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E446_06	I&T	109	Crossin	<i>Whole of School Intervention (WoSI) strategy projects in the Northern Territory:</i> Are you keeping track of schools that have got funding this year that is more than last year and schools which have funding this year which is less than last year? Greer: I have not done that for the totality, but I have in fact been able to do that for the Northern Territory.
E447_06	VET	80	Wong	In relation to E475_05 – <i>ACCI Project Report – Addressing Workplace Barriers Training:</i> a) I noticed, or someone who is looking at all of these things noticed, that in the answer to question E475_05 that Senator Carr asked in last year's estimates in which the department was requested to itemise all contracts, consultancies, grants et cetera, we could not find this particular report on there. Perhaps you could indicate why. b) So what was the value of that contract? You would not have had any knowledge of the contract amount if ANTA had funded it? c) For which financial year was that, or was that the total funding? d) Or for the value of the contact. Which might be another way in which it is being described? Could you take that on notice?
E448_06	VET	80	Wong	In relation to E475_05. <i>ACCI Project Report – Addressing Workplace Barriers Training:</i> a) I also notice in the report that there is an indication at the outset that DEST have agreed to extend funding for this project for an additional 12 months. That is in the recommendation 1. Can you tell me what additional funding has been agreed to? b) Do you know if that is additional to the \$330,000?
E449_06	VET	80	Wong	<i>Australian National Training Authority contacts:</i> In relation to E475_05. You have indicated why this contract was not included in that particular answer - that is because it was with ANTA. Are you able to provide on notice any contacts that were not included in that answer for this reason or any other reason? Are the only contacts which are not included in the answer to which I referred you contracts that ANTA engaged in? Are you able to provide me on notice with ANTA contracts for the same period?
E450_06	VET	81	Wong	<i>ACCI Project report – Addressing Workplace Barriers to Training:</i> In relation to the ACCI report. Recommendation 12 from the ACCI report removes any obligation to provide any employment after the completion of the New Apprenticeship. Is that a recommendation under active consideration by the government?
E451_06	VET	83	Wong	<i>Rod McDonald consultancy:</i> What is the value of that consultancy? So it did not go to tender or anything? Do you know how Rod McDonald came to be selected?
E452_06	VET	85	Wong	<i>Register Training Organisations:</i> Can you provide on notice a list of all registered training organisations which are either subsidiaries of or related to ACCI, AiG, NFF and BCA or their state subsidiaries?
E453_06	VET	91/92	Wong	<i>New Apprenticeships incentives payment:</i> With respect to the recovery of New Apprenticeships employer incentives payment, one of the bases on which such recovery could be sought is in circumstances where employers were attempting to manipulate the system in order to maximise the payment of incentives. Can you give me some indication of what sort of numbers and amounts fall into that category?
E454_06	VET	Written	Nettle	<i>Australian Workplace Agreements:</i> How many Australian Workplace Agreements does the Federal Government anticipate will be taken up at TAFE colleges in the next 12 months?

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E455_06	VET	Written	Nettle	<i>Commonwealth funding to the States and Territories for TAFE colleges:</i> For each year from 2005 through to 2010, or for the years for which forward estimates are available, what will be the total Commonwealth funding to the States and Territories in respect of TAFE colleges?
E456_06	VET	Written	Nettle	<i>Unmet student demand for a VET place:</i> What are the Minister's estimates for unmet demand for student enrolments in TAFE colleges throughout Australia for each year from 1996 to 2004? What are the Minister's forecasts for unmet demand for student enrolments in TAFE colleges throughout Australia for each year from 2005 to 2010, or for years for which forecasts are available?
E457_06	VET	Written	Nettle	<i>Student contributions to course costs at TAFE colleges:</i> What are the Ministers estimates for student contributions to course costs at TAFE colleges for each of the years 2006- 2010.
E458_06	VET	Written	Nettle	<i>Australian Government Funding to Private VTE Providers:</i> For each of the years 1996 to 2004, how much public money was granted to private providers of vocational education and training either directly from the Commonwealth or indirectly as a result of the Commonwealth's policies and funding arrangements with the states and territories?
E459_06	SCG	50/Written	Crossin/ Wong	<i>Location of Commonwealth Radioactive Waste:</i> I would like an exact list of the exact location of each of the places where the Commonwealth low or intermediate level waste is stored in this country, the type of waste and exactly how much of that waste is in each of those locations.
E460_06 & E513_06	SCG	50	Crossin	<i>National Store Advisory Committee (NSAC):</i> Is the National Store Advisory Committee still in existence? When was it set up and how long did it operate for?
E461_06	SCG	52	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – siting criteria:</i> The process of identification of sites that we have entered into so far has looked at a broad range of criteria, including things like access to transport and available infrastructure - a range of more general issues around site location. Can you specify what they are please? Do you have a specified list or some sort of criteria you can table for us or take on notice?
E462_06	SCG	53	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> My understanding is that there are a couple who have a homestead on or near that site. Are you aware of that? Have you made any contact with them? In what form? When did you make that visit?
E463_06	SCG	57	Crossin	<i>Dates of advice provided to the Minister re Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> You might want to take on notice the date you provided that advice to the minister about sites for the dump, please. Can you provide me with advices as to whether you believe this bill specifically allows this government to site construct and operate a dump? I am talking about the bill that has just gone through the House this morning.
E464_06	SCG	58 and written	Crossin/ Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – Budget and expenditure:</i> :In that answer to Senator Carr, E120_06, there is money listed under 'Public Information and Communications'. I would like a breakdown of that money and what it is intended to be spent on. Can you take that on notice for me? How much of the nearly \$14 million allocated over the forward estimates in this year's budget have DEST, other departments and agencies spent to date?

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E465_06	SCG	59	Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> I want to know whether or not DEST believes - we can do that it way - that you had sufficient power as a result of section 109 of the Constitution and the ARPANS Act to transport waste across Australia and to override objections by the states and territories.
E466_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> The proposal for the nuclear waste management facility at Woomera was for low level waste – what was the criteria or specification required at that time?
E467_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management – siting criteria:</i> The current proposal is for the facility to co-locate both low and medium level waste – is the criteria for the storage of this low level waste the same or has it changed? If so how? Is the criteria for the storage of low level and intermediate waste different or is it the same now that they will be co-located?
E468_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Radioactive Waste Management:</i> Was there a mechanism by which the Woomera facility could be upgraded to take intermediate waste? If sop what was that? Written
E469_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> Is there any restriction to the type of radioactive waste to be stored at the facility in the NT? Could that facility be used to store high level waste in the future? If so what would need to happen for this to occur?
E470_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Unreprocessed and Reprocessed Spent Fuels:</i> What is gained by the reprocessing rather than storing them unprocessed at Lucas Heights?
E471_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – siting criteria:</i> In information sheets provided by DEST at the public information sessions in the NT said low elevation was a problem with island sites. Why is low elevation a problem and would this also rule out coastal land in cyclone prone areas?
E472_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility</i> Do you plan to canvass traditional owners in the NT for possible sites on Aboriginal land?
E473_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – waste volumes:</i> What proportion of the dump in terms of volume and in terms of radioactivity could be said arise from the production of items for medical uses?
E474_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Permits issued to import radioactive substances:</i> How often are permits issued to import radioactive substances?
E475_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Radioactive Waste Management – waste transport:</i> Is ARPANSA responsible for the safety guidelines for waste being transported? If so what conditions need to be satisfied before any transportation can happen? Who would transport it and what conditions would they need to meet?
E476_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – waste transport:</i> Who would audit the emergency response plans of local emergency services in the areas waste would go through? If local plans were found to be inadequate who would be responsible for upgrading them and bearing the cost?
E477_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – waste transport:</i> How would routes for the transportation of the waste be chosen?

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E478_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – waste transport:</i> Would dirt roads such as the Plenty or Sandover Highways in the NT be viable to get to the Harts Range site? Would road quality to a site therefore be a factor in choosing a site?
E479_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – waste transport:</i> Is air transport is considered an option?
E480_06	SCG	Written	Crossin/ Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility –siting criteria:</i> What Australian based Siting Criteria are being applied to this proposed facility for long lived nuclear wastes including reprocessed spent nuclear fuel waste? Who set these Criteria, and when were they formalised?
E481_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility –siting criteria:</i> What is the legislative and regulatory basis of these criteria? Provide a copy of the Siting Criteria. (the "Request for Tender" for a Consultancy to study the 3x nominated potential sites only provides generic IAEA siting advice and Australian Siting Criteria for a low level waste facility).
E482_06 & E645_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility –request for tender:</i> Why does the "Request for Tender" not include nor acknowledge the Siting Criteria set down by the Fed Government's National Store Advisory Committee for long lived wastes including the reprocessed nuclear wastes? What status do these previously accepted criteria have now? 20. If no longer accepted by the commonwealth, why has this downgrade?
E483_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility –siting criteria:</i> If the Commonwealth has not formally set Siting Criteria for the proposed Store for long lived nuclear waste, why has this not been done at this late stage?
E484_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Radioactive Waste Management Radioactive Waste Store siting criteria:</i> Under the current Bill to legislate to impose a nuclear dump, what siting criteria does the Minister propose to base their siting decision for long lived wastes on? In the absence of publicly available formal regulatory based Siting Criteria, what informed appraisal or confidence can the public have in decision making under this Bill to impose a nuclear dump?
E485_06 & E646_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility –request for tender:</i> Why does the "Request for Tender" fail to include or refer to any cultural or indigenous siting criteria or matters for consideration (other than the National Estate), while proposing to collect socio-economic information on the 3 proposed sites?
E486_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> Why has the Federal Government chosen to seek to remove any rights to procedural fairness concerning decisions/declarations under this Radioactive Waste Management Bill?
E487_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> Why has the Federal Government chosen to override the established rights and accepted legislative due process in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) concerning decisions/declarations for nuclear dump siting under this Radioactive Waste Management Bill?
E488_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> Why is the Federal Government seeking to compromise the EPBC Act by arbitrary decree that the EPBC Act's regulatory processes will only apply after a decision under this Bill on selection of a nuclear dump site?

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E489_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> Does the Federal Government still accept the requirement under the EPBC Act nuclear trigger for a full Environmental Impact Statement for a nuclear waste storage facility? What remaining validity could the EPBC Act, the application of the Objects of the Act, and the required EIS assessment have, when the EPBC Act and processes have been excluded from the site selection decision?
E490_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> How could the Federal Environment Minister then claim to conduct any credible environmental assessment of the construction and operations of a nuclear waste dump, based on an arbitrarily imposed site?
E491_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> Clearly the site selection process under this Bill, and any remaining role for the EPBC Act, does not accommodate the Federal Government experience in previous site selection for the "National Repository" which considered dozens of sites and excluded many sites due to cultural heritage and safety reasons. To what significant degree is the remaining EPBC Act environmental assessment and EIS compromised by being constrained to a particular site?
E492_06	SCG	Written	Crossin	<i>Timeline for the CRWMF:</i> What is the projected timeline and order of events for the siting, construction and operations assessment and decision making process(s) for the proposed co-located Store and low level radioactive waste dump?
E493_06	CSG	Written	Conroy	<i>Performance of Information Technology outsourcing arrangements:</i> 1. Please provide details of total departmental/organisational spending on Information and Communications Technology products and services during the last 12 months. 2. Please break down this spending by ICT function (e.g. communications, security, private network, websites). 3. Was this spending in line with budget forecasts for this 12 month period? If not, please provide details of: i. The extent that ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period; ii. Details of on specific ICT contracts which resulted in department/organisation spending in excess of budget forecasts for this 12 month period; iii. The reasons ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period.
E494_06	CSG	Written	Conroy	<i>Performance of Information Technology outsourcing arrangements:</i> Please provide details of any ICT projects that have been commissioned by the Department/organisation during the past 12 months that have failed to meet designated project time frames (ie have failed to satisfy agreed milestones by agreed dates). For such projects that were not completed on schedule, please provide details of: i. The extent of any delay; ii. The reasons these projects were not completed on time; iii. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department/organisation as a result of these delays (e.g. penalty payments).
E495_06	CSG	Written	Conroy	<i>Performance of Information Technology outsourcing arrangements:</i> Please provide details of any ICT projects delivered in the past 12 months that have materially failed to satisfy project specifications.
E496_06	CSG	Written	Conroy	<i>Performance of Information Technology outsourcing arrangements:</i> Please provide details of any ICT projects that were abandoned by the Department/organisation within the last 12 months before the delivery of all project specifications outlined at the time the project was commissioned. For such abandoned projects, please provide details of: i. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department as a result of the abandonment of these projects. ii. Any costs of re-

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				tendering the ICT project.
E497_06	CSG	5	Wong	<i>Question on Notice – clearance through Ministerial offices:</i> Of those that were cleared through the minister's office, can you provide the date on which they were first provided to the minister's office, so that is all those for August, September, October and November?
E498_06	CSG	6	Wong	<i>Advisory Groups and Review Committees:</i> In relation to E408_05. If it is to the date of the question, I will ask perhaps a further question on notice to have it updated to date to include the additional year. [refer also E645_03]
E499_06	CSG	7	Wong	<i>Dunn & Dunn Consulting – contracts for annual report:</i> So on what basis were they selected last year? Was last year's selection for a two-year period or was it an annual agreement? What was the cost this year? And last year?
E500_06	CSG	8	Wong	<i>Payments to advertising and market research organisations:</i> On notice what I would like to see is the total spend in the department on advertising, public relations, marketing, direct mail and market research since 1995-96 financial year.
E501_06	CSG	8	Wong	<i>Payments to advertising and market research organisations:</i> Give me the total advertising, public relations, marketing and direct mail spend on the New Apprenticeships and higher education reforms, also over the same period. In relation to E162_06 - Can I have the same set of data for the same period also in relation to Discovering Democracy, Investing In Our Schools, School Literacy Voucher initiatives and ATC's?
E502_06	CSG	9 & 12	Wong	<i>Payments to Worthington Di Marzio:</i> How much money over the same period has been spent in payments to Worthington Di Marzio? Going back to 1995-96, did you use them before as well?
E503_06	CSG	10	Wong	<i>Higher Education Reforms Campaign.</i> How much of the million dollars outstanding will go on the pamphlets? (This question relates to E007_06 with regard to Higher Education Reforms Communication Campaign).
E504_06	CSG	12	Wong	<i>New Apprenticeships Promotional Activity:</i> We will have to find out for you when the expenditure came and how that related to the close of books. I am sure that will be the reason - that we had to close the books at the end of the financial year and update the expenditure, but we will find out why. [refer also E162_06]
E505_06	CSG	15	Wong	<i>Corporate Hospitality:</i> Perhaps you could at least provide the data for 1999 to 2001-02. I would think hospitality is always an issue that is of interest; there must be some data to which you could refer to extrapolate for the committee from 1995-96 to 1999. In E019_06, you responded to Senator Carr regarding his request for a breakdown of corporate hospitality and entertainment for the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and for the then financial year. That is the category that I am interested in.
E506_06	CSG	Written	Evans	<i>Indigenous Australian Staff:</i> Provide the number and percentage of Indigenous staff in the Department at present? How many are specifically working on the COAG trial? What percentage? Provide the number and percentage of Indigenous staff in the Department in

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				2004 and 2003? If the number has decreased, please explain the reason.
E507_06 to E512_06	CSG	Written	Fielding	Cost of airfares: 1. How much money has the portfolio spent on domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years? 2. How much money has the portfolio spent on overseas airfares for each of the last three financial years? 3. How much money has the portfolio spent on economy class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years? 4. How much money has the portfolio spent on business class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years. 5. How much has the portfolio spent on first class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years? 6. What would be the estimated financial year dollar saving if all public servants in the portfolio travelled economy class for flights of less than one and a half hours duration?
E508_06	CSG	Written	Fielding	Cost of airfares: 2. How much money has the portfolio spent on overseas airfares for each of the last three financial years?
E509_06	CSG	Written	Fielding	Cost of airfares: 3. How much money has the portfolio spent on economy class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
E510_06	CSG	Written	Fielding	Cost of airfares: 4. How much money has the portfolio spent on business class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years.
E511_06	CSG	Written	Fielding	Cost of airfares: 5. How much has the portfolio spent on first class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
E512_06	CSG	Written	Fielding	Cost of airfares: 6. What would be the estimated financial year dollar saving if all public servants in the portfolio travelled economy class for flights of less than one and a half hours duration?
E513_06 & E460_06	ANSTO	16	Crossin	<i>National Store Advisory Committee (NSAC)</i> : In relation to the National Store Advisory Committee. When was the last time that the committee met?
E514_06	ANSTO	16-18	Crossin/ Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility</i> : In the estimates in June when Senator Carr asked a question about this, your answer was that the technical advice at the time just went to the criteria of the sites. Can you provide me with more detail about that technical advice now that the three possible sites are known? Could you take on notice that question that Senator Crossin asked you about identifying precisely the technical criteria?
E515_06	ANSTO	22	Crossin/ Forshaw	If I asked you to provide me with details of all shutdowns since 1996, would there be anything in that list other than the regular monthly shutdown?
E516_06	ANSTO	23	Crossin	<i>Isotope imports</i> : Can you give me details, for the last five years, of how often isotopes have been imported, from where, and the quantity?
E517_06	ANSTO	24	Crossin	<i>Isotope imports</i> : Would it be less than \$55 million, Dr Smith? You might want to take on notice: of the total quantity of isotopes that are used in Australia each year, can you tell me what proportion is imported? I would like a breakdown of all sorts, not just medical. By category, I suppose. What would that be - medical, industrial and research? I would like to know what proportion is imported; of the other isotopes that are used in Australia, what proportion is supplied or produced by ANSTO; and whether there are any other sources.

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E518_06	ANSTO	30	Nettle	<i>Personal radiation detectors:</i> And there has never been an instance of a badge reporting a radiation dose that was not correct?
E519_06	ANSTO	31	Nettle	<i>Personal radiation detectors:</i> Have you ever had any instances of the digital badges malfunctioning or not providing the correct reading of radiation exposure in the time that you have been using the digital badges?
E520_06	ANSTO	32	Nettle	<i>OPAL reactor costs:</i> Can you provide the committee with a figure for the additional security costs?
E521_06	ANSTO	33	Nettle	<i>ANSTO community discussions:</i> You say your recollection is that, at the last meeting, the reason that the video was stopped after the ANSTO presentation was because people in the community were concerned?
E522_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Elements and initiatives of the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> Provide a brief description of the elements of the trial the Department is leading? What specific initiatives are being implemented?
E523_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Funding spent on the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial to date:</i> How much has the Department spent on the COAG trial to date?
E524_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> Provide a specific breakdown of these funds, including administered funds, and departmental costs? [see also E523_06]
E525_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> How much is allocated this year? Provide a specific breakdown of these funds according to administered and departmental expenses? [refer also E523_06]
E526_06	I&T	Written	Crossin/ Evans	<i>Baseline indicators for the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> Has the Department identified a baseline data (e.g. school attendance figures, incidence of disease, etc.) for use in measuring the success of the trial? When was this data-set formally agreed on? [refer also E528_06]
E527_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Baseline indicators for the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> If not, why not given the 2003 report identified this as an urgent priority? When will a baseline data be identified? [refer to E526_06]
E528_06	I&T	Written	Evans	Amended: <i>Baseline indicators for the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> If so, can a copy of this baseline data be provided, i.e. what indicators are included? [attachment – 110 pages]
E529_06	I&T	Written	Crossin/ Evans	<i>Baseline indicators for the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> If so, when did the Department start tracking this data?
E530_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Analysis of Murdi Paaki Baseline data:</i> If so, has the Department done any analysis of the information collected in tracking the baseline data? Has this information been reported on? If so can a copy of that analysis and/or reports be provided?
E531_06	I&T	Written	Crossin/ Evans	<i>Murdi Paaki Trial performance indicators:</i> Has the Department identified performance indicators for the trial?
E532_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Murdi Paaki Trial performance indicators:</i> If so, when were they set? What are they? When will they be reported on?
E533_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Murdi Paaki Trial performance indicators:</i> If not, when will they be set? What is the reason for the delay? [refer to E531_06 and E532_06]
E534_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Evaluations of the Murdi Paaki COAG Trial:</i> Has the Department conducted any formal or informal evaluation of the trial? If so, provide a copy of any related documentation.
E535_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Murdi Paaki evaluations:</i> If not, when is it planned to conduct an evaluation? Will this information be publicly available?

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E536_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Murdi Paaki COAG Trial reporting:</i> Has the Department reported to OIPC or the secretaries group on the progress of the trial? List the dates of reporting. Attach any reports.
E537_06	I&T	Written	Evans	<i>Ministerial and Secretaries visits to Murdi Paaki:</i> Please list the dates of any visits made to the trial site by a. Minister b. Secretary of the Department. Please also specific the reason for the visit.
E538_06/ E539_06	I&T	108/109	Crossin	<i>PSPI Funding:</i> You have brought with you the number of applications and projects applied for and funded by state and territory?
E539_06/ E538_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>PSPI Funding:</i> At last estimates you provided figures on the numbers of applications made for PSPI funding and the number funded. Could you now provide us with an update on how many applications have been received, how many of these were for multiple projects, how many projects were there, how many of these have been funded and what is the total funding distributed to date. If possible can you break that down by State and Territory and give us comparative figures on how much funding was distributed under the previous ASSPA scheme in 2003 and 2004?
E540_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Homework Centres:</i> How many homework centres have now been funded by state and territory and how does this compare to the past two years?
E541_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Homework Centre approvals:</i> How many homework centres were funded by the end of first school semester in late June and how many have been funded since then? Why were there delays which effectively disadvantage the many students needing the use of such centres?
E542_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Parent School Partnerships Initiative:</i> Can you tell us how many applications for nutrition programs have been received and how many of them approved?
E543_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>ASSPA and PSPI funding at Tennant Creek High School, Laynhapuy Homeland Schools, Moulden Park Primary School:</i> I have had calls and emails from plenty of schools in the Northern Territory and NOT ONE of them has had anywhere near as much funding this year as they had last under ASSPA – for example Tennant Creek High School down by around \$34,000, Laynhapuy Homeland Schools had \$38000 last year but none to early October in 2005, Moulden Park Primary down by thousands and had let several past tutors and Aboriginal workers go. Can you explain this in relation to what I recall was said at last estimates that funds distributed to April/May in 2005 were comparing favourably to 2004. Could you in fact tell us how much ASSPA funding was disbursed in 2004 to each of those three schools as against how much has been disbursed under PSPI to end September 2005?
E544_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Whole of School Intervention Strategy – funding:</i> Do you know of any schools which HAVE GOT as much or more funds than last year? If so which ones and where?

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E545_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>AEU Survey on changes to Indigenous Education Funding:</i> The Australian Education Union published a "Report on a Survey of Schools on the Changes in Commonwealth Indigenous Education Funding" (August 2005). In that report they had responses from 561 schools involved with Indigenous Education, with an enrolment of 17451 Indigenous students. They found that 77% of respondents had ASSPA funding in 2004 totalling \$2,529,325. Up to the time of this survey in July/August 2005, only 9% of those schools in 2005 had received just \$600,431 – a reduction of \$1,928,894 over 2004. What is the Department's response to this report?
E546_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>AEU Survey on Indigenous Education Programmes:</i> Of the 561 schools responding in the AEU survey, 227 reported a drastic reduction in Indigenous parent involvement in school decision making processes. Do DEST do any such surveys or have any data which shows the effect of these funding changing on Indigenous parental involvement? If not do you intend to do so? If so when, and if not why not?
E547_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Whole of School Intervention Strategy:</i> Is there a proposal to evaluate this new funding provision? If so what is this? If not why is this program not going to be evaluated?
E548_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Cultural programmes:</i> Many schools reported that cultural programs which had previously been successfully run and encouraged Indigenous students into more mainstream activities have been diminished (AEU Report page 3). The number of camps, excursions and sporting activities has been diminished. Could you explain the guidelines and why such programs which had previously encouraged Indigenous student's attendance and involvement have been diminished?
E549_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme:</i> Respondents to the AEU survey also indicated that due to changes and/or delays caused by changes, they had been forced to let go 447 people formerly employed on ITAS as tutors. Can you provide the numbers of tutors who were employed for the last three years including this year?
E550_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS):</i> The survey found that there was reduction in ITAS programs which left 2745 students unable to get tuition as they had received in the past. How many indigenous students were there in Year 3, 5, and 7 during 2004 nationally? How many students would have been eligible for ITAS funding in 2004 that have now been unable to access this support?
E551_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>AEU Survey:</i> The AEU survey showed that only 11% of the 561 respondents had anything positive to say about your new system, while 67% commented that the changes were negative. What do DEST intend doing to improve the system for 2006? How will they make application easier? How will they gain the trust and confidence and involvement of Indigenous parents again?
E552_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Unspent funds:</i> What will happen to all the unspent funds at end of 2005?
E553_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Whole of School Intervention Strategy:</i> Have DEST actually made any further refinements or changes to these programs for next year to make them less bureaucratic and more user and Indigenous friendly?
E554_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) Remote Indigenous Students (RIS) programme:</i> Minbud 38/05 deals with the \$8.7 million for Tutorial Support for Remote Indigenous students – a program due to commence in 2006 – is this correct? It is to provide

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				tuition to Indigenous students leaving their community to attend school. If it is to start in 2006, where is it now at in terms of planning, provision of information or guidelines to people or schools? Will it in fact commence at the start of next school year?
E555_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme (IYMP)</i> : Minbud 39/05 relate to the \$23 million Indigenous Youth Mobility program, which it is stated was to begin in the second semester of this year. It is to provide 600 Indigenous young people the chance to relocate to major centres to improve training opportunities. So has this program commenced as scheduled? In what areas? How many participants are being funded? In what way are they funded? What does it entail to each participant? Are they all mentored and if so by whom?
E556_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme (IYMP)</i> : Minbud 40/05 deals with the \$12.9 million Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. This program is to provide up to 250 scholarships to begin at the start of 2006 academic year. An Indigenous Elders Advisory Group was to be set up to select the students and support the program and design a mentoring strategy. Is there an Elders Advisory Group, who is on it, have they met, are students selected by them for this funding?
E557_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Halls Creek Attendance Action Group</i> : Finally, in an article "Parents of black truants to lose cash " (Australian, Thursday 13th Oct., page 5) we read that the Minister is impressed by and seeking cabinet endorsement for indigenous parents to lose welfare payments if they fail to send their kids to school. Has DEST had any involvement in the stated trial of this idea at Halls Creek?
E558_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Halls Creek Attendance Action Group</i> : Are DEST involved in making any recommendations about this?
E559_06	I&T	Written	Crossin	<i>Halls Creek District High School Attendance Strategy</i> : Would the same happen to non Indigenous parents who failed to send their kids to school?
E560_06	CSG	Written	Wong	<i>Increase in DEST staffing – Outcome 2</i> : DEST staffing levels in Outcome 2 have risen from 606 FTE in 2004-05 to 720 FTE projected for 2005-06 (DEST annual report 2004-05, p.67). What is the reason for this increase? To which groups/branches are these extra staff allocated? What will the cost of the salaries and associated expenses for these extra staff/positions?
E561_06	CSG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Government Expenditure on universities and schools</i> : Please update E066_06. [Please provide Budget figures from 1995-96 to the end of the current forward estimates detailing Commonwealth spending on: Universities (excluding money advanced to universities on behalf of students under various loan schemes) Government schools, Catholic systemic schools, Independent non-government schools. Please provide the same figures as a proportion of; GDP, total government expenditure and total government revenue] – [see also E087_06]
E562_06	SG	14	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges and Investing in Our Schools program – number of staff and associated administrative costs</i> : Can I move on to staff numbers and costs? In the last estimates round Senator Carr was asking about the departmental expenses associated with running, I think, the literacy voucher initiative... Perhaps, you could provide the information on notice. What I am interested in is in the number of staff and the associated administrative costs.

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E563_06	SG	62 and written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – dates of state-based Assessment Advisory Panels, determinations about each tranche of recommendations and provision of advice to Minister's office:</i> a. I would like the dates on which those meeting occurred and on which the determinations were made in relation to a particular tranche, and the dates on which that advice was then transmitted to the minister's office. When the minister made a decision, how was the department advised of that? b. When did a brief of the tranche of schools approved by each SAAP meeting reach the Minister? c. When did the Minister return the signed brief to DEST? When did DEST prepare letters for each MP and Senator? d. When did DEST write to schools to inform them of the outcome? e. When did DEST post the details on its website? f. Please provide all relevant dates.
E564_06	SG	64	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – correspondence with Senator Sandy Macdonald in relation to funding allocation decisions in the New England electorate:</i> a. Do you recall if the department has prepared correspondence from the minister to Senator Sandy Macdonald in relation to funding allocations within the New England electorate? b. Could you... provide me with the dates on which that was done? c. Has DEST had any contact directly with Senator Macdonald in relation to this program, IOSP, and funding decisions in relation to that in the New England electorate? What I am interested in is information being provided to Senator Macdonald about the funding allocation decisions by DEST - not lobbying necessarily about very many different issues.
E565_06	SG	65	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – correspondence recipients and dates:</i> On notice, I would like to know correspondence in relation to the funding decisions under this program, to which MPs the minister sent it, and the dates? [attachments] [refer also E657_06]
E566_06	SG	67	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – provision of information to Labor members on the New South Wales parliament?:</i> When were Labor members of NSW Parliament given similar information to that which the member for Paterson obviously had on 20 October?
E567_06	SG	68	Wong	<i>Funding for Schools: Dacey:</i> The minister has signed off on some. We have BGA schedules for the \$60 million, which was the 2005 allocation. But we are still going through the processes internally that we need to do. The minister has approved nearly \$24 million of the non-government. Senator Wong: Do you have details of that available? Of the \$24 million that has been allocated to date. I am happy for you to take that on notice.
E568_06	SG	68	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – New South Wales State-based Assessment Advisory Panel meetings:</i> Are you also able to give me a list on notice from the three meetings that you referred to in NSW of which application and electorates in NSW were considered at each meeting and remind me of the dates of those meetings? [attachments]
E569_06	SG	72	Wong	<i>Letters to announce successful grants:</i> You have indicated to me that you prepare letter to government MHRs, plus media releases for them, letters to non-government MHRs, and letters to government senators but no letters to non-government senators. I presume that the department has sought no advice as to the propriety of that particular state of affairs. Was this the subject of any request for advice?

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E570_06/ E571_06/ E577_06/ E628_06	SG	73	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – take-up rates:</i> What is the take-up rate in each of the states and territories so far? Perhaps you could take this on notice. Are you able to give a breakdown for metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas as well?
E571/_06 E570_06/ E577_06/ E628_06	SG	74	Crossin	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – take-up rates:</i> Can you provide us with a breakdown of the number of students by state and territory who are eligible and who have got the voucher? EWRE
E572_06/ E578_06/ E638_06	SG	74	Crossin	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – funding to providers:</i> Can you also provide the number of tutors by state and territory and the amount of funding per state and territory that has gone to tutors?
E573_06 & E636_06	SG	75	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – phone tutoring:</i> On notice, could you provide me with the dates on which that advice was requested and provided in relation to progressive learning?
E574_06	SG	76	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – proposals received from six regions not yet announced:</i> In relation to those six regions, how many proposals have been received in each location? I am happy for you to take that on notice.
E575_06	SG	77	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – existing facilities and Greenfield facilities:</i> Can you confirm how many of the announced colleges are based on existing facilities rather than greenfield facilities? Perhaps you can give me whatever information you can in relation to 2007. With 2006, I understand you will be able to provide far more detail.
E576_06	SG	79	Wong	<i>Impetus Consulting Pty Ltd consultancies – post-delivery evaluations:</i> On notice you could indicate to me what post delivery evaluation of the work comprising the various consultancies has been done and provide copies of same.
E577_06/ E570_06/ E571_06/ E628_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – take-up rates:</i> In answer to question E105_06 (from Senator Allison) earlier this year DEST did not have figures on student participation in this scheme but said at that time you expected figures to be available later this year. Do you have data on the number of students who were eligible to participate in this trial program? How many students of those eligible have to date taken up this voucher for assistance by State and Territory?
E578_06/ E572_06/ E638_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – funding to providers:</i> How much funding has been given to providers thus far – could you provide details by state and territory, list of providers and the amount, including administration costs?
E579_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – Year 5 student participation:</i> Is the voucher available for those who were in Year 3 in 2003 and will have missed out on the initiative and will this year have taken the year 5 test?
E580_06 & E601_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Evaluation of pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> In answer to question E080_06 (Senator Carr) in June, it was stated that “. an independent evaluation will run concurrently with the pilot tutorial voucher initiative.” Can you outline how this evaluation has progressed?

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E581_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Australian Technical Colleges commencing in 2006:</i> Of the successful proposals for Australian Technical Colleges announced earlier this year, how many will now start in 2006, and which ones are they if any? Will any actually start at the commencement of the 2006 school year? How many of these are existing schools or have existing schools in their consortia? How many students will they take? What system is in place to ensure that these students are genuinely additional to the numbers rather than existing students currently enrolled in State/Territory VET systems? Have any that you know of advertised for enrolments? If so which ones?
E582_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – Darwin:</i> Has the ATC proposed for Darwin sought an extension to put in final plans and costing until the end of November? Has this been granted? Have you any idea when this ATC might now be finalised and possibly start?
E583_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – funding:</i> During those June estimates Senator Carr asked if DEST knew what the breakdown of the \$350.8 million over the 5 years would be by capital and recurrent. Can this now be provided?
E584_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – applications:</i> Please provide the number of applications, as well as the number who were successful for this program by state and territory and by government and non-government schools.
E585_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – round one announcements:</i> The Minister was to have announced round one back in June, what caused the delay? Have unsuccessful applicants also been informed?
E586_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – round two announcements:</i> When is round two now expected to be announced?
E587_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – round two applications:</i> How many applications are there under consideration for round two? Do those unsuccessful in round one automatically go into round two?
E588_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – funding decisions:</i> Who actually makes the decisions on funding and how, on what criteria?
E589_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – funding of more than \$50,000:</i> Did any schools get funding over the limit of \$50,000? If so which ones and in which state or territory are they located?
E590_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – remote funding:</i> Is there extra allowance made for remote schools bearing additional costs in mind?
E591_06	SG	Written	Crossin	<i>Investing in Our Schools – schools in Indian Ocean Territories:</i> Were any schools in the Indian Ocean Territories successful in obtaining round one funding? How were these schools assessed? Were they part of applications received from Western Australia? Were they assessed by the same panel as for NT Schools?
E592_06	SG	Written	Nettle	<i>Population weighted average socio-economic status of residents by postcode:</i> Could the Minister supply a list of postcodes in Australia, and for each postcode the population weighted average socio-economic status of the residents of that postcode area?
E593_06	SG	Written	Nettle	<i>Schools data by Postcode:</i> Could the Minister provide a list of postcodes in Australia and for each postcode and for each year from 1999 to 2004: a. the enrolments in private schools in that postcode area b. the enrolment in public schools in that postcode area c. the number of privates schools in that postcode area d. Commonwealth funding in respect of public schools in that postcode area e. Commonwealth funding in respect of non-government schools in

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				that postcode area. [attachment]
E594_06	SG	Written	Nettle	<i>Investing in Our Schools – funding granted to state schools by postcode:</i> Could the Minister provide a list of postcodes in Australia, and for each postcode the total amount of money granted in respect of public schools in that postcode under the 'Investing in our schools' program? [attachments]
E595_06	SG	Written	Nettle	<i>Investing in Our Schools – funding applied for by state schools by postcode:</i> Could the Minister provide a list of postcodes in Australia, and for each postcode the total amount of money applied for by public schools in that postcode area under the 'Investing in our schools' program?
E596_06	SG	Written	Nettle	<i>School broadband Internet access:</i> Could the Minister provide a list of schools and their postcodes that do not have broadband internet access? Written
E597_06	SG	Written	Nettle	<i>Federal Government funding of breakfasts in schools:</i> How much money does the federal Government allocate for morning breakfasts in schools?
E598_06	SG	Written	Nettle	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – expenditure per student:</i> What is the projected total expenditure per student contact hour in Australian Technical Colleges? How does this compare to the total expenditure on TAFE students?
E599_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Funding for non-government schools 2001 to 2008:</i> Please provide Excel spreadsheet (incl in electronic form) containing the following for each non-government school: a. General recurrent funding (actual where available and projected where actual figures are not yet available) including primary per capita rates, secondary per capita rates and total funding for each year from 2001 to 2008 b. Primary and secondary enrolments (actual where available and projected where actual figures not yet available) for each year from 2001 to 2008 c. Location d. State/Territory e. Current Federal Electorate f. ERI g. 2001 SES score h. 2005 SES score i. 2001 Primary per capita rate, secondary per capita rate and total funding had they been funded under the ERI system j. whether each school is either Funding Guaranteed or Funding Maintained k. the SES score each school was actually funded for l. for each SES score, what % of AGSRC does each school get for primary and secondary students, and in 2005, what are dollar amounts for each m. the quantum of private funds available to each. [attachments – A – 250pages – B – 190 pages]

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E600_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Average Government School Recurrent Costs (AGSRC) for general recurrent grants:</i> What are the assumed increases in final AGSRC amounts for general recurrent grants for government and non-government primary and secondary schools in the Budget? For the current quadrennium (calendar years):2005 2006 2007 2008; Please compare these data with the previous quadrennium: 2001 2002 2003 2004; These data should be provided in the following form (see table in work doc); How do these figures compare for the relevant financial years? How do the revised figures for the 2005 – 2008 quadrennium compare with the assumed increases in AGSRC in last year's budget and in the Government's policy package (see Minister's release of 11 March 2004; http://www.dest.gov.au/ministers/nelson/mar_04/n639110304.htm ; Please explain any major discrepancies; Can the Department disaggregate the actual and estimated increases in AGSRC by: Increases in teachers' salaries Increases in other salaries (para professionals; administrators; other) Increases in teaching materials and technologies Class size reductions Other.
E601_06 & E580_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Evaluation of pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> Who is conducting the intended evaluation of the pilot tutorial voucher initiative? What are its terms of reference, what is the value of the contract and when it is scheduled to report? How much of the budgeted funding for this initiative is unspent as at 1 November? AND Regarding the following consultancy: Schools Outcomes Group - PRN6811 - Contract No. 75773, Select Tender - Erebus International - For Evaluation of the Pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative \$336 270. • Is this ongoing? How were Erebus chosen? Who chose them? What was involvement of the Minister or his office in selection? • What specifically were they asked to do? What process did they undertake to carry out the task? What consultations did they undertake?
E602_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – details of the 19 announced so far:</i> For each of the 19 Australian Technical Colleges announced to date: a. What is the legal entity with which the Australian Government will be contracting? b. What is the length, or proposed length, of each contract? c. Who are the registered schools (government or non-government) providing the relevant year 11 and 12 curriculum, and are they all registered already? d. Who employs the teachers at each Australian Technical College? e. Who are the partner registered training providers provided the accredited training? f. What is the nature of the legal relationship between the organisation in (a), and the schools in (c) and the training providers in (e)? g. Has the curriculum authority in each State/Territory agreed to the curriculum in each ATC? If so, which ones? If not, what is the approval timing for those not approved?
E603_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges accountability for financial and educational performance:</i> Who is accountable for the financial and educational performance of each Australian Technical College? Please identify each individual responsible body for each of the College announced to date.
E604_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges infrastructure costs:</i> How much of the \$350million budget allocation over the current estimates period is anticipated to the spent on infrastructure?
E605_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – funding for marketing:</i> How much of the money allocated to each college will be allocated to marketing? Have any colleges requested for funding for marketing in their

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				applications for funding? If so, how much and how much as a proportion of overall funding?
E606_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – difficulties with NSW proposals:</i> Only half of the Colleges in NSW have been announced. Previously the Minister has cited 'technical difficulties' with many of the NSW proposals. What are those problems?
E607_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical College for Lismore/Ballina:</i> Lismore/ Ballina is one region still waiting for a Technical College. Ballina High School won the 2004 National Training Award for Excellence in VET in Schools. It is clearly a leader for vocational education and training in Australia. Did Ballina High School, in partnership with the local TAFE, submit a proposal to become a technical college? What is unsatisfactory about Ballina High School becoming an Australian Technical College?
E608_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – anticipated enrolments in 2006 commencements:</i> Given that 5 ATCs are scheduled to commence in 2006, what are the anticipated enrolments in each of these ATCs?
E609_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges – impact on enrolments in existing schools:</i> Has DEST done any analysis of the impact of the new ATC on enrolments in existing schools – if so, please provide a copy?
E610_06	SG	Written	Wong	Interim: Has DEST or the Minister received correspondence from existing schools concerned about the impact of a new ATC on surrounding schools? If so, please provide copy/ies.
E611_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Schools funded more than \$150,000 in Round One:</i> Investing in Our Schools. Has any school received grants for projects totalling more than \$150,000 in the Round One grants?
E612_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – Funding for government schools:</i> A full list of successful government schools by electorate including: how much each school received; how much they applied to get; whether they were Round 1 or Round 2 applications.
E613_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – unsuccessful government schools by electorate:</i> A full list of unsuccessful government schools by electorate including: how much they applied to get; whether they were Round 1 or Round 2 applications.
E614_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – successful non-government schools:</i> A full list of unsuccessful government schools by electorate including: how much they applied to get; whether they were Round 1 or Round 2 applications.
E615_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools - Unsuccessful non-government schools:</i> A full list of unsuccessful non-government schools by electorate including: how much they applied to get; whether they were Round 1 or Round 2 applications.
E616_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – total 2005 funding allocation by state:</i> A list of total funding allocation by: Electorate; State and Territory; whether they were Round 1 or Round 2 applications; government and non-government schools.
E617_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – forward estimates – government schools:</i> How much has DEST allocated each year to IOSP for each of the two annual Rounds over the forward estimates?
E618_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – application closing dates, fund allocation and disbursement:</i> What are the deadlines for applications for Round 1 and 2 for each year over the forward estimates? When does DEST expect funds to be allocated for each of these rounds?

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				When does DEST expect to disburse funds to schools for each round?
E619_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools</i> : As at 7 November 2005, how much money was actually distributed to schools under the IOSP program? Please provide a breakdown by government and non-government schools, and by electorate. When does DEST expect Round 1 funds to reach all schools?
E620_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – State Based Assessment Advisory Panel Meeting Dates</i> : What were the meetings dates for each SAAP in each State and territory? Which schools were considered at each SAAP meeting? Please provide a breakdown by electorate if possible. [attachment]
E621_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – Block Grant Authorities</i> : Who are the representatives on each of the Block Grant Authorities allocating funding to non-government schools? What was DEST's involvement in the BGAs' selection process? Did a DEST representative participate in the selection process?
E622_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – correspondence regarding successful non-government schools grants</i> : Did DEST provide Coalition MPs and Senators with the list of successful non-government schools in each electorate? Was DEST instructed by the Minister or his Office to inform only Coalition MPs and Senators of their grants allocations? Why haven't Labor MPs and Senators been informed of successful non-government schools in their electorate?
E623_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>State Assessment Advisory Panels and the role of the State Government representative</i> : Who is on each State-based Assessment Advisory Panels – provide names and their positions. What role did the State Government representative play on each panel?
E624_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – Opening Ceremonies</i> : Will the Government require schools to invite Coalition parliamentarians to officiate at any opening ceremonies for schools' projects? Please provide a copy of the relevant guidelines if this is the case.
E625_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – round two announcements</i> : When will DEST announce the remaining schools for the 2006 Round 2 funding?
E626_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – DEST staffing levels</i> : Is it still the case that DEST has hired 30 new staff at a cost of \$2.4 million over 2005-06 for the IOSP? Please provide details and breakdown of staff costs if this has changed. Does DEST expect to hire additional staff in 2006? If so, how many and at what cost?
E627_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Investing in Our Schools – Error</i> : Some schools, especially in NSW, were sent DEST letters informing them they were unsuccessful, even though they were successful. How many schools were misinformed? In what states?
E628_06/ E570_06/ E571_06/ E577_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – take-up rates</i> : What is the take-up rate for the voucher in each of the States and Territories so far? Please give a breakdown for metro and non-metro students accessing the voucher in each state and territory.
E629_06/ E630_06/ E631_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative</i> : As part of the tender process, was DEST provided with information on how many hours of tutoring each tenderer would provide as part of the '\$700 voucher'? Please provide this. How many hours is each successful tenderer currently providing in tutoring to students?

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E630_06/ E629_06/ E631_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> Please provide the latest figures on the hourly rate paid to the tutor. Please separate superannuation, workers compensation and other related payments from the hourly rate and provide these. Please also provide the costings breakdown of the pilot voucher program supplied to DEST by each of the broker.
E631_06/ E629_06/ E630_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> Do brokers deduct superannuation, workers compensation and related employment costs from the \$700? What are these costs in each state and territory? Did DEST set a percentage of the \$700 that could be used for these costs? What was it?
E632_06 to E635_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> During the 2 November 2005 Estimates hearings, DEST said that \$50 of the \$700 voucher was for tutoring materials. Is this in addition to the various payments outlined in E305_05? What are each of the payments outlined in E305_05 are intended to be used for?
E633_06/ E632_06/ E634_06/ E635_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> The payments outlined in E305_05 come to \$133-165 per student. Depending on metro and non-metro students. Are these payments paid to each broker based on the estimated number of students eligible for the program or the actual students who take up the voucher?
E634_06/ E632_06/ E633_06/ E635_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> Has DEST provided a minimum lump-sum of the administration payments outlined in E305_05 to each broker regardless of the take-up rate among students? Please provide details of any lump-sum for each broker.
E635_06/ E632_06/ E633_06/ E634_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> EWRE Estimates Hearings, 2 June 2005, p14: Are the contract values still correct – please update. Provide breakdown of the total contract value. Will DEST payout the entire amount of the contract (e.g. Victoria, \$5,438,000, Queensland, \$4,728,000) regardless of the take-up rate?
E636_06 & E573_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – phone tutoring:</i> Was DEST aware of phone tutoring taking place and for how long was DEST aware? How many students received phone tutoring nationally? Was this part of contractual arrangements? If so, what were the details and the conditions under which this could occur?
E637_06	SG		Wong	<i>Deadlines:</i> Were there deadlines for entry to the program? Were there deadlines for delivery of tutoring to students? Why? What are the various deadlines for each state? Will students be able to access the funds if the deadlines have past? Written
E638_06/ E572_06/ E578_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative – funding to providers:</i> How much of the program funds have been spent to date? Please provide a breakdown of what they've been spent on. What will happen to the unspent money? Will the Government give the unspent funds to schools directly to spend on literacy assistance?
E639_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Tutorial Voucher Initiative:</i> During the 2 November hearings, DEST said 19,079 students were eligible to receive a tutorial voucher (p.74). However, the Minister's figures in his various press releases come up to around 24,200. Why has this figure been revised down by over 5,000 students?
E640_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Delivery of the pilot Tutorial Voucher Initiative in the Northern Territory:</i> Is the NT's voucher program delivery the same as the other states? How is the broker delivering the funding? Is it similar to the other States and Territories? Is the voucher going to parents or is the funding going to schools?

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E641_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Government spending on universities and schools:</i> Please update E087_06. [Please provide Budget figures from 1995-96 to the end of the current forward estimates detailing Commonwealth spending on: (i) Universities (excluding money advanced to universities on behalf of students under various student loans schemes) (ii) Government schools (iii) Catholic systemic schools (iv) Independent non-government schools]
E642_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Science and Mathematics Enrolments:</i> Please provide the number of students doing science and maths subjects at schools since 1996 by state. Please provide a break down by which science subjects (e.g. biology, chemistry etc.). Please include separately how many students did advanced mathematics subjects each year.
E643_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges:</i> Please update E071_06. [How many of the proposals that involve schools come from governments?]
E644_06	SG	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Technical Colleges:</i> Please update E088_06. [Of the approximately 70 formal proposals received for an Australian Technical College, how many of the consortia did not include a currently registered government or non-government school as (a) lead applicant (b) other consortia members For these applications, how will the fees payable by students be calculated?]
E645_06 & E482_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility –request for tender:</i> Why does the "Request for Tender" for site selection not include nor acknowledge the Siting Criteria set down by the Government's National Store Advisory Committee for long lived wastes including the reprocessed nuclear wastes? What status do these previously accepted criteria have now? If no longer accepted by the Commonwealth, why has this downgrade occurred, and on what advice is it based?
E646_06 & E485_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility –request for tender:</i> Why does the "Request for Tender" for site selection fail to include or refer to any cultural or indigenous siting criteria or matters for consideration (other than the National Estate) on the 3 proposed sites? Are there any cultural or indigenous siting criteria being considered? Please provide details.
E647_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> Please provide the estimated total cost of the waste dump including costs to other departments and agencies? Please provide a breakdown by year and please itemise the costs as far as possible.
E648_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>ANSTO has provided the following response concerning reprocessing of spent fuel:</i> Is there any existing contractual agreement between ANSTO and COGEMA or another company over spent fuel reprocessing after the US agreement ends? Please provide details. Is there scope for the US agreement to be extended beyond 2016?
E649_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Correspondence between DEST and ARPANSA regarding the CRWMF:</i> Please provide any correspondence between DEST and ARPANSA over the waste dump.
E650_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility:</i> What is the value of the tender for the provision of Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility Site Selection (RFT PRN

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				7027)? Please provide details of the successful tenderer.
E651_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility</i> : Does DEST believe that there are no land rights or native title issues over the three sites? What basis does DEST have for its assertions? Please provide details of any investigations or legal advice undertaken to verify this.
E652_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility – meetings with Indigenous groups</i> : Please provide details of meetings, correspondence and negotiations DEST or the Minister's office have had with indigenous groups in the Northern Territory.
E653_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Chief Scientist vacancy</i> : Please provide an update on the Chief Scientist vacancy. When is it expected to be filled? Will it continue to be part-time? What are the remuneration costs for the Chief Scientist?
E654_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Recruitment of Chief Scientist</i> : How much has DEST spent in advertising for the position? Has DEST engaged any recruitment consultants to assist? What are the costs involved? Please list any additional costs incurred in the hiring process.
E655_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>Selection of Chief Scientist</i> : How will the selection process work? Is the Minister compelled to take advice on the appointment from others or consult groups or can the Minister appoint the Chief Scientist by himself?
E656_06	SAE	Written	Nettle	<i>Unmet demand for student enrolments in universities</i> : What are the Minister's estimates for unmet demand for student enrolments in Universities throughout Australia for each year from 1996 to 2004?
E657_06	SAE	Written	Nettle	<i>Forecasts for unmet demand for students enrolments in universities</i> : What are the Minister's forecasts for unmet demand for student enrolments in Universities throughout Australia for each year from 2005 to 2010, or for years for which forecasts are available? [refer E656_06]
E658_06	SAE	Written	Nettle	<i>Unmet demand for student enrolments in Universities for particular fields of education</i> : What are the Minister's estimates for unmet demand for student enrolments in each of the following skill areas for each of the years 1996 to 2004? i. Doctors ii. Dentists. iii. Nurses iv. Teachers (Primary) v. Teachers (Secondary) vi. Optometry.
E659_06	SAE	Written	Nettle	<i>Forecasts for unmet demand for students enrolments in universities by fields of education</i> : What are the Minister's forecasts for unmet demand for student enrolments in each of the following skill areas for each of the years from 2005 to 2010, or for years for which forecasts are available? i. Doctors ii. Dentists. iii. Nurses iv. Teachers (Primary) v. Teachers (Secondary) vi. Optometry.
E660_06	SAE	99	Wong	<i>Australia's Public and Private Expenditure of Tertiary Education</i> : Is it the case that Australia is one of only three OECD countries where private expenditure accounts for more than half of all spending on tertiary education? EWRE
E661_06	IRSG	111	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF)</i> : On notice, can you give me a breakdown of the \$500 million-plus that you described over the forward estimates? EWRE
E662_06	IRSG	111 and Written	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF)</i> : How many staff work within DEST support the RQF and EAG and what are the staffing costs and pay levels?
E663_06	IRSG	116	Wong	<i>Funding Distributed by ARC</i> : Can you just remind me how much funding is, in fact, distributed by the ARC and the NHMRC?

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E664_06	IRSG	Written	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF)</i> : What is the total amount of funding that will be conditional on the RQF for each year until 2010? Please list ARC and NHMRC funds separately.
E665_06	IRSG	116	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF)</i> : Can you on notice provide any correspondence from DEST to the ARC and the NHMRC, if there is any, in which it is indicated that the RQF is intended also to apply to their processes? EWRE
E666_06	IRSG	Written	Wong	<i>UHRIG Review</i> : Does DEST expect to change the ARC legislation in light of the Minister's decision about the impact of Uhrig Review on ARC governance? What is the timeline for this? What changes are foreseen to the governance arrangements for the ARC?
E667_06	IRSG	Written	Wong	<i>UHRIG Review</i> : What is the ARC doing to change its governance arrangements in line with the Uhrig Review? What is the timeline for this? Will the existing Board be retained? If not, will there be a change in membership and structure? Please provide details. [refer also E666_06]
E668_06	VET	Written	Nettle	<i>Registered Training Organisations</i> : In reference to Questions on Notice asked by Senator Allison (No 365) regarding counselling services provided by the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services (AFPSS) it is noted that "The AFPSS must gain and maintain accreditation as an Australian National Training Authority recognised Registered Training Organisation for training health educators, health professionals and other workers, and accrediting trained counsellors in affiliated agencies." a) If the AFPSS is in the process of applying for accreditation as an Australian National Training Authority recognised Registered Training Organisation, what is the name of the Registered Training Organisation (RTO)? b) How much federal funding would the RTO associated with AFPSS receive if their application is approved? c) What states and territories is AFPSS seeking to run training in through their RTO? d) How many students does any RTO course run by AFPSS intend to have? e) What are any anticipated average student contact hours per course run by a AFPSS RTO? f) Are there any requirements for the qualifications of teachers in such an RTO? If so what are they? What are the qualifications of those who are being proposed as teaching any AFPSS associated RTO? g) What are the names and qualifications of the individuals who have developed the course curriculum for any RTO application from AFPSS? h) Please provide any other information available on any AFPSS Registered Training Organisation such as RTO delivery or assessment status, registration conditions or registration restrictions. i) Please provide a copy of the proposed curriculum for any RTO run by AFPSS.
E669_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Higher Education Enrolments</i> : Please provide (in Excel spreadsheet format) data on Higher Education enrolments (students and load) between 1996 and the latest year for which data is available, in the following areas: government supported places and other places; by State/Territory; by Higher Education Institution; by mode of study; by undergraduate/postgraduate; by field of study. Please also provide this information for the Budget out-years.

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E670_06	HEG	Written	Wong	Please provide (in Excel spreadsheet format) data on Higher Education funding between 1996 and the latest year for which data is available, in the following areas: government supported places and other places; by State/Territory; by Higher Education Institution; by mode of study; by undergraduate/postgraduate. Please also provided this information for the Budget out-years. [attachment]
E671_06	HEG	Written	Wong	Please provide (in Excel spreadsheet format) data on fee-paying Australian students (numbers and load) between 1996 and the latest year for which data is available, in the following areas: by state/territory; by Higher Education Institution; each HEI's proportion of total revenue from this source; by mode of study; by under graduate/post graduate; level of fee per course; by course. Please also provide this information for the Budget out-years. [attachment]
E672_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>FEE-HELP outlays for 2005 and the Budget out-years:</i> Please provide (in Excel spreadsheet format) on FEE-HELP Outlays by year: since 2001, and in the Budget out-years; by discipline; whether public or private institution; by institution by state/territory.
E673_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>FEE-HELP:</i> What are the projected FEE-HELP debts by (i) state, (ii) university each year until 2009?
E674_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements:</i> How many staff, and at what levels, are allocated to assisting universities comply with the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements? What correspondence has the Minister and DEST received from Vice-Chancellors on the introduction of HEWRRs? Please provide copies of this correspondence. Does DEST have an estimate of the cost to universities of the introduction of HEWRRs?
E675_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Higher Education Support Act – Tables A, B and C:</i> Has DEST received any applications to be listed as a new provider under tables A, B, or C of the Higher Education Support Act? If so from which institution/s? And when were the applications received?
E676_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Carnegie Mellon University:</i> How much funding has the Australian Government committed to assist Carnegie Mellon University establish its Australian operations?
E677_06	HEG	Written	Wong	Commonwealth Grants Scheme rates: What are the rates for the each band of the Commonwealth Grants Scheme in 2006?
E678_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Learning and Teaching Performance Fund:</i> What is the final funding allocation for LTPF for 2006 by university? Please provide a breakdown of the allocation for each university, including the base grant given to all providers and the additional amount distributed based on Equivalent Full-time Student Load.
E679_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Learning and Teaching Performance Fund:</i> Please provide the 2005-06 weighting given to each university under the LTPF assessment model. What is the funding formula associated with each ranking? Will future funding allocations be made based on the university's ranking?
E680_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Learning and Teaching Performance Fund:</i> What is the amount budgeted for the LTPF for each year over the forward estimates?
E681_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Learning and Teaching Performance Fund:</i> Is DEST or the Minister investigating or intending to change the Assessment model for the next round of LTPF assessments?

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E682_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Access Economics' Report: Review of Higher Education Outcome Performance Indicators:</i> Access Economics was contracted to conduct an independent review of the methodology of the assessment model used by DEST – their major finding in their 28 April 2005 report was that: "Access Economics does not consider the results obtained from the DEST methodology to be robust." (p. 59, Review of Higher Education Outcome Performance Indicators) What was DEST's response to the recommendations of Access Economics' Report: Review of Higher Education Outcome Performance Indicators, including its recommendations on the assessment model? Did DEST amend the assessment model between 28 April 2005 and 13 August when the results were released?
E683_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Universities income:</i> Please provide figures for the total income each individual university earned each year since 1995-1996. Please list as far as possible the source of the income, including but not limited to: HECS (please break down by undergraduate and postgraduate); Other Government funds (please do not include HECS in this line item. Please also distinguish income for research from the universities' operating grants); Overseas students; Postgraduate students (full fee paying); Domestic full-fee paying students.
E684_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Science, Mathematics and Engineering Course:</i> Please provide the number of students doing Science, Maths and Engineering courses at each university and state since 1996. Please provide a break down by which science and engineering courses (e.g. biology, chemistry, mechanical engineering etc). Please include separately how many students did advanced mathematics courses each year if possible.
E685_06	HEG	94	Wong	<i>Higher Education Report – 2004-05:</i> When was it provided to the minister's office?
E686_06	HEG	97	Wong	<i>Enrolments and applications:</i> The Committee would be pleased to see the information regarding people who do not get university places and the fact that a very substantial proportion do go onto VET. [attachment reference ACER Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth Research Report 46: <i>Unmet Demand: Characteristics and Activities of University Applicants Not Offered a Place</i>]
E687_06	HEG	98	Wong	<i>Fee-paying students:</i> Can you just confirm that the figures I have been given, which may or may not be correct, are 7,815 in 2003 and 13,959 in 2004? Could you tell me if they are correct or not?
E688_06	HEG	99	Wong	<i>Revenue from overseas students:</i> Is it the case that revenue from overseas students increased by about 112 per cent between 1999 and 2003? This is at page 125. Could you provide me, on notice, with up-to-date figures for the 2004 revenue?
E689_06	HEG	99	Wong	<i>Commencing Overseas Students:</i> Similarly, can we have up-to-date figures for the percentage of commencing students who are overseas students? It is identified at page 21 as being 30 per cent in 2003.
E690_06	HEG	100	Wong	<i>Universities with operating deficits:</i> Are you able to provide the data as to the seven that you have just mentioned?
E691_06	HEG	100	Wong	<i>Universities with operating deficits:</i> Do you say four of the seven were previously in deficit?

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E692_06	HEG	100	Wong	<i>Universities with operating deficits:</i> Are you able to detail what measures were taken by these universities in order to get out of deficit? In what form does that take? Is there some documentation you can provide us with? Manns: We do a risk analysis of all universities' financial statement each year. We provide that information back to the universities as part. Are you able to provide that on notice?
E693_06	HEG	101	Wong	<i>Staff-student ratios:</i> I am giving you an opportunity here. Are you able to point me to any other analysis you have done on the effect of staff-student ratios on the quality of education, other than crossroads, because if you can I would be very happy to receive it.
E694_06	HEG	102-103	Wong	<i>Central Queensland University – Enterprise Bargaining Agreement:</i> Are you familiar with Central Queensland University's proposed EBA? Is it the case that the original draft included the following sentence: 'employees and prospective employees will not be disadvantage in any way in relation to their employment due to their acceptance or non-acceptance of either an AWA or the CA and it will not be a condition of employment or of promotion or of any variation of employment arrangements that an employee accepts an AWA or remain covered by the CA'? Can it be explained to me why that is consistent with the government's WorkChoices policy position and also with your advice on your web site that it is a matter for higher education providers to determine the basis on which employment is offered and how those policy positions could possibly be consistent with advice from DEST to delete such a sentence.
E695_06	HEG	103-104	Wong	<i>Oceania University of Medicine:</i> Can you tell me what action has been taken in relation to the Oceania University of Medicine by the federal government?
E696_06	HEG	104	Wong	<i>Central Queensland University – Enterprise Bargaining Agreement:</i> Can you tell me to which other universities advice of that form has been given? Could you take that on notice?
E697_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>'Cosmos' Magazine – mail-out to schools:</i> Did DEST or the Ministers office send 2 copies of Cosmos magazine to each school? How many copies were sent? What were the costs – please breakdown by magazine costs, postage and staff and administrative costs.
E698_06	SCG	Written	Wong	<i>'Cosmos' Magazine – mail-out to schools:</i> Did DEST or the Minister get a discount off the regular price of a Cosmos magazine? What is the market cost? What did DEST pay? What are the details of negotiating any discount?
E699_06	CSG	Written	Wong	<i>Science Publications:</i> Has the Minister or DEST sent other magazines or publications to schools on Science and any other areas since 2001? Please provide details and costs.
E700_06	CSIRO	36	Wong	<i>Year to date figures:</i> Can I have the year-to-date figures, then?
E701_06	CSIRO	38	Wong	<i>Operating loss:</i> Was it \$17 million?
E702_06	CSIRO	41	Wong	<i>Advice to Minister's office about staff freeze:</i> So when was the minister's office advised of the staff freeze? If they were, can you tell me when?
E703_06	CSIRO	43	Wong	<i>Functional areas of staff in scope of research support services review:</i> Can we go back to the 780 who are within the scope of the review and potentially within the scope of the staff reduction strategy and the areas you have identified. Are you able to give me a bit more detail, perhaps on notice as to the functions of the staff within the areas you identified before? Could you be able to also

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				identify when you do that the proportion of the 780 in each of those areas? You read out seven areas or thereabouts.
E704_06	CSIRO	47	Wong	<i>Savings Targets:</i> What other savings targets do you have for the current financial year and the out years, the next three years? Are you able to get me on notice a disaggregation of those savings targets you have just read out?
E705_06	CSIRO	47	Wong	<i>Flagships financial positions since 2003:</i> Can you please provide the financial positions on each of the six flagships since 2003?
E706_06	CSIRO	47	Wong	<i>Flagship revenue:</i> On notice, if you could do so, are you still expecting to meet the \$37.4 million for 2005-06 which question on notice E017_06 identifies? If not what is the revised target?
E707_06	CSIRO	47	Wong	<i>Flagship external revenue projections:</i> What are the projections for external revenue for the flagships over the current and next two financial years? That is all the questions for CSIRO.
E708_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Flagships revenue:</i> What was the actual external revenue for the Flagships in 2004-05? What is the budgeted external revenue for 2005-08?
E709_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Flagships revenue:</i> Please provide financial statements for each of the Flagships since inception?
E710_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Flagships – CSIRO appropriation investment:</i> Is CSIRO is planning to invest more money into the Flagships? How much and over what period? Please list for each Flagship.
E711_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Flagships outputs and outcomes:</i> What outcomes does CSIRO expect from its increased investment in each Flagship?
E712_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagship funding:</i> What conditions were set by the Government for funding of the National Flagship program in the four out years 2007/2008 to 2010/2011? Please provide a copy of these conditions.
E713_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagship funding conditions:</i> Please indicate the amount of appropriation funding that was required for transfer from the normal budget to the Flagships as a condition of this funding? Please provide a table showing how this figure will be achieved on an annual basis for those years. What were the external funding or co-investment requirements to ensure that funding continued beyond 2006/2007?
E714_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagship Projections:</i> In announcing backing Australia's Ability II in may 2004, The Prime Minister stated that the \$305 million to be allocated over the years 2004/2005 to 2010/2011 "as the basis for National Flagship funding"... "will be matched by \$710 million in redirected CSIRO funding and \$446 million in external funding respectively." Please provide a table showing the annual funding allocation/target for each of these three sources over that period. In other words, for each of those years, how much flagship funding has come, or is proposed to come, from the \$305 million BAII allocation, from re-directed CSIRO funds and from external funds?
E715_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagship Projections:</i> Have these targets been met to date?
E716_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagships revenue:</i> Please specify the amount of cash, and in-kind support that have been invested by industry in the Flagship program? Please provide this information on a Flagship by Flagship basis and break the funding down on an annual basis as well.

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E717_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagships Program:</i> The Government indicated that a review relating to the Flagship funding would be undertaken before a final decision was made on the final four out years. When is this review expected? What are its terms of reference? (Please provide a copy.) Who will conduct the review? Will it be an internal or external review? What is the completion date for the review?
E718_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagships Projections:</i> Please provide budget projections for each of the Flagships showing how the conditions attached to the BAAll funding will be met for all outyears?
E719_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagship Collaboration Fund:</i> How much money has been allocated to date to the condition relating to collaborative activities with universities under the Flagship program?
E720_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Flagship Collaboration Fund:</i> What outcomes have been achieved to date, by each Flagship, with the collaborative funding for universities provided under the Flagship program?
E721_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>CSIRO Annual Report:</i> Has the Minister or his Office been briefed by CSIRO since the Annual Report came out? Please provide the briefing notes.
E722_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Projected operating result:</i> How does CSIRO explain this blow out in the projected operating deficit? What does this mean for job losses?
E723_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Flagship Collaboration Fund:</i> Revenue from Government only increased 1.4% (\$8m) from \$569m in 2003-04 to \$577m this year. Does this include the Flagships Collaboration fund?
E724_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Fixed costs since 2000:</i> Can CSIRO provide by what amount its fixed costs have increased each year since 2000?
E725_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Remuneration costs – senior executives:</i> There are now twice as many senior executives earning salaries above \$300,000 p.a. – from 5 in 2003-04 to 10 in 2005-06. How does CSIRO justify this increase in pay, in light of CSIRO's financial performance?
E726_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Performance Bonuses:</i> What is the performance bonuses regime? What percentage of pay is performance based? Is it based on an annual rating by the CSIRO Board? If so, what was the Board's rating for the Organisation's performance in 2004/05? What performance pay did the senior management receive in each of the last 3 years? What proportion were performance bonuses of the senior officers pay?
E727_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Remuneration costs – senior executives:</i> Remuneration of officers increased by over \$2 million in the last year. What were the reasons behind this? How much of this increase was related to performance pay?
E728_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Redundancy payments:</i> Why did the redundancy payouts increase by \$2million over the past year?
E729_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Redundancies and locations:</i> How many staff were made redundant in 2004-05 compared to the previous years? Where were they located in CSIRO?
E730_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Revenue from Services and Consulting and Intellectual Property:</i> Revenue from consulting and research services fell by \$18million to \$60 million in the last year. What are the reasons for this and what is CSIRO doing to remedy this? Revenue from intellectual property fell to \$20 million in 2004-05, from \$22 million the previous financial year. What are the reasons for this and what is CSIRO doing to remedy this? Provide figures for intellectual property revenue and revenue from consulting and research services since 2000.

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E731_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Costs involved in obtaining revenue from services and consulting and intellectual property:</i> What were the costs involved in obtaining revenue from consulting and research services for each year since 2000? Please provide relevant staff costs, administrative, legal and other costs involved. What were the costs involved in obtaining revenue from intellectual property consulting and research services for each year since 2000? Please provide relevant staff costs, administrative, legal and other costs involved.
E732_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>BD&C costs:</i> What has it cost to run the Business Development and Commercialisation unit since its inception? Please provide a breakdown including relevant staff costs, administrative, legal and other costs involved.
E733_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Sales of goods and services:</i> The latest Annual report breaks down 'Sales of goods & services' into 'Sales of goods & services - external entities' and 'Sales of goods & services - related entities'. What are the definitions of 'external' and 'related' entities? Please provide a breakdown of each organisation included in each category, including the amount of sales to each. Please list these since 2000.
E734_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>External Earnings Targets:</i> The Deputy CEO, Dr Ron Sandland, admitted in the Annual Report and publicly, that external earnings targets, including within the Flagship program, were too ambitious. Have the targets been revised accordingly for this financial year as a result? If not, why not?
E735_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Responsibility for CSIRO's Performance in forthcoming year:</i> If CSIRO's performance in the forthcoming year does not reach the targeted projections, who is responsible?
E736_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Research support services and projected \$5M saving:</i> In setting the operational saving of \$5 million from the current review of support services in this year's budget, why didn't CSIRO estimate how many job losses this could be, or whether the saving would be achieved by other efficiencies?
E737_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Staff numbers:</i> Can CSIRO explain why in the last financial year, have staff numbers in Admin Support gone up by 50 and in Communications and Information by 23, whilst research projects have gone down by 9 and research scientists gone up by only 26?
E738_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Staff numbers:</i> Can CSIRO explain the net increase in staff numbers in non-science activities in total across the organisation has gone up by 67 staff and in science activities by only 25 staff?
E739_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Staff numbers:</i> Is it the case that 73% of the staff number increase has been in support services, and only 27% in science?
E740_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Staff numbers:</i> Can CSIRO explain how many of the 25 staff increase in science, 5 (or 20%) are in research management? Are these people included in the Senior Offices table on page 202 of the Annual Report?
E741_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Remuneration of officers table – Chiefs of Division:</i> Are Chiefs of Division included in this table? If not, why not?
E742_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Remuneration costs:</i> Why have the salaries of these Officers gone up by 24% in one year?
E743_06	CSIRO	Written	Webber	<i>Remuneration costs:</i> Why do senior Execs, including the CEO, continue to get rewarded financially, when the organisation is not performing according to their own projections?

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E744_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Staff – annual data 2000/01 to date:</i> Please provide a comparative table showing changes in the staffing profile of CSIRO over the years 2000/2001 to 2005/2006? Please include total staff numbers; scientific staff (broken down by classification), scientific and research support staff (technicians, lab assistants, etc) also broken down by classification; non-scientific support services (broken down by functions adopted by CSIRO itself, e.g., commercial and business development, libraries); as well as any other categories that may be needed to include all staff (Executive, for example). Please provide this information on an annual basis. Please also provide a breakdown of each of these categories by gender.
E745_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>SAP systems:</i> Is CSIRO introducing a new IT-based centralised system for support services to scientists in all 19 CSIRO Divisions across Australia? What is the purpose of this?
E746_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>SAP systems:</i> What savings has CSIRO identified as a result of this? What are the expected costs?
E747_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>SAP systems:</i> What is the rollout date? Will new staff be appointed? How many jobs will go and over what period?
E748_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Support services:</i> CSIRO listed a 20-30% cut in operational costs for research support services. Is this linked to a new IT-based centralised system for support services? Will there be a similar cut in other Divisions or functional areas? Please provide details including the timeline.
E749_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Plant and forest based agriculture research:</i> The 12 September 2005 internal document, titled, "Advice to Executive Management Council" states that CSIRO will shift away from basic agriculture research. See extract below: "Plant based agriculture - Reduce over time research supporting small incremental changes in agriculture. While overall resource levels in the area are envisaged to remain constant, investment in plant and forest based agriculture is likely to decrease as the outputs manifest themselves in a number of other areas (for example , further processing, manufacturing, health and the environment). How much money will CSIRO shift away from plant and forest based agriculture (per year if possible)? What is currently classified as plant and forest based agriculture? Please provide examples of research projects currently in this area. Where will the money be invested? Please provide details of research projects. Over what time period will this shift occur?"
E750_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Plant and forest based agriculture research:</i> Will scientists be made redundant? How many? What areas?
E751_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Consultation – agriculture research:</i> Is CSIRO concerned by the National Farmers Federation's comments in the Canberra Times on 1 November (The Canberra Times)? "But National Farmers Federation chief executive Ben Fargher said the new agricultural research priorities outlined in the report were "too blue sky" and would not help Australian farmers gain a competitive edge in restricted international markets. ""Has CSIRO consulted the NFF and other key stakeholders on these proposals?"

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E752_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Renewable energy research:</i> The same leaked document says the following on renewable energy research: "ET concluded the following: We should maintain our investment in research into upstream exploration, extraction and processing of coal, gas (methane economy) and oil; We should maintain our investment in electricity generation, distribution, and end use efficiency, subject to performance, and our commitment to longer-term transformational science through the Energy Transformed Flagship contributing to the development of the hydrogen economy; We should reduce our effort in intelligent transport systems; We should reduce our effort in renewable energy restricting our activities to those in which we have competitive advantage and can have significant impact." How much money will CSIRO shift away from renewables research (per year if possible)? What is currently classified as renewable energy research? Please provide examples of research projects currently in this area. Where will the money be invested? Please provide details of research projects. Over what time period will this shift occur?
E753_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Renewable energy research:</i> Will scientists be made redundant? How many? What areas?
E754_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>CSIRO research priorities:</i> Has the Minister been provided with this document officially or made aware of a major shift in CSIRO priorities? Has the Minister been in consultation with CSIRO over this?
E755_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Website launch:</i> How's the new website progressing? When will the public launch take place?
E756_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Website:</i> What did CSIRO mean when they said that there had been an internal launch? Who actually had access to the new website on 1 June? And how many staff have access today?
E757_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Website cost:</i> What is the estimated cost to date for this project?
E758_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Moths on Line and Centipede Website:</i> Will public good data bases like the Australian Moths on Line and the Centipede website remain intact?
E759_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Corporate hospitality:</i> Please provide the most up to date information on spending on corporate hospitality for each year since 2000. Please provide a breakdown of the classifications within corporate hospitality with amounts for each.
E760_06	CSIRO	Written	Wong	<i>Hospitality expenses:</i> Please provide a list of the 20 biggest single events or items of corporate hospitality spending in each year since 2000.
E761_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>CSIRO Business Development and Commercialisation:</i> Can you confirm that during the past three to four years a new commercial office has been established in Sydney?
E762_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Corporate Legal Group office:</i> Can you also confirm that a new commercial and legal office has been established in Melbourne in a refurbished building on the CSIRO Parkville site?
E763_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Cost of refurbishment at Parkville:</i> What was the cost of this refurbishment at Parkville? Can you confirm that it was in the order of \$500,000?
E764_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Location of CSIRO General Counsel:</i> Does the Melbourne facility house the CSIRO Corporate counsel? What is the reason for this position being located her rather than in Canberra with the CEO?

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E765_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>CSIRO lawyers:</i> How many in-house lawyers does CSIRO employ or engage on a contract basis? Where are all these positions located? What is the standard length of a contract for such staff?
E766_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Cost of in-house legal services:</i> What was the annual cost of in-house legal services for each of the past three years? Please provide annual details as well as a total three year cost.
E767_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Cost of legal work contacted to AGS:</i> What was the cost of legal work contracted out to the AGS or to other legal firms for the past three financial years? Please provide annual details as well as a three year total cost.
E768_06	CSIRO	Written	Carr	<i>Corporate legal group and research support services review:</i> Is the legal group one of the support services to be included in the review of support services costs?
E769_06	IEG	117	Wong	<i>Submissions supporting an application for Ministerial exemption:</i> I have one set of questions on Bridge Business College. Did they apply for an exemption from the Tuition Assurance Scheme? When did they make that application? Has it been determined? When did you make that request [for submissions]?
E770_06	IEG	119	Wong	<i>Financial risk assessment:</i> Have you done a financial risk assessment? Can you provide a copy of the financial risk assessment please?
E771_06	IEG	119	Wong	<i>Associated issues under investigation:</i> What I am interested in is what associated issues were being investigated. Could you take that on notice? What I am particularly interested in is what associated issues - which Ms Laker referred to - are being investigated by the department.
E772_06	IEG	119	Wong	<i>Ministerial Exemption from TAS coverage:</i> Can you take on notice how many other applications for exemption have been made over the last five years? How long has the scheme been in existence?
E773_06	IEG	Written	Nettle	<i>Overseas employees of Australian universities and associated entities:</i> What steps has the Commonwealth government taken to protect the civil and human rights of the employees of the overseas operating entities of Australian universities?
E774_06	IRSG	Written	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF):</i> Please provide an update on the RQF process including dates for the next steps. Has the final Expert Advisory Group (EAG) paper been completed? Has it gone to the Minister?
E775_06	IRSG	Written	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework:</i> Will the EAG be involved in the process to adapt the RQF to ARC and NHMRC funding? How will this process of determining how the RQF applies to ARC and NHMRC funds work? Who will run it? Will there be public consultations? What is the timeline? How much of the ARC and NHMRC funding will be tied to the RQF?
E776_06	IRSG	Written	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF):</i> Will the RQF be trialled next year? Have particular universities been selected for a trial or will it be all of them? Please provide details. How will the trial RQF work? How much money has the Government budgeted for the trial? Will DEST compensate universities' costs for participating in the trial RQF?
E777_06	IRSG	Written	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF):</i> How much money has been spent on the RQF to date? Written
E778_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Overseas student enrolment:</i> Please provide enrolment numbers for international students in each year since 1995-1996 by: university, level of course; field of education; commencing or continuing.

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E779_06	HEG	Written	Wong	<i>Overseas student income:</i> Please provide figures for the income derived from international students in each year since 1995-1996 by: university; level of course; field of education; commencing or continuing.
E780_06	HEG	Written	Nettle	<i>Overseas operations of Australian universities:</i> For each of the years 1996 to 2005, how much revenue has been generated by the overseas operations of Australian universities?
E781_06	VET	DOFA Hansard 58	Brown	<i>Forest and Forest Products Employment Skills Company:</i> Asked on 31/10 at DOFA hearing - taken on notice by Mr Glyde - Brown: Yes, but not a \$4 million allocation which was going to the 20-person skills company you referred to - FAFPESC - and ESC, which is an advisory board for the timber industry and which has both union and employer representatives but is quite heavily represented by the forestry branch of the CFMEU and chaired by the forestry division national secretary of that union, Trevor Smith. Is the work going to be subcontracted? What strictures are put on the allocation?
E782_06 to E785_06	ARC	Written	Forshaw	<i>Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC):</i> How much funding has been provided by the Australian Government to the Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC) since 2002? Please provide a break-up of this funding by Department and Agency.
E783_06	ARC	Written	Forshaw	<i>Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC):</i> Is the ASCC required to report to the Federal Government on how it has expended such funds? If so, have these reports been provided to the Government? Please provide a copy of the reports to the Committee if available.
E784_06	ARC	Written	Forshaw	<i>Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC):</i> Who owns the intellectual property if any, resulting from the use of these funds?
E785_06	ARC	Written	Forshaw	<i>Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC):</i> Does the Government believe that it, and the Australian people, have received value for money through the allocation and use of these funds by ASCC.
E786_06	PAL	79	Wong	<i>Probity Guidelines – Dr Donnelly:</i> Was that as a result of Dr Donnelly's decision or are there probity guidelines which would prevent a government adviser within a ministerial office also being engaged under contracted consultancy with the department?
E787_06	PAL	81	Wong	<i>ANTA Contracts:</i> If E475_05 misses anything else other than ANTA contracts, could that be updated?
E788_06 to E792_06	PAL	Written	Murray	<i>Contracts:</i> Part 1: What guidance is provided to staff with responsibilities for contract negotiations specifically about the requirements of the Senate Order? If relevant guidance is not provided, please explain why this is the case.
E789_06, [E788_06, E790_06, E791_06, E792_06]	PAL	Written	Murray	<i>Contracts:</i> Part 2: What training and awareness sessions are provided, either in-house or through other training providers (e.g. DOFA, APS Commission or private firms) in respect of the Order? Please provide a list of the dates, the identity of the training providers and the content of the training that staff attended in 2005. If training and awareness sessions are not provided, please explain why this is the case.
E790_06, [E788_06, E789_06, E791_06, E792_06]	PAL	Written	Murray	<i>Contracts:</i> Part 3: Has the department/agency revised its procurement guidelines to incorporate the new Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines that took effect from 1 January 2005, particularly with respect to the confidentiality elements contained in those guidelines? If so, when did this occur and can a copy be provided? If not, what is the cause of the delay and when will the revision occur?

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E791_06, [E790_06, E788_06, E789_06, E792_06]	PAL	Written	Murray	<i>Contracts: Part 4:</i> ANAO audits for the last three years have revealed a consistently low level of compliance across most agencies with DOFA confidentiality criteria (February 2003) for determining whether commercial information should be protected as confidential. The ANAO's latest report on the Order (No.11 2005-2006, September 2005) states that departments and agencies need to give higher priority with this important requirement of the Senate Order. What specific measures have been or will be taken to address this problem, give it higher priority and raise compliance levels? What guidance and training are provided to staff about the confidentiality criteria and the four tests employed to determine whether information should be protected? What internal auditing or checking is performed to test compliance in this area? If none is performed, why not and is the agency considering the adoption of internal controls and checks?
E792_06, [E788_06, E789_06, E790_06, E791_06]	PAL		Murray	<i>Contracts: Part 5:</i> What problems, if any, has the agency and/or relevant staff experienced in complying with the Senate Order? What is the nature and cause of any problems? What measures have been, or could be, adopted to address these concerns?
E793_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>VET Priority Places Programme:</i> Did the department conduct an evaluation of the VET priority places program? If so, who conducted the evaluation? What were the outcomes? Please provide a copy of the report.
E794_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Rural and Regional Skill Shortages:</i> What is DEST's definition of "Rural and Regional" in terms of attracting incentive payments for the Rural and Regional Skill Shortages – Special Commencement incentive payments? Please provide a comprehensive list of areas DEST defines as rural and regional.
E795_06	AUD	Written	Wong	<i>Matters referred to the police by DEST's National Investigations Unit:</i> How many matters investigated by DEST's National Investigations Unit have been referred to the police for further investigation? What was the nature of these matters? How many of such investigations have resulted in (i) charges being laid; (ii) successful prosecutions; and (iii) for each of the above what was the nature of the charge.
E796_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Tools for Your Trade:</i> What is the length and value of the contract with MAS Administration Services Ltd to administer the Tools for Your Trade initiative? What is the 'per New Apprentice fee' payable to the successful contractor, MAS Administration Services Ltd, under the tools for your trade initiative?
E797_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Tools for Your Trade:</i> How was this 'per New Apprentice fee' calculated and what responsibilities and services does it cover?
E798_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Tools for Your Trade:</i> What is the budget allocation over the forward estimates period for the Tools for Your Trade initiative?
E799_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Units of competency within New Apprenticeships:</i> Does DEST, through the National Training Information Service, their departmental information management systems, or any other means, collect data on the prevalence of specific units of competency within New Apprenticeships? For example, how many New Apprenticeships were (i) registered; (ii) attracted employer incentives that contained unit of competency: AURV326366AA; BCGRT3001B; BCPCM2008A; THHBCC00B; THHBFB12A; THHBFB12B; ZWACHK31A. If not, is there any mechanism for DEST to determine how many New Apprenticeships contained

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				specific units of competency?
E800_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>National Training Information System</i> : What is the nature of the data transfers being conducted on the National Training Information System, and how significant are the data errors reported on the NTIS website? When does DEST expect these errors to be rectified? Has DEST engaged any outside consultants to assist on this project? If so, who? What is the value of the contract? When is the work expected to be completed?
E801_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>TAFE Workforce</i> : Is DEST undertaking any research, programs or initiatives examining the issue of the ageing profile of the TAFE workforce and the potential for severe staff shortages in the TAFE workforce? Please provide details of work being undertaken.
E802_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>New Apprenticeships</i> : Please provide data on the number: (i) in training; (ii) commencements; (iii) completions; (iv) cancellations and withdrawals, of (a) all New Apprenticeships; (b) 'traditional apprentices'; (c) New Apprenticeships in the trades and related workers ASCO category, by: (X) federal electorate; (Y) state; (Z) industry grouping for the most recent 12 month period.
E803_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>New Apprenticeships statistics</i> : Please update answer e156_06 to include information on the 6 qualifications not previously reported. [For each of the qualifications listed in Schedule A of the draft guidelines for the Tools For Your Trade Initiative released with the request for tender documentation on 28 May 2005, please provide, for the latest available 12 month period, the total number of: (a) Commencements (b) In training (c) Completions Please also provide a breakdown of these figures by: (d) State/Territory (e) Federal Electorate] [refer also E156_06]
E804_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Funding allocated to Group Training Australia</i> : How much funding has been allocated to Group Training Australia to promote group training and associated matters since 1996? How much is allocated in the forward estimate period?
E805_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Worldskills Australia</i> : How much funding has been provided to assist WorldSkills Australia since 1996? How much is allocated, and under which output and program, over the forward estimates?
E806_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Independent Secretariat for the Ministerial Council for Vocational and Technical Education (MCVTE)</i> : Will the new vocational and education and training ministerial council have an independent secretariat? If so: What will be its annual budget? How will it be funded? Where will it be located? Who will appoint the members? To whom will they be responsible?
E807_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>VET Resourcing Review</i> : In a letter to State and Territory Ministers dated 17 August 2005 Ministers Nelson and Hardgrave said that there would be (i) a National Review of VET Fees; and this would include (ii) a review of resourcing for VET. In relation to each of these reviews: What are the terms of reference? Who will perform the review? Will the review be independent of DEST? What is the total cost? What is the timeframe for reporting? Will the report be made public?
E808_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Forward Estimates Indexation rates</i> : What is the annual indexation factor assumed over the forward estimates for the current Skilling Australia's Workforce agreement?

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E809_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>New Apprenticeships Support Services 2003-2006 contracts:</i> What is the (i) length, (ii) total value of each contract between the Australian Government and each New Apprenticeship Centre?
E810_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>New Apprenticeships:</i> For each year since 1998 please provide a list of the total number of New Apprenticeships available. Please break these New Apprenticeships down by ASCO grouping.
E811_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>Commonwealth – State Agreement for Skilling Australia's Workforce:</i> The Commonwealth was due to make a payment to the States and Territories under the VET funding arrangements on 15 August 2005. When was this payment actually made to each State and Territory? What are the scheduled dates for payments under the Skilling Australian's Workforce Agreement for the duration of the agreement?
E812_06	VET	Written	Wong	<i>National Skills Shortage List:</i> The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations is currently conducting a review of the national skill shortage list research. Is DEST participating in the review? Is DEST satisfied with the validity and reliability of the National Skill Shortage List? When the review due to be complete?
E813_06	VET	107	Crossin	<i>Commonwealth-State Agreement for Skilling Australia's Workforce:</i> In total, how much of the Skilling Australia's Workforce funds are actually earmarked for Indigenous specific projects?
E814_06	SAE	Written	Wong	<i>Income Support for Students:</i> For the years 1998 - 2004, how many students were in receipt of (i) Youth Allowance, (ii) Austudy, (iii) Abstudy, in the following areas: - By institution type (ie school/tafe/university) - Of each of these, how many were receiving the independent rate? - Of each of these, how many were receiving the away from home rate? - How many recipients were in each age cohort?
E815_06	SCG	49	Nash/ Crossin	<i>Misleading and incorrect content within the NT Government 'Dump' brochure:</i> Would you see the information in the brochure as misleading or incorrect? Paul: We are more than happy to look at the document and give more fulsome advice?
E816_06	CSG	Written	Wong	<i>ANTA transition to DEST:</i> How many ANTA staff made the transition to DEST? Please specify at what level, including any SES level staff.
E817_06	SCG	55	Crossin	<i>Onshore and offshore siting options for the CRWMF:</i> If you could go and get evidence that that is what the Prime Minister said in July last year. Paul: We will get the statement. We think the Prime Minister expressed a preference. I do not think it is contradictory, and subsequently, obviously, mainland sites were considered.
E818_06	SAE	95-96	Wong	<i>Applications to undergraduate university places for 2006:</i> In terms of the 2006 applications, has there been a drop? Have you looked at any data there? Have you inquired of the universities what the state of applications is? Can you table those figures? So that is for next year's applications? These are the figures we have been given so far by the UAC's. As I said, as of today - and did I check this morning - we have not received Victoria's figures. Are you able to provide those?
E819_06	ANSTO	32	Nettle	<i>OPAL Reactor – costs:</i> Do you have an estimated final cost of the reactor? Smith: The estimated final cost is basically the cost that is in the documentation which has been coming forward to the Public Works Committee on a quarterly basis, but I am happy to give you a copy of that material.

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E820_06	SAE	13 and written	Wong	<i>Social Research Centre Pty Ltd:</i> Going back to the Social Research Centre contract, you were not able to give me details of what that was for. PRN03521 Contract No: 2789 The Social Research Centre Pty Ltd Survey of New Apprenticeship outcomes \$41 230 What specifically were they asked to do? What did they produce? Is this an extension of Contract 2789 listed in the 2003-04 DEST Annual report , valued at \$242 735 or part of the original terms of the contract? If an extension was negotiated, what were the terms? When was the extension made? What did the Social Research Centre produce? What was the total value of Contract 2789?
E821_06	SG	78	Wong	<i>Proposal from Dr Donnelly:</i> When did the minister's officer refer it to the department?
E822_06	I&T	Written	Wong	<i>Parent School Partnerships Initiative:</i> Is DEST considering changes to the application procedures for the Parent School Partnership Initiative for 2006? If so, what are they?
E823_06	I&T	Written	Wong	<i>Whole of School Intervention Strategy:</i> How much funding has been allocated under the Parent School Partnership Initiative in 2005? Please provide a breakdown of funding allocated by month.
E824_06	I&T	Written	Wong	<i>Whole of School Intervention Strategy:</i> Please provide a list of schools who received funding under the ASSPA arrangements in 2004 including the quantum of funds provided, and how much these schools received under PSPI in 2005.
E825_06	I&T	Written	Wong	<i>ASSPA and PSPI funding:</i> Please provide a list of schools which received ASSPA funding in 2004, and the funding allocated, and the list of schools which did not receive PSPI funding in 2005. Please provide a list of schools who did not receive ASSPA funding in 2004 and did receiving PSPI funding in 2005, and the level of funding allocated.
E826_06	I&T	Written	Wong	<i>Australian Network of Industry Careers Advisers:</i> Please provide a list of how much funding has been provided in total for each local service area under the Australian Network of Industry Careers Advisers? What methodology was used to determine how funding for each program was allocated under the initiative? [attachment]
E827_06	I&T	Written	Wong	<i>Industry Group Funding for Vocational Learning and School to Work Transitions for Young Australians:</i> How much funding does DEST provide to peak industry groups to "support vocational learning opportunities and effective school to work transitions for young Australians" (p.57 DEST annual report 2004-05) Please specify the amounts given by industry group.
E828_06	CSIRO	34	Wong	<i>Deficit discussed with Minister's Office:</i> Can you take on notice, then, the dates on which the deficit was discussed with the minister's office by CSIRO officials?
E829_06	HEG	Written	Nettle	<i>Student contributions:</i> What are the Ministers estimates for student contributions to course costs at Universities for each of the years 2006-2010?
E830_06	SAE	Written	Siewert	<i>Youth Allowance (student):</i> Can you explain the reason for the inconsistencies in the way in the definition and level of support provided to unemployed young people versus students? For example why is it that a 21 year old unemployed person living at home receives \$399.90 independent of parental income, whereas a student under the age of 25 receives \$214.90 and is means tested? Why is a 21 year old unemployed person considered independent adult while a 25 year old student is a dependent youth?

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E831_06	IRSG	115	Wong	<i>Research Quality Framework (RQF)</i> : Perhaps you could take on notice then from DEST's perspective the dates of contact in relation to the announcement for both the ARC and the NHMRC.

Legend

Agencies:

ARC	Australian Research Council
AIATSIS	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
ANSTO	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
AIMS	Australian Institute of Marine Science

Departmental Groups:

IRSG	Innovation and Research Systems Group
SCG	Science Group
HEG	Higher Education Group
VET	Vocational Training and Education Groups (National Training Directions and Industry Skills)
SG	Schools Group (Schools Resources and Schools Outcomes)
I&T	Indigenous and Transitions Group
SAE	Strategic Analysis and Evaluation Group
IEG	International Education Group