contracts: - What will happen to the JPP contracts are 31 December 2003? Provide details. (written)
E506_04	I&T	1/1.4	Carr	Jobs Placement Employment and Training (JPET) programme - does the Department have any view of whether these programs should be extended? Has the Department allocated any resources from within its own budget for JPET programs for 2004 and beyond? (written)
E507_04	I&T	1/1.4	Marshall	Detail the arrangements put in place within DEST to support the former ECEF initiative since its abolition and any programs the Department will subsequently facilitate industry support for VET within schools. (written)
E508_04	HEG	2/2.4	Crossin	Answer E057_04 provided figures for National Priority Funding for HE - total \$161m over 4 years. Of this \$138.0 was for teaching and nursing and \$22.1 to private HE institutions. What funding is avail for Indigenous Higher education, or is that just the funding for 120 places at Notre Dame University? (written)
E509_04	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	Are you familiar with the Australian Institute of Commerce and Language and the claims being made about links with the University of Newcastle, University of Ballarat, Central Queensland University and Australian Computer Society? (also refer E453_04) (p. 127)
E510_04	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	Have you raised any of these matters with VETAB in NSW? (Bridge Business College, Uniworld Business College) (p. 129)
E511_04	AEI	3/3.3	Carr	Could you indicate what the increase in cost to an average international student studying in Australia would be for every 1 cent increase in the value of the Australian dollar, relative to the US dollar? (E448_03) (written)
E512_04 to E516_04	CSG	All	Carr	(1) What has been the Department's response to the MAC report to day? (written) [answers E512 to E 516 provided in one answer - separate questions listed below]
E513_04	CSG	All	Carr	(2) What issues identified in the MAC report have been identified as priority areas for the Department? (written)
E514_04	CSG	All	Carr	(3) What family friendly or work-life balance initiatives exist in the Department, are avail through the certified agreement, or are contained in the certified agreement, but granting of them in individual cases is discretionary on the part of the organisation?

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E515_04	CSG	All	Carr	(written) (4) What family friendly or work-life balance initiatives has the Department introduced in, or since, the implementation of the Department's most recent CA? (written)
E516_04	CSG	All	Carr	(5) With respect to the CA-based family friendly or work-life balance provisions: (a) what number and proportion of department staff are making use of such provisions including purchased leave; negotiated part-time work arrangements; parental leave; use of info, advice or counselling services made avail by the Department; department provision of facilities such as family care facilities; home based work? (written)
E517_04 to E526_04	CSG	All	Carr	(1) How many employees are employed as a non-ongoing employee in each year of the previous 6 years? (written) [answers E517 to E 526 provided in one answer - Separate questions listed below]
E518_04	CSG	All	Carr	(2) What percentage of total agency employees are non-ongoing employees for each of these years? (written)
E519_04	CSG	All	Carr	(3) How many of these have been employed for more than 1year as a non-going employee? (written)
E520_04	CSG	All	Carr	(4) How many of these have been employed for more than 2 years as a non-going employees? (written)
E521_04	CSG	All	Carr	(5) How many of these have been employed for more than 3 years as a non-going employee? (written)
E522_04	CSG	All	Carr	(6) How many employees were employed on fixed-term contracts, in each year of the previous 6 years? (written)
E523_04	CSG	All	Carr	(7) What percentage of the total number of employees is this for each of these years? (written)
E524_04	CSG	All	Carr	(8) What was the percentage of total employees for contract employees, for each year of the previous 6 years? (written)
E525_04	CSG	All	Carr	(9) How many employees were employed on fixed term contracts at each classification level, for each yr of the past 6 years? (written)
E526_04	CSG	All	Carr	(10) How many employees on a fixed term contract, for each year of the past 6 years, have been employed more than once on a fixed term contract? Please provide details of position classification in each instance? (written)
E527_04	CSIRO		Carr	Review of plant research biosecurity protocols: Has the report and recommendations been made to the Ministers. If so, when? When will the content of the report be made public? When would you expect the recommendations within the report to be implemented? What has been the total cost of the review? Will these costs be recouped from industry, what industries and how? Is the review restricted solely to research involving grains? (written)
E528_04	CSIRO		Carr	Is CSIRO now or in the past 12 months been involved in research at Australian facilities on viable specimens of the following: anthrax, smallpox, foot and mouth disease, SARS, sheep pox, screw worm, blue tongue, rift valley fever? When did the research on each begin and when will it conclude? (written)

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E529_04	CSIRO		Carr	Is CSIRO currently undertaking any research with viable samples of diseases which if they escaped from CSIRO could potentially pose a communicable disease threat to Australia's human, livestock or native animal populations or our native or cropping plant populations? (written)
E530_04	CSIRO		Carr	Why are no trade unionists members of CSIRO's Sector Advisory Councils? Do you think the ACTU has anything relevant to say about our research future, whereas the Australian Industry Group or the Australian Aluminium Council does? Who determines memberships of these councils? For how long are members appointed? Why is this apartheid against unions being practiced? (written)
E531_04	CSIRO		Carr	How many Divisional have staff located at your Atherton facility? (written)
E532_04	CSIRO		Carr	When was the purpose built Herbarium at Atherton constructed? How large are the collections held there? Is it correct that much of the material was transferred from Queensland Government in order to create an extensive northern Australian collection? (written)
E533_04	CSIRO		Carr	Why are you now proposing to close the Herbarium at Atherton? What research benefit will accrue from that decision? (written)
E534_04	CSIRO		Carr	Herbarium at Atherton: What is CSIRO's position on the issues pointed out by staff that such a decision would jeopardise bio-prospectivity programs in northern Queensland and reduce effective of research programs based on CSIRO working with local communities on Indigenous knowledge? (written)
E535_04	CSIRO		Carr	Herbarium at Atherton: Can you confirm that the Minister has received a number of representations on the future of the Herbarium, including from the Federal politicians? (written)
E536_04	CSIRO		Carr	Herbarium at Atherton: Isn't this really about axing staff and funding in North Queensland? (written)
E537_04	CSIRO		Carr	Herbarium at Atherton: CSIRO staff at Atherton have suggested that the removal of the Herbarium will dramatically impede broader research and contribute to the decline of the facility. What response have you given such concerns? (written)
E538_04	CSIRO		Carr	Herbarium at Atherton : Can you confirm that in a reply to a fellow Coalition MP the Minister recently wrote: ' <i>CSIRO is actively engaged in efforts to clarify the issues and options around a future focus for tropical forest environmental science research and development</i> '? (written)
E539_04	CSIRO		Carr	Atherton: (a) What issues and options does the CSIRO currently have under consideration? (b) Given that Atherton hosts 4 divisions, who in CSIRO is managing the consideration of these issues and options? (c) What documents have been produced to date? Please provide copies. (d) When will a decision be made? (written)
E540_04	CSIRO		Carr	Atherton: (a) Is it now correct that the transfer of Atherton assets to a James Cook University facility in Cairns is under consideration? (b) Is a science and a business being developed? (c) Who is involved? (d) Has JCU made any formal or informal approach on this matter? (e) If such a decision were taken, what response would be given to local and international environmental orgs that are now collaborating at Atherton with CSIRO tropical rainforest research staff? (written)
E541_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets CSIRO Strategic Goals: (a) Is the quote from the CEO in the <i>Financial Review</i> of 15/10/03 correct? (b) What colleagues are referred to? (c) If these targets are not met, what will happen? (written)

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E542_04	CSIRO		Carr	(a) Why have you reduced this figure from the \$1.3b target that we have discussed at previous estimates? (b) What are the reasons for abandoning about \$120m of this earlier target, after the capital User Charge is deleted? Is it just that the earlier figure was not scientifically based at all-just a nice number plucked out of thin air for Government consumption? (written)
E543_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget Targets - Validity of Revenue Growth: (a) What is the validity of this latest target? (b) Who developed this table? (c) Who signed off on it? (d) Were any external consultants used in its formulation? (e) Provide the papers on the meeting at which it was discussed, papers relating to its modelling and any others relating to its discussion. (written)
E544_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - Accuracy of Forward Projections: (a) Why are forward projections any more accurate? You are now projecting successive increases of 57%; 32% 59% and 59% over next 4 years - what methodology did you use to calculate these increases? (b) Why have you now decided that a stable pattern of growth at around 50% compound will take place? On what basis have you made these calculations? Provide calculations. (written)
E545_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - Potential Appropriation: a) What is the basis for calculating additional Government funding of \$120m between 2004-05 and 2006-07 that you list as 'potential appropriation'? b) Have you had any indication from the Government that such funding will be made available? c) Is this your failed budget bid for this year recycled? (written)
E546_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - expenses: You suggest that by 2005-06 that annual rate of cost increases will outstrip revenue increases, is this correct? What is the basis for calculating cost increases of 6.7% in 2005-06 and 8.2% the following year, particularly as you appear to be assuming a stable inflationary environment during those years? In what areas of expenditure are these increases concentrated? (written)
E547_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - savings: (a) How do you expect to make savings of \$34m a year by 2006-07? What areas will be targeted? (b) Do you find it worrying that the savings for the 3 out years seem to be exactly equal to your anticipated operating deficit? Does that suggest the level of savings has been determined to make it look good? (written)
E548_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - co-investment and consulting: (a) In your current annual report you have separated out 'services and consulting' from Strategic R&D and Coinvestment. Why haven't you done this in table 'Coinvestment & Consulting'? (b) Of the additional \$100m per annum you expect to be earning in 2006-07, how much will be from Coinvestment and how much will be from consulting? (written)
E549_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - Flagships External Revenue: (a) How much external earnings from Flagships have been assumed? (b) Provide a table that details the precise amounts of private investment that you have calculated will be earned by each Flagship, for each year covered by the 'Target financial scenario'? (written)
E550_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - lead time for major projects: (a) What is the current lead-time for establishing major programs within CSIRO? (b) When will you need to start committing funding and resources for programs identified for 2006-06 (sic) and 2006-07? (written)
E551_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - revenue growth estimation: What will be the consequences for the organisation if by 2006-07 you have committed to another round of funding new initiatives, but revenues targets are

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				not met? (written)
E552_04	CSIRO		Carr	Budget targets - external revenue growth: Are you claiming that these IP revenue calculations are solid enough to carry your major increases in expenditure? The previous strategy was over-optimistic: why is this one any better? (written) [see also E542_04 and E43_04]
E553_04	CSIRO		Carr	Collections: P. 41 of Annual Report -is there not a national accounting standard for research collections that has meant that cultural and scientific agencies have had to value their collections? Why is CSIRO different? (written)
E554_04	CSIRO		Carr	Collections: (a) How many staff look after these research collections? (b) Is that number growing or declining? (written)
E555_04	CSIRO		Carr	Collections: (a) How often are these research collections audited? (b) What audit method is used? (c) What audit method is used? (written)
E556_04	CSIRO		Carr	Collections: Do you have other collections that are managed by CSIRO but are considered expendable in terms of research use? (written)
E557_04	CSIRO		Carr	Collections: (a) Has any damage occurred to any other these research collections - water damage, insect attack, anything? If so, what was the extent and cost? (b) Where was it reported? (written)
E558_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - AMC non recourse loan: (a) Can you confirm from the last Estimates that it is not CSIRO who carries the risk for the \$70m of Commonwealth loans channelled to AMC through CSIRO?(b) Have you received written confirmation of this from DITR or DoFA? (c) If so provide a copy of confirmation. (written)
E559_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - AMC loan liability for interest: (a) Is CSIRO obliged to repay the Commonwealth irrespective of AMC's future or is repayment of interest contingent on receiving royalty payments? (b) Provide copy of terms of these loans? (c) In the event of AMC defaulting completely, who bears the cost of unpaid interest? (written)
E560_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - Investment in AM process technology: How much has CSIRO invested in the AM Process technology include Commonwealth loan funds, CSIRO's own funds, staff time and access to facilities and equip? (written)
E561_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - AM Process Technology - ownership and value: (a) Is it correct that the technology is shared 50:50 between CSIRO and AMC? (b) What is the estimated current value of that technology? (c) Is CSIRO intending to acquire this technology outright? (written)
E562_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - AM Process Technology commercial application: Are there any current commercial applications of this technology? (written)
E563_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - AM Process Technology - other partners: Under what terms can CSIRO enter into joint ventures with partners other than AMC in respect to this technology? Is CSIRO still developing this technology? (written)
E564_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - AMC - research laboratory: What has happened to the research lab that CSIRO has been managing for AMC - is it still operating? (written)
E565_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities - AMC research contract with CSIRO: Is that contract for CSIRO to undertake research on behalf of AMC still operational? [E066_04] (written)

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E566_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities – AMC further development of the technology: Under what terms can CSIRO enter into joint ventures with partners other than AMC in respect to this technology? Is CSIRO still developing this technology? (written) [see answer E565_04]
E567_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities – Executive responsible for AMC: Who in the exec team has been responsible for the CSIRO investment in AMC for the past 2 years? (written)
E568_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingent liabilities – AMC loan– planning and monitoring: (a) Who produced the business plan that committed CSIRO to the most recent \$50m investment? (b) What papers or analysis was carried out by CSIRO to justify the business investment and risk in the AMC project? Provide copies. (c) How was this investment monitored and reviewed? By whom? (d) How often? (e) Who has been responsible for such monitoring? (written)
E569_04	CSIRO		Carr	Are there any instances where the actual CSIRO contribution to CRCs falls short of the cash and in-kind contribution committed to by CSIRO? What cases has CSIRO's contribution fallen short? (written)
E570_04	CSIRO		Carr	(a) How many CRC's has the CSIRO withdrawn from in the past 2 years? Which ones? (b) Is participation in any others under review? (written)
E571_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Does CSIRO comply with the DEST guidelines in relation to consultancies or do you have different guidelines? (If difference, a current copy please) (written)
E572_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Does CSIRO use the system of preferred providers in letting contracts or consultancies? If so, how many panels of preferred providers does CSIRO currently have? What fields do they cover? What firms or individual are on each of these preferred provider lists? (written)
E573_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Under what circumstances does CSIRO not have to go to tender for consultancies? Is there a \$ value, or do other conditions apply? (written)
E574_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Was Mr Ian Dean of Groman Consulting commissioned to conduct a review of the learning and development function of CSIRO in 2001? What was the duration and value of the contract? Can a copy of the report from this work be provided? (written)
E575_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Did Mr Dean subsequently undertake further consulting tasks in learning and development between 2001-June 2002? How many? What was the value - individual and collectively? Were competitive bids sought before this work was awarded to Mr Dean? Where are references to these consultancies? How is CSIRO accountable for this expenditure? (written)
E576_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Does a review by an external consultant that leads to additional work committed to that consultant without competitive tendering fall within either CSIRO or DEST guidelines? (written) [see also answer E571_04]
E577_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Was Mr Dean commissioned to undertake a further review of the CSIRO learning and development function in August-September 2003? Was this work put out to competitive tender? If not, why not? (written)
E578_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: How many consultancies or assignments has Mr Dean undertaken between 2001-03? Of this total how many were put out to competitive tender? (written)

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E579_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: What is the precise current relationship of Mr Dean with CSIRO? Is he a permanent officer, temporary or some other capacity? (written)
E580_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: How many organisations or consultants responded to CSIRO's May 2002 advertisement for expressions of interest to deliver leadership, development, change implementation and learning and development programs to CSIRO? How many consultants or orgs were appointed to the panel of preferred providers? (written)
E581_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Which of the consultants or orgs appointed to this panel have subsequently undertaken work for CSIRO under the preferred provider status? What is the total amount of consulting fees paid to, or committed to, each of the panel consultants or orgs under this particular panel arrangement? (written)
E582_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: What is the total amount of fees, airfares, accommodation expenses and allowances paid in relation to consulting work undertaken by Mr Dean in each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04? (written) [see also answer E578_04]
E583_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Has the accommodation for Mr Dean ever been provided in an official CSIRO residence? If so, did this coincide with any of Mr Dean's consultancies for CSIRO? Was any adjustment made to Mr Dean's expense allowance? (written)
E584_04	CSIRO		Carr	Discovery Centre: (a) Has the budget for the Discovery Centre on Clunies Ross Drive been cut? (b) By how much? (c) What has been the reduction over the past 3 years? (d) What is the future of the Discovery Centre in light of these cuts? (written)
E585_04	CSIRO		Carr	Write-down of Assets - Doubtful debts: What is the explanation for the \$2.9m turnaround in provision for doubtful debts?[Provision of \$2.25 million this year.] Is there any particular project or debtor this relates to? (written)
E586_04	CSIRO		Carr	Write-down of Assets: (a) Explain the write-down of assets on p. 118 of the Annual Report? (b) What project or investment led to the \$5.5m write down in the value of an investment in 2001-02? (c) What projects are the object of the \$2m in write downs to a 'recoverable' level over the past 2 years? (d) Where are these write-downs - or losses - called to account when you identify revenue from external sources? (e) In calculations such as those in figure 3, page 39, should such losses not be set against the gains? (written)
E587_04	CSIRO		Carr	Staff surveys - CSIRO-wide post -exit survey: (a) Has CSIRO commissioned external consultants HRM Consultants Pty Ltd to conduct a survey of opinion among ex-CSIRO staff relating to CSIRO work conditions? (b) What is the value of this consultancy? (c) What form does it take? (d) Provide copy? (e) How many interviews were conducted? (f) When was the survey completed? (g) Details of preliminary results? (written)
E588_04	CSIRO		Carr	Annual Report: Finances 2 - External Earnings: Provide a table identifying the cost of generating external earnings revenue. Eg: i) what was spent on CRCs to win \$24 m? ii) what was invested in private sector joint ventures to win revenue from that sector? iii) what is the annual cost of patents and defending CSIRO IP? iv) what is the annual cost of business and commercialisation staff, together with legal advice, etc? v) what is the cost of preparing submissions to business and other government agencies, together with the cost of

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				managing and monitoring these programs? vi) what is the cost of unprofitable joint ventures? What was the total cost to CSIRO in 2002-03 of generating \$275m in what are described as external earnings? (written)
E589_04	CSIRO		Carr	Annual Report: Finances 2 - business development and commercialisation staff: What is the number of business and commercialisation staff employed across the organisation? (written)
E590_04	CSIRO		Carr	Annual Report: Finances 2: (a) Table 3 on page 39 shows a total of \$120.8 m was generated from non-government sources (private sector, overseas entities and IP) while a figure of \$125.9 m was earned in 2002-03. What was the percentage increase in business and commercialisation staff between 2001-02 and 2002-03? (b) What is the ratio in \$ between the number of business and commercialisation staff and non-Government external earnings? (written)
E591_04	CSIRO		Carr	Foreign Exchange: (a) What was the reason for the \$215,000 foreign exchange loss? (b) What made this different from last year? (c) Who manages foreign exchange matters? (d) What does 'non-speculative' loss mean? (written)
E592_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forestry - Dr Cotterill: (a) Has Dr Paul Cotterill or his family had a beneficial interest in any company concerned with eucalypt seed orchards, or the sale of eucalypt seed (sic) propagules or germ plasm? (b) If this was the case but has changed, when was such a beneficial interest in such companies divested? (c) Does Dr Cotterill have any current relationship with any of these companies? (d) Does Dr Cotterill still have a beneficial interest in Worrolong Eucalypts Pty Ltd through a company known as Gene Technics? (written)
E593_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forestry - Dr Cotterill: Are you aware of the origin of any eucalypt breeding material used in any company in which Dr Cotterill or his family has or has had a beneficial interest? Did any of this material originate in Portugal? (written)
E594_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forestry - Dr Cotterill: Has CSIRO now or in the past entered into a joint venture or other commercial relationship with a company that now, or in the past, had a working relationship with any of the companies with which Dr Cotterill or family members had a beneficial interest? (written)
E595_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forestry - Dr Cotterill: Do the contracts referred to in sec (e) of the answer E204_04 make use, either directly or indirectly of any genetic material that had been imported by any company in which Dr Cotterill or his family have or had a beneficial interest? (written)
E596_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forestry - Dr Cotterill: Is there any actual or perceived conflict of interests in these arrangements? (written)
E597_04	CSIRO		Carr	Forestry - Dr MacRae: (a) Subsequent to her appointment to CSIRO on 1/7/02, did Dr Sharmane MacRae make any contact with AQIS or its agents, to discuss the fate of eucalypt material, seedlings, propagules or germ plasm, which had been imported into Australia by one of the state forestry services? (b) Was she seeking its release and if so to whom? (c) On whose behalf was she acting? (d) Did Dr MacRae play any role in the importation of eucalypt genetic material by a state forestry service? (e) If so, who was the exporter of this material? (written)
E598_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures - Food Science Australia: (a) What has gone wrong at Food Science Aust (FSA)? (b) Why the turnaround of nearly \$3.5m in its operating result? (written)

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E599_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Food Science Australia: Who is the joint venture partner with CSIRO? (written)
E600_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Food Science Australia: What has led to a \$3.2m loss for FSA as reported in the Annual Report? (written) [see answer E598_04.]
E601_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Food Science Australia: What is the anticipated result for FSA for the current financial year? (written)
E602_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Food Science Australia: What is the total amount that CSIRO has invested in FSA; and what has been its total return? (written)
E603_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Food Science Australia: Is FSA considered a long term investment by CSIRO? (written)
E604_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Food Science Australia: When will its accounts be audited? Provide accounts and annual report for the past 2 years? (written)
E605_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Biomolecular Research Institute (BRI): What products are under development by BMI? (written)
E606_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Biomolecular Research Institute (BRI): What is the relationship between BMI and CSIRO? Does CSIRO have an equity interest? (written)
E607_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Biomolecular Research Institute (BRI): What is the size of BMI? Where is it located: how many staff are employed? Are any CSIRO staff attached to BMI-now? In the past? (written)
E608_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Biomolecular Research Institute (BRI): What has been the basis of CSIRO's \$35m investment in BMI? When did that commence? What is the explanation for no investment during 2002-03? (written)
E609_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Biomolecular Research Institute (BRI) and SIRF: Decode the statement made at Note 26 about CSIRO and Strategic Industry Research Foundation (SIRF)? What are the certain circumstances? Has BMI ever made any repayments to CSIRO or SIRF? Is it likely to? Does SIRF hold the remaining 38% entitlement to repayments? (written)
E610_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Biomolecular Research Institute (BRI): (a) Is there any private equity in BMI? (b) If so, is it subject to the same caveats as public investment? (written)
E611_04	CSIRO		Carr	Joint ventures – Biomolecular Research Institute (BRI): Is there any timeline on anticipated returns from this investment? (written) [see answers E606_04 – E610_04]
E612_04	CSIRO		Carr	Supervision of students: (a) Why has the number of students supervised by CSIRO fallen so dramatically sine 1998? [Annual Report p. 41] Is it a worry to the organisation? (b) Is this because staff are now so preoccupied with having to prepare funding and consulting submissions that supervision has to take second place? (written)
E613_04	CSIRO		Carr	Supervision of students: (a) Could you direct me to the section of your new strategic plan that addresses research training? (b) How does your measure for 'Supervision of Master/PhD students' stack up when the number has fallen for the past 2 years, and CSIRO now supervises about 26% fewer PhD students than it did 5 years ago? (c) What specific strategies do you have to increase this number? What performance targets have been set in this respect? (written)

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E614_04	CSIRO		Carr	Publications and reports: (a) [Annual Report, figure 4, p. 40] (a) Is it a worry that the number of refereed articles, papers, books and chapters has yet to recover from the actions of the Government in 1997? (b) Is 'client report' a polite term for a consultancy report? (c) Are these refereed? (d) What is the average time spent on such a report? (e) What do your calculations tell you about the average time spent by CSIRO researchers on consultancy work? (written)
E615_04	CSIRO		Carr	Publications and reports: What are your targets for refereed publications over the next 3 years? (written)
E616_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: Which CSIRO officer is in receipt of a salary between \$430,000-\$440,000? (written)
E617_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: What are the 6 (extra) positions with salaries exceeding \$100,000 or are they current positions that have been upgraded? Are they research-related positions, or new management positions? (written)
E618_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: Where have these 3 highly paid positions come from? Are they new or existing positions but now better paid? Who occupies the position which earns \$350,000-\$360,000? How is that increase explained and justified? Is it a bonus or part of the positions basic salary? Who makes the decision relating to such increases? [see answer E619_04 also] (written)
E619_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: What was the average annual salary increase for CSIRO staff generally? (written)
E620_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: What about the 2 positions now in the \$320,000-\$330,000 band? Where have they come from? Are they continuing positions or is either of them a new position? (written) [see answers E617_04 and E618_04]
E621_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: What is the basis for a 20% annual increase in highly paid mgt positions while internal budget stress has led to the reallocation of funding away from research programs? (written) [see answer to E617-04]
E622_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: Do any of the officers identified in Note 33 (p. 143) receive any particular benefits eg services of a personal trainer as part of their employment package? If so, how many and who? (written)
E623_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: Is it equitable that remuneration of senior officers be quarantined and increased? Why is no equivalent financial rigour imposed on these positions? (written) [see also answers E617_04 and E618-04]
E624_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: Have the numbers in Business Development and Commercialisation continued to increase? Was 10% of that budget claimed for redistribution? If not, why not? (written) [see also E589_04]
E625_04	CSIRO		Carr	Executive salaries and Board remuneration: Of the Board members mentioned by 2002-03, how many receive nothing? Who? How many received less than \$10,000? What is the standard remuneration for a board member? (written)
E626_04	CSIRO		Carr	Review of research funding: (a) In constructing the 'Target financial scenario' on page 101 of the new strategic plan, you have assumed a continuation of current Appropriation arrangements. (b) What contingency plans do you have if the current review into public research agency funding recommends a different model? (c) What analysis has been conducted addressing the impact of a 10%, 20% or 50% reduction in baseline appropriation, with an equivalent demand

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				to compete for the balance of the funding? (d) What would be the impact on CSIRO's forward planning if it lost between 10-20% of its block appropriation to competitive funding? (written)
E627_04	CSIRO		Carr	Review of research funding: (a) Did CSIRO put in a submission to this review? (b) Provide a copy. (c) From your Strategic Plan, you favour retaining the current block appropriation. What arguments did you advance to support retaining the current block appropriation? (d) Have you had any discussions with either Minister or the Department on these issues? (written)
E628_04	CSIRO		Carr	Sport and culture: What invitations to sporting matches or cultural events offered by suppliers of travel or other services to CSIRO have been accepted by members of the CSIRO executive team since January 2001? How many? Where and when? Who attended? What has been the cost of travel to attend such events? Were these occasions considered official duty? (written)
E629_04	CSIRO		Carr	Sport and culture: How is attendance at such events determined or approved? Who is responsible for approval? What guidelines, PSB or CSIRO, apply to such decisions? (written)
E630_04	CSIRO		Carr	Sport and culture: Has Mr Ian Dean ever accompanied a member of the executives to any of these sporting or cultural events? [see E628-04] Did CSIRO fund his travel? If so, who would approve Mr Dean's attendance and travel expenses? If so, what was the relation between attendance at such an event and his consultancy work? (written)
E631_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: Did the cost of producing the Strategic Plan go over budget? What was the original budget on 20 March 2003 when the report was 'frozen' for board consideration? (written) see also E635_04]
E632_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: How many versions were produced and how many copies of each version? (written)
E633_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: Which member of the exec was managing the process? (written) [see also E632_04 and E635_04]
E634_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: The document was originally due to be completed on 20 June 2003. What went wrong? (written) [see also E632_04]
E635_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: Provide a table showing the Strategic Plan, Operational Plan, the Strategy in Action document, the Year in Review extract from the Annual Report, the CD format for the Strategic Plan and the itinerary for the Strategic Plan road show. Show the original budgets, revised budgets, final costs and degree under or over budget. Also show total costs for the road show. (written)
E636_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: Can you confirm that all these elements did originally have budgets allocated to them? (written) [see answer E635_04]
E637_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: Who is meeting the cost of this whole exercise? (written) [see also E635_04]
E638_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: Can you confirm that each additional version cost at least \$5,000 to produce? (written) [see also E632_04]
E639_04	CSIRO		Carr	Strategic Plan costs: Who is paying the cost of the blow-out in deadlines and the number of versions? (written) [see answer E637_04]

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E640_04	CSIRO		Carr	Trusts: How are the trust funds mentioned on pp. 140-141 of the Annual Report managed? Who directly manages them? (written)
E641_04	CSIRO		Carr	Trusts: Do any of these funds have a preserved capital component, under which only interest can be spent, or is expenditure of the entire sum within each fund at the absolute discretion of the CSIRO? (written)
E642_04	CSIRO		Carr	Trusts: Provide copies of the trust deeds for each of these funds, and their 2 latest annual balance sheets. (written) [large hardcopy attachments]
E643_04	CSIRO		Carr	Trusts: What is the reason for halving in the value of the Myer Research Fund? What calls were made on it so that expend outstripped income by \$270,000? (written)
E644_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: How much has been spent in the last 3 years? (p. 53)
E645_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Provide list of the people who are responsible for approval of consultancies. Provide the guidelines and the processes that you are currently operating. (p. 53) [see also E571_04]
E646_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Can you provide the list of consultancies on the same basis as DEST provides them to the Committee. How many were issued on open tender and how many were issued on selected tender? (p. 54)
E647_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Who determined who was to go (to sporting and cultural events), who approved the relevant travel, whether there are any guidelines for such matters and whether such decisions were within the normal PSB guidelines? (p. 54) [see answer E629-04]
E648_04	CSIRO		Carr	Consultancies: Provide a list of the contracts and the person who made the decision, and whether or not there was an open tender process in each and every case. (Groman Consulting) (p. 59) [see answer E578_04]
E649_04	CSIRO		Carr	AMC: Are you aware of any legal restrictions upon CSIRO entering into any joint ventures with partners other than AMC in respect of the use of this technology? (p. 60) [see answer E563_04]
E650_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Stott Despoja	Can you explain why the 2001 figures do not reconcile with those reported in DEST's 2001-02 Annual Report, particularly in relation to tertiary study? (written)
E651_04	CSIRO		Carr	Contingencies: Why has there been a 400% increase in contingencies against employment, contractual and motor vehicle disputes? (pp. 60-61)
E652_04	CSIRO		Carr	Reports undertaken by MARS and AC Nielsen: Can you confirm that work has been undertaken by MARS? What about AC Nielsen? Provide copies of any research reports undertaken in the last 4 years by these companies. (pp. 65-66) [large hardcopy attachments]
E653_04	CSIRO		Carr	Insight Poll Report: Provide a copy of the staff survey result. (p. 66)
E654_04	CSG	All	Carr	Spring Consulting services: What is the Consultant's (Dr Spring) personal remuneration from the contract? What is the money from the contract spent on? (pp. 12-13)
E655_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	Could DEST provide the operating grant for 2002 and the CGS for 2005 excl HECS but including the 2.5% National Governance/ Workplace Reform Funding (pp. 80-81)
E656_04	I&T	1/1.2	Crossin	Indigenous education and training reviews: Can you provide me with a rundown of what exactly you have been reviewing and time line for the completion of that? [Provide copies of 3 reviews mentioned on p. 25 of the annual report.] (pp. 95-6)

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E657_04	HEG	3/3.1	Carr	Staff letter: For the completeness of the record would you also table the staff letter to you (treatment of Dr Karmel) (p. 126)
E658_04	AEI	3/3.3	Stott Despoja	Budget Measures: increase in the Educational Services for Overseas Students Act Fee: 1) Can the Government provide figures for revenue from registration charges of CRICOS providers for the last financial year and, estimates of revenue it will raise from CRICOS providers under the new registration charges arrangements for each of the next 4 years? Outline how estimates calculated. 2) How much has the Government spent on enforcement activities in the last 2 years? 3) What new enforcement activities will the Government engage in as a result of its \$5.1m Budget initiatives? 4) To what extent is the Government aiming to achieve cost recovery from education providers for its increased enforcement activity? (written)
E659_04	AEI	3/3.3	Stott Despoja	Costs of marketing Australian education overseas: (a) How much did the launch of the 'Study in Australia' programme cost? (b) How much did the Government spend on marketing of Australia education overseas in 2002? (written)
E660_04	AEI	3/3.3	Stott Despoja	International Education Student Visa Application Charge: Has the Department investigated the likely impact of the recent International Education Student Visa Application Charge increase on the number of international student enrolments? (written)
E661_04	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	Urgent Compulsory Acquisition of Site 40a: On what grounds did the Government decide to urgently compulsorily acquire site 40a? (written)
E662_04	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	Urgent Compulsory Acquisition of Site 40a: Did the Government seek submissions from the State Government or other interest group, such as the native title claimants, before moving to compulsorily acquire the land? (written)
E663_04	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	Community Consultation on the National Repository Project: Inform the Committee who was involved in the extensive consultation, and how the community was advised of this process. (written)
E664_04	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta: Did the Minister or his department meet with members of the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta (the Senior Aboriginal Women's Council in Coober Pedy)? (written)
E665_04	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta: Were the Kupa Pita Kungka Tjuta's concerns about the repository taken into consideration? (written)
E666_04	SCG	3/3.2	Stott Despoja	Michels Warren: Can you confirm that the Government is paying public relations company Michels Warren up to \$300,000 to manage the Government's PR relating to the nuclear waste dump? (written)
E667_04	HEG	3/3.1	Stott Despoja	Rebuilding Mount Stromlo Observatory: (a) What is the estimated cost of rebuilding the Mt Stromlo Observatory? (b) What is the shortfall facing the ANU for the rebuilding? (c) Will DEST be providing any other grants for rebuilding? (written)
E668_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Cost of Backing Australia's Future: How much was spent on the production and distribution of the brochures advertising BA's Future, which were sent to universities prior to the tabling of the higher ed legislation? (written)
E669_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS) Modelling : Can you details the modelling that was used to produce the table of established university grants recently submitted to this Commonwealth? (written)

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E670_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Cost of HEWRR Implementation: (a) What does DEST estimate it will cost universities to implement the HEWRR? (b) What does DEST estimate it will cost universities to implement the Workplace Productivity Programme? (c) How will the Workplace Productivity Programme differ from the HEWRR? (written)
E671_04/ E687_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Excellence in learning and teaching: How does DEST intend to distribute funds to the universities which rate the highest in teaching and learning excellence? (written)
E672_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships: On enrolment figures, what percentage of commencing Indigenous students and commencing students from low-income families would have received a CECS? (written)
E673_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship: On 2003 enrolment figures, what percentage of commencing rural students would have received a CAS? (written)
E674_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Regional Loading: (a) Did DEST's modelling of uni budgets, used to produce the table of established university grants recently submitted to this Commonwealth, including regional loading amounts? (b) What was the total for each campus? (c) What was the cost for each multi-campus university modelled? (d) On what data was the revised regional loading scheme developed? Provide the data and internal/external student load data for all campuses that will receive regional loading? (e) Does DEST project an increase in demand for regional loading funding in future years? Give details. (written)
E675_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	National Priorities effect on enrolments: What do you estimate to be the effect on enrolments in each discipline from the National Priorities policy of 'quarantining' HECS fees? On what data is this estimates based? (written)
E676_04 H&A E03_193	Health and Ageing		Stott Despoja	Health and Ageing Portfolio: Outcome 9 Health Investment: Has the Department considered any changes to this scheme in light of public opposition by medical students to this policy? (written)
E677_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS) Modelling: (a) Can you provide the modelling that was used in the development of the CGS? (b) Which component of this data suggested that an increase in HECS would benefit students? (written)
E678_04	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	FEE-HELP debt: The FEE-HELP scheme prescribes a repayment method where students' interest-free HECS-HELP debt must be paid off before the interest-bearing FEE_HELP debt. Given it is estimated this will add about \$4,500 to a student's average debt, have you done any modelling on this? Provide details. (written)
E679_04	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	Impact of Student Debt: Has DEST researched the impact of high student debt on students? Provide details. (written)
E680_04	HEG	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	Impact of HECS Increase on regional university enrolments: Has DEST modelled the impact of a 30% increase in HECS on regional uni enrolments and the total enrolments of rural and regional students? Provide details. (written)
E681_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Book subsidy scheme: (a) Are you aware of any plans or discussions taking place to either continue the scheme, or re-introduce something similar? (b) Is the Government aware that the net effect of the discontinuation of the scheme is that students will have to pay GST on top of the cost of this education expense? (c) Is the Government aware student will pay more for textbooks if the scheme is discontinued? (written)

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E682_04	HEG	2/2.4	Carr	National Report: Tell the date on which these documents were reclassified from being 'forthcoming for publication' to being 'advice to the minister'? (Dr Karmel's research) (pp. 15-16)
E683_04	SG	1/1.3	Stott Despoja	Educational Book Subsidy Scheme (ETSS) and Grants to Primary School Libraries (PSL): How has the BIAP (Book Industry Assistance Plan) objective been monitored, especially with regard to the grants to Primary School libraries and the educational text book subsidy? (written)
E684_04		DITR	Stott Despoja	Printers were only able to access \$48m of the \$240M BIAP - through the EPICS. Three months of this supposedly four-year scheme were lost last year when the Government prematurely closed it down. ITR are now imposing an (artificial) deadline of 30 March 2004 for the completion of projects, thus curtailing the life of the scheme by another three months. Given that time was lost due to the temporary closure of the scheme, will the Government extend the scheme until at least 30 September to compensate for it being prematurely shut down for three months last year? (written)
E685_04		DITR	Stott Despoja	Has the Government attempted to maximise the value of the BIAP by encouraging linkages to relevant Action Agendas (such as the pRINT21 Action Agenda) to ensure strategic industry outcomes are achieved? (written)
E686_04		DITR	Stott Despoja	The Printing Industry Competitiveness Scheme (PICS) was linked to the BIAP although it was introduced for different reasons. The rationale for the scheme still exists (ie the industry still has to pay tariffs on imported papers used in book production) but the scheme was terminated on 30 June this year. How does the Government plan to ensure there is no disadvantage to local printers now the scheme has finished?
E687_04/ E671_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Excellence in learning and teaching: How does DEST intend to measure excellence in teaching and learning for the teaching quality incentives? (written)
E688_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Stott Despoja	I also note that data on ABSTUDY recipients does not appear to have been included in the 2001 National Report to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training (tabled in 2002). Can we expect this data to be published in future such reports? Can you provide more current figures ie 2003 figures on ABSTUDY recipients? (written)
E689_04	I&T	1/1.2 2/2.5	Stott Despoja	Request for ABSTUDY data: Explain why the Parliamentary Library, was told the Ministerial clearance was required before the department could supply such public information? (written)
E690_04	I&T	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	Student Financial Supplement Scheme (SFSS): 1. One of Government's stated reasons for closing the SFSS is that commercial loans packages are now readily available to students. Has the Government done any research on this, what were the findings? 2. Were students consulted? 3. Is the Government planning on increasing student income support payments if the scheme closes? 4. Would the Government consider supporting an amendment to this Bill? (written)
E691_04	I&T	2/2.5	Stott Despoja	1. Centrelink has told a number of students they will not be able to receive the scheme next year, despite the fact that this Bill has not yet been debated in the Senate. Can you clarify why Centrelink gave out this information in the circumstances? 2. There has been speculation in the media that the Government will close the scheme at the end of the year, even if the Senate opposes this Bill. Can you confirm whether or not this is the case? 3. Is the Government considering shutting down the scheme

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				administratively if the Senate opposes the Bill?
				4. Will the Government introduce the Bill to the Senate this year? (written)
E692_04	HEG	2/2.4	Stott Despoja	Transitional funding: Is the transitional financial assistance figure of \$21 536 000 adequate to ensure no university will receive less Government funding under this legislation (written)