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QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Senator	Hansard/ Ref	QUESTION
EW387_10	5	XENOPHON	Written	Award Modernisation What are all of the Award modernisation requests that the Minister has requested the AIRC reconsider/review? What others are currently under consideration? How will the impact of reviewed requests be considered at the 'coalface' to ascertain real impact on various sectors? What consultation is taking place in development of these new awards?
EW388_10	4	CASH	Written	Workforce Participation criteria Further to DEEWR Question No. EW0352_10 from 3 June 2009, please provide a break down this information by Federal electorate, Australia-wide.
EW389_10	4	CASH	Written	Has the Department under taken any modelling or made any projections on the ability of young people to be classified as Independent against the Government's new Workforce Participation criteria, as compared to the previous take-up rate by the same demographic under the previous criteria? If so, what modelling has been undertaken, what projections have been made and what data was utilised?
EW390_10	4	CASH	Written	Has the Department under taken any modelling or made any projections regarding the likelihood of young people in rural and regional communities, with a population of less than 1000, being able to find a minimum of 30 hours of work every week under the new Workforce Participation criteria? If so, what modelling has been undertaken, what projections have been made and what data was utilised?
EW391_10	4	CASH	Written	Would a young person from rural and regional Australia who has qualified for Youth Allowance, having met the Independence criteria under the Workplace Participation criteria, receive any assistance to live away from home? If not, how many young people are expected to fall within this category under the new changes to Youth Allowance by Federal electorate?
EW392_10	4	CASH	Written	Youth Allowance Roundtable What was the selection process for students who attended the Youth Allowance Roundtable with Minister Gillard on 24 August 2009 (the Roundtable)?
EW393_10	4	CASH	Written	Please provide a list of the students who attended the Roundtable, by state and by Federal electorate.
EW394_10	4	CASH	Written	Is the Department aware if any of the participants were members of the Australian Labor Party? If so, which participants?
EW395_10	4	CASH	Written	Did any Minister or Minister's office direct the Department to select a student or students for attendance at the Roundtable? If yes, who gave the direction and who was the participant(s)?
EW396_10	4	CASH	Written	Who in Government gave final approval for the participants to attend the Roundtable?
EW397_10	4	CASH	Written	Were participants in the Roundtable paid, reimbursed or did they have their travel costs or expenses met by the Department? If so, what was the total sum of that expenditure and how much was paid to each participant?

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EW398_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<i>Youth Affairs</i> With reference to Minister Ellis' announcement on 7 October 2009 of \$500,000 funding a year for the Youth Development and Support Program, How many grants do you expect will be provided under this programme? What is the average amount of grant expected to be provided
EW399_10	3	PAYNE	Written	According to the FAQ on the website, "it is anticipated that the majority of the grants made as part of the Program will be around \$15,000", yet the press release says up to \$75,000. Are grants \$75,00 or \$15,000?
EW400_10	3	PAYNE	Written	According to the website, it states "The Government has committed \$500,000 under the Program to fund initiatives that inspire and encourage young people to engage with government and community, and help them develop skills and connections within their communities". How do you expect this programme will allow people to engage with government, and does this include both government and opposition? Can you outline how you expect this to occur?
EW401_10	3	PAYNE	Written	What is the 2009-10 budget for the Office for Youth? Has this increased or decreased from 2008-09?
EW402_10	3	PAYNE	Written	How many staff work in the Office for Youth? How has this changed from 2008-09?
EW403_10	3	PAYNE	Written	What are the main "engagement" methods? (ie: Australian Youth Forum and online discussions)
EW404_10	3	PAYNE	Written	How much is spent on each type of youth "engagement"? (online forums, face to face, roundtables, etc).
EW405_10	3	PAYNE	Written	For 2008-09 and 2009-10, can you provide a breakdown of each "engagement" with the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dates - Exact locations - Number of people attending - Which youth groups were represented. - Whether or not attendance was through competitive selection – and where, when and how this was advertised. - Whether or not MPs and Senators were invited to send people along, and who this invitation was extended to. - Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the department - Which Members of Parliament or Senators were involved – and how they were involved. - Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for the Minister/Minister's office or other Ministers/Members/Senators involved. - Itemised travel costs and details of accommodation for participants - Cost of facilitators - Cost of venue hire - Costs to advertise the events - Other costs – itemised

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EW406_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<p>On Monday 12 October 2009 the office of the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth contacted the electorate office of the Shadow Minister informing her that the Minister would be holding 6 round tables for youth in the coming sitting weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When were these roundtables first flagged? - When were the dates for these roundtables finalised? - What are the dates for the roundtables? - What is the purpose of these roundtables? - How many young people are expected to attend all of these roundtables? - Are they being held as part of the Australian Youth Forum?
EW407_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<p>How many roundtables are being held in the week beginning 19 October 2009? Where are they being held? How many young people will be attending the roundtables in this week (19/10)? How were these young people chosen to attend the roundtables?</p>
EW408_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<p>Can you provide me with a list of the organisations that were asked by the Government/ Department to nominate young people to attend?</p>
EW409_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<p>Is the Government meeting the travel costs of the attendees of these roundtables? If so, can the department detail what these costs are?</p>
EW410_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<p>What other costs are being met by the Government, including, but not limited to, accommodation? For any costs being met, can the department details?</p>
EW411_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<p>How much has been budgeted to conduct these roundtables?</p>
EW412_10	3	PAYNE	Written	<p>How will the outcomes from these roundtables be publicised and will a report be released?</p>
EW413_10	4	PAYNE	Written	<p>Indigenous Employment Can DEEWR provide information to the committee about how many participants in the AEC program have successfully completed training, how many have not successfully completed training, how many are currently in training programs, and how many are waiting to be placed in training programs?</p>
EW414_10	4	PAYNE	Written	<p>How many jobs for Indigenous Australians have been created so far under Andrew Forrest's Australian Employment Covenant? Where are these jobs and who are the employers?</p>
EW415_10	4	PAYNE	Written	<p>What is the benchmark or accepted standard time between DEEWR being made aware of an AEC participant requiring training so that they can be placed in a job, and that person being placed in training by DEEWR?</p>
EW416_10	4	PAYNE	Written	<p>What is the average <u>actual time</u> between DEEWR being made aware of an AEC participant requiring training so that they can be placed in a job, and that person being placed in training by DEEWR? If statistics are not kept on this, why not?</p>
EW417_10	4	PAYNE	Written	<p>Please provide specific examples of what has been achieved so far under each of the four elements described in the objectives of the Indigenous Economic Participation National Partnership Agreement?</p>
EW418_10	4	PAYNE	Written	<p>How much money has been committed or spent on contracts for RTOs to train Aboriginal Australians since the last federal election?</p>
EW419_10	4	PAYNE	Written	<p>Has ISP been engaged to undertake any of this training? If so, how much money has been committed or spent on contracts with ISP?</p>

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EW420_10	4	PAYNE	Written	How much money has been committed or spent by DEEWR in funding RTOs to train Aboriginal people since December 2007?
EW421_10	4	PAYNE	Written	Is it true that one company, ISP, was awarded a contract to train 12 people in 8 weeks and that contract was for \$185,000?
EW422_10	1	PAYNE	Written	Childcare/Early Childhood Education How many additional Indigenous early childhood places have been provided since December 2007. What locations are they in?
EW423_10	1	PAYNE	Written	What programs or services have been implemented to meet the objectives of the Indigenous Early Childhood National Partnership Agreement?
EW424_10	2	PAYNE	Written	Education Can you confirm that the 2009 NAPLAN report shows that 9 out of 10 Indigenous students in the Northern Territory are failing to reach basic reading and writing benchmarks by the time they get to year nine? What steps is the government taking to improve this outcome?
EW425_10	2	PAYNE	Written	What is the per capita combined spending from the Commonwealth and Northern Territory on Indigenous education in the Northern Territory? How does this compare with other states and territories?
EW426_10	2	PAYNE	Written	Closing the Gap – Northern Territory – Enhancing Education – Teacher Housing In answer to a question on notice at Budget Estimates, you (DEEWR) said that construction on the houses would begin “as soon as possible,” with completion due by 30 June 2010. Has construction now begun, and if so, on how many houses? Is it still expected that all houses will be complete by 30 June 2010?
EW427_10	2	PAYNE	Written	In answer to a question on notice at Budget Estimates, you (DEEWR) said you were working with the NT Department of Education and the NT Catholic Education Office on the location of the Houses, but did not say where these locations would be. Can you now provide this information? If not, why not, given completion is due in just over half a year’s time?
EW428_10	2	PAYNE	Written	In answer to a question on notice at Budget Estimates, you (DEEWR) said that as of 30 June 2009, 97 additional teachers had been placed in communities. Has that number changed since then? Of the 97 (or updated figure), can the department provide details about how many are in their own accommodation, how many are in shared accommodation, and how many are in accommodation on loan from other departments or the community? Of those in shared accommodation, can the department indicate which communities this relates to, and how many people are sharing the accommodation? Of those in loaned accommodation, can the department indicate which communities this relates to, and in each case whether the accommodation is on loan from another department or the community, the nature of the accommodation and what the cost is for each?
EW429_10	FWO	HUMPHRIES	Written	FWO How many investigations has the OFWO commenced since 1 July 2009? How many of these have been resolved?
EW430_10	FWO	HUMPHRIES	Written	What were the outcomes of these resolutions?
EW431_10	FWO	HUMPHRIES	Written	What are the most common areas or circumstances you investigate? Can you list them?

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EW432_10	FWO	HUMPHRIES	Written	Have these areas changed since the commencement of the Fair Work Act – when compared to the types of areas you investigated under the Workplace Relations Act?
EW433_10	FWO	HUMPHRIES	Written	What is the average time taken by the OFWO to complete and investigation?
EW434_10	FWO	HUMPHRIES	Written	What KPI's has the OFWO established to measure the effectiveness of the investigations you carry out?
EW435_10	FWO	HUMPHRIES	Written	How are you tracking in relation to meeting those KPI's?
EW436_10	3	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	Productivity Places Program As at June 30,2009 how many (a) job seekers and (b) existing workers, had in total enrolled in Productivity Places Program funded courses? For both (a) and (b) please indicate how many had in total enrolled at TAFE?
EW437_10	3	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	Please provide a list of total enrolments by qualification and industry for the PPP program as at June 30, 2009.
EW438_10	3	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	The Government has stated 392,000 training places will be allocated to existing workers wanting to gain or upgrade their skills and 319,000 will be allocated to job seekers. Will the number of people who get training equal the number of places? If not how many existing workers and job seekers are expected to be trained under the PPP?
EW439_10	3	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	Can the government give assurances that the 40% State/Territory funding component of the existing worker places in the PPP is not being financed through existing budgets, but through additional funding?
EW440_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	National testing and ACARA website What research has been undertaken by the Federal Government or commissioned to determine the reliability and validity of the NAPLAN results and whether comparing school results is a valid use of the data?
EW441_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	What research has been done or has been commissioned comparing the 2008 and 2009 NAPLAN results to determine the validity of the results and specifically the magnitude of change in achievement?
EW442_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	In the interests of transparency and accountability will ACARA publish information about the reliability and validity of the tests, including the margins of error associated with comparisons between schools, school year levels, classes and individual students?
EW443_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	What protections are being put in place to stop the NAPLAN data being taken and used to create and publish crude league tables which rank schools?
EW444_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	Disclosure of public funding: When the full information on funding of schools will be included on the ACARA website? Who has not supplied the necessary funding information (independent, catholic or government)? When will private schools be required to report publicly on their funding sources as required under the School Assistance Act 2008?
EW445_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	Teach for Australia: How much funding has the Federal Government committed so far directly or via state governments to Teach for Australia and the Teach for Australia program?
EW446_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	What are the forward estimates for funding and what specifically will it be used for?

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EW447_10	2	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	The Education Minister Julia Gillard said in April similar programs to Teach for Australia had been shown to deliver “better student outcomes”. What research is the Federal Government relying on to demonstrate that unqualified teachers deliver better outcomes than those that have a formal teaching qualification?
EW448_10	3	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	International students: In monitoring CRICOS registered providers how many (a) compliance visits did DEEWR undertake in 2008/09, (b) how many enforcement notices were issued (c) how many providers had conditions placed on their registration and 9d) how many providers had their registration cancelled?
EW449_10	3	HANSON-YOUNG	Written	How many providers in total had their registration cancelled by DEEWR or state and territory regulators in 2008/09?
EW450_10	4	CASH	written	Job Services Australia How many job seekers failed to attend their first scheduled appointment with their Job Services Australia provider?
EW451_10	4	CASH	written	With regard to the 20 Priority Employment Areas: On what date did DEEWR conduct the analysis of the areas most vulnerable to present or future unemployment? On what date was this analysis provided to the Minister for Employment Participation? On what date was this analysis provided to the Prime Minister? Who sought this analysis? On what date did DEEWR recommend the selection of areas of vulnerability to present or future unemployment? How many areas did DEEWR recommend for inclusion?
EW452_10	4	CASH	written	With regard to the 20 Priority Employment Areas, please provide: The unemployment rate; Measured change in Centrelink beneficiaries ; Percentage of population who are receiving income support payments through Centrelink; Education levels; Level of entrenched disadvantage; Composition of industry which were vulnerable to economic downturn.
EW453_10	4	CASH	written	Regarding Labour Force Regions, for each region please provide: The unemployment rate Measured change in Centrelink beneficiaries Percentage of population who are receiving income support payments through Centrelink Education levels Level of entrenched disadvantage Composition of industry which were vulnerable to economic downturn
EW454_10	4	CASH	written	Regarding the 20 Priority Employment Areas, for each area please provide: the reason the area was included as a Priority Employment Area explain how the boundaries were determined explain how the postcodes were selected Explain how the Local Government areas were selected.

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EW455_10	4	CASH	written	JSA Reporting outcomes: How many placements have been recorded to date for Job Services Australia providers? How many employment outcomes have been recorded to date for Job Services Australia?
EW456_10	4	CASH	written	How many Stream 1 participants have now been placed in employment by their Job Services Australia provider? Please provide this as a both a number and in terms of percentage of total commencements. How many Stream 2 participants have now been placed in employment by their Job Services Australia provider? How many Stream 4 participants have now been placed in employment by their Job Services Australia provider?
EW457_10	4	CASH	written	Jobs Fund – Round 1 How much money has been spent on Jobs Fund projects to date?
EW458_10	4	CASH	written	How many projects were recommended by the Local Employment Coordinator? How many of the projects recommended by the Local Employment Coordinator were successful? How many successful projects were not recommended by a Local Employment Coordinator? How many Stream 3 participants have now been placed in employment by their Job Services Australia provider? How many of the successful projects were in a Priority Employment Area?
EW459_10	4	CASH	written	How many projects were recommended to the Minister for each stream? How many projects were successful for each Stream?
EW460_10	4	CASH	written	What constitutes a breach of contract for Jobs Fund project? What happens if the contract is breached? Will funding be withdrawn?
EW461_10	4	CASH	written	Does DEEWR have data on how many local jobs have been created as a direct result of the Jobs Fund Initiative? If yes, how many jobs have been created? Will DEEWR monitor the number of trainees and work experience participants who actually benefit from each project? Please provide the number of trainees and work experience participants who actually benefit from each project?
EW462_10	4	CASH	written	Has there been any change to the Jobs Fund guidelines as a result of either the interim or final Keep Australia Working reports?
EW463_10	4	CASH	written	Clause 2.5 "Assessment Processes" of the Jobs Fund Guidelines which states: A Joint Committee comprising of staff from the Departments will determine a project's suitability for funding under the Local Jobs or Get Communities Working streams and direct to the appropriate Department for assessment..... Who chairs the Joint Committee of Staff from the Departments?
EW464_10	4	CASH	written	How many bike path project applications were recommended for approval by DEEWR? How many of these applications were recommended by the Local Employment Coordinator? How many projects were recommended by DEEWR in the Local Jobs Stream? Were these recommendations made to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Arts or their delegate? Who was the Minister's delegate?
EW465_10	4	CASH	written	Did any Minister refer a bike path project to DEEWR for recommendation?
EW466_10	4	CASH	written	Jobs Fund - Get communities working What is the total number of applications received under the Get Communities Working component of the Jobs Fund? How many of these applications were assessed as meeting the relevant gateway criteria? How many of these applications were in a Priority Employment Area?

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EW467_10	4	CASH	written	How many Get Communities Working project applications were recommended for approval by DEEWR? How many of these applications were recommended by the Local Employment Coordinator? How many projects were recommended by DEEWR in the Local Jobs Stream? Were these recommendations made to the Deputy Prime Minister or her delegate? Who was the Minister's delegate?
EW468_10	4	CASH	written	How many of the Get Communities Working projects which were recommended for approval, were successful? Were any Get Communities Working projects which were not initially recommended, approved? Did any Minister refer a Get Communities Working project to DEEWR for recommendation?
EW469_10	4	CASH	written	The Keep Australia Working Report at page 6 states: "In order to support outcomes now and build long term capacity, other major initiatives as part of this report to build job and training opportunities include: ... a second round of the Get Communities Working Stream of the Jobs Fund to give priority to intermediate labour market models of social enterprise"
EW470_10	4	CASH	written	What is meant by the "intermediate labour market models of social enterprise"? How do intermediate labour market models of social enterprise create employment?
EW471_10	4	CASH	written	Has DEEWR undertaken any analysis of the effectiveness of this approach in Australia? Has DEEWR undertaken any analysis of the effectiveness of this approach in the UK? Is DEEWR aware that this model has been regarded as an expensive failure in the UK?
EW472_10	4	CASH	written	How much will be spent on the Get Communities Working Stream? What level of employment is anticipated from the Get Communities Working Stream?
EW473_10	4	CASH	written	How will the effectiveness of the social enterprise model be monitored?
EW474_10	4	CASH	written	How many Infrastructure Employment project applications were recommended for approval by DEEWR? How many of these applications were recommended by the Local Employment Coordinator? How many projects were recommended by DEEWR in the Local Jobs Stream? Were these recommendations made to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government or the Minister's delegate?
EW475_10	4	CASH	written	General – Jobs Fund Regarding the Jobs Fund and the 172 successful projects which were announced in Round 1, for each successful project provide: a) The location of this project by suburb or town, local Government area and postcode b) The location of this project by Federal electorate c) Whether the project was recommended by a Local Employment Coordinator d) How much money was applied for e) How much money this project will receive
EW476_10	4	CASH	written	How many successful projects were there in each Priority Employment Area and how much was spent in each Priority Employment Area? Please provide the location, name of the project and total cost for each of the 41 successful projects which were outside the identified Priority Employment Areas?
EW477_10	4	CASH	written	Priority Employment Areas Does DEEWR collect unemployment data specifically for Local Government Areas? If so, has this always been the case? Is the unemployment data publicly available for Local Government Areas?

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EW478_10	4	CASH	written	What is the status of the Priority Employment Areas with respect to spending the Jobs Fund?
EW479_10	4	CASH	written	Did DEEWR recommend South West Metropolitan Perth as a Priority Employment Area? If yes - What were the reasons? Why was this area over other parts of Perth or other parts of Western Australia?
EW480_10	4	CASH	written	Was any reference made in correspondence between DEEWR and the office of the relevant Ministers or Parliamentary Secretary that Townsville-Thuringowa contained the Federal electorates of Herbert, Kennedy and Dawson? Was any reference made in telephone calls between DEEWR and the office of the relevant Ministers or Parliamentary Secretary that Townsville-Thuringowa contained the Federal electorates of Herbert, Kennedy and Dawson? If yes, which Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries?
EW481_10	4	CASH	written	In Western Australia which Labour Force Region currently has the highest unemployment rate?
EW482_10	4	CASH	written	Why was South West Perth chosen instead of Northern Metropolitan Perth, Lower Western WA or South East Metropolitan Perth? Was there any recommendation made by DEEWR to the Minister that Barwon-Western Districts should be a Priority Employment Area? Why is Barwon-Western Districts which has the highest unemployment rate outside Melbourne in Victoria not a Priority Employment Area?
EW483_10	4	CASH	written	50,000 Green Jobs and Training Places Margaret Kidd from DEEWR stated that laying insulation was low-skilled and training should only take 3-4 days. What percentage of the 4000 people expected to gain jobs in this field is likely to need additional skilling first, before they can undertake the 3 day training?
EW484_10	3	CASH	written	What is the definition of a "green skill" Please provide an example of green skills for an electrician? Please provide an example of green skills for a plumber? Please provide an example of green skills for a hairdresser?
EW485_10	4	CASH	written	What proportion of the \$94 million set aside for the 50,000 green training places will be spent training 30,000 apprentices in 'green skills'? How much of the \$94 million is for the 6000 green jobs? Who originally devised the 50,000 Green Jobs and Training places? Was it DEEWR, or the PMO, or Department of PM&C?
EW486_10	4	CASH	written	Youth Unemployment What action is DEEWR taking specifically to improve the employment rate for 15-24 year old job seekers?
EW487_10	4	CASH	written	What statistical apparatus does the Government have in place to identify what works and what does not and why in relation to combating youth unemployment?
EW488_10	4	CASH	written	In a media release dated 20 April, 2009, the Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, welcomed the release of the OECD's ' Jobs for Youth: Australia Report. In the media release it was stated, "The OECD has called for the Government to ensure more teenagers stay in school past the age of 16 in order to boost their skills and improve their job opportunities in the long term." The Government's response to this was to announce that it will ask State and Territory governments to lift the mandatory age at which young people must be in school or engaged in training or employment. The report also states at page 11 of the Summary in English that "the Australian authorities should not underestimate the difficulties of implementing such a skill-first welfare policy, especially in the current situation of rising unemployment. The international evidence from evaluations of training programmes for youth in the United States and Europe is not encouraging." Has DEEWR reconsidered the Government's Learn or Earn Scheme in light of this statement? If not, why has DEEWR not heeded the advice of the OECD in regards to their skills-first approach?

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EW489_10	4	CASH	written	Disability Employment Network What is the current caseload of the Disability Employment Network?
EW490_10	4	CASH	written	What is the difference between the capped and uncapped programme? How many participants are in the Capped Programme? How many participants are in the uncapped programme? What is the average duration for uncapped participants?
EW491_10	4	CASH	written	Please provide a breakdown of the total caseload by Disability Maintenance Instrument rating (1-4)?
EW492_10	4	CASH	written	Please provide a breakdown of primary disability type?
EW493_10	4	CASH	written	Please advise what proportion of the current DEN caseload has a primary disability recorded as 'intellectual'?
EW494_10	4	CASH	written	Has there been any notable decline in the participation of people with intellectual disabilities over the last few years?
EW495_10	4	CASH	written	Please provide the breakdown by primary disability by number and percentage of the DEN caseload for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
EW496_10	4	CASH	written	What proportion of people, whose primary disability is intellectual, participates in the DEN Capped program? What proportion of these people is employed? What proportion of these people are in receipt of a Supported Wage?
EW497_10	4	CASH	written	What is the average 26 week employment outcome rate for people with a primary disability being intellectual?
EW498_10	4	CASH	written	What is a (DMI) 4 worker?
EW499_10	4	CASH	written	Under the proposed new contract, what modelling has DEEWR undertaken to ascertain the impact of the proposed funding model on a provider who has a caseload that is predominantly DMI4? If modelling has been undertaken, what is the impact? Will this require any additional funding? What is the cost per employment outcome in DEN?
EW500_10	4	CASH	written	When does DEEWR expect the tender to be completed, and providers informed whether they have been successful?
EW501_10	4	CASH	written	What has been the average duration of unemployment for each of the 4 Disability Maintenance Instrument caseloads? Has any research been undertaken to ascertain whether people with certain primary disabilities have greater requirement for support? If not, why not?
EW502_10	4	CASH	written	Has DEEWR undertaken an analysis of what the cost of employment support is for job seekers with intellectual disability?
EW503_10	4	CASH	written	Has DEEWR received any complaints about the proposed funding model for the new Disability Employment Services?
EW504_10	4	CASH	written	Small Area Labour Markets Data Has DEEWR completely ceased collecting the Small Area Labour Markets Data, or is it just no longer publicly available?
EW505_10	4	CASH	written	When will DEEWR be updating the Small Area Labour Markets Data?
EW506_10	4	CASH	written	Why has the Small Area Labour Markets Data gone from being updated every quarter, to now not having been updated since December 2008?
EW507_10	4	CASH	written	What data is DEEWR relying on instead to provide it with a comprehensive breakdown of unemployment on a geographical basis?

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EW508_10	4	CASH	written	Indigenous Employment On what date were successful tenderers for the Indigenous Employment Programs Employment Panel and Economic Development and Business Support Panel announced? Was this within the timeframe that DEEWR envisaged? By what date had DEEWR concluded the tender assessment? On what date were the results given to the Minister? Which Minister had responsibility for signing off on them? What caused the delay with announcing the results?
EW509_10	4	CASH	written	Does DEEWR believe successful tenderers had sufficient time to find premises, sign leases, set up IT equipment and hire staff, ready to commence on the 1 st July 2009? By what date were all providers fully operational? By what date were all providers fully operational?
EW510_10	4	CASH	written	On what date were successful projects for the new Indigenous Employment Panel members first announced? On what date did they commence?
EW511_10	4	CASH	written	Where is the project approval occurring? Is it at the State Office level or National Office? How many projects have been approved in Victoria to date? How many projects in NSW to date? How many projects have been approved in Queensland to date? Why have so few projects been approved in Queensland?
EW512_10	2	BARNETT	written	Building the Education Revolution Can you verify that there is a person employed as "Assistant-Director, Signage and Recognition Strategic Communications" as part of the team implementing the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution program? How much is this position paid per year? What is the person's name and when was their appointment approved?
EW513_10	2	BARNETT	written	Is there a team assigned to Signage and Recognition Strategic Communications? Please provide details.
EW514_10	2	BARNETT	written	Is there a "Director, Signage and Recognition Strategic Communications"? If so, please provide details.
EW515_10	2	BARNETT	written	What other positions have been created to implement the BER? Please provide details of positions, date commenced, cost, role and other details.
EW516_10	2	BARNETT	written	How many complaints have been received regarding the signs advertising BER projects? Please provide details of each, including nature of complaint, school concerned, date and other relevant information.
EW517_10	2	MASON	written	In relation to the ANAO audit of confidentiality provisions in departmental contracts, can the department provide a list of those contracts that were audited and how each of them was assessed (compliant or otherwise). Music Education - I refer to the Music. Count Us In program: How many teachers participated in the professional development component of the Music. Count Us In program in 2009?
EW518_10	2	MASON	written	How many students participated in the <i>Music. Count Us In</i> programme in 2007? How many students participated in the Music. Count Us In programme in 2008? How many students participated in the Music. Count Us In programme in 2009?
EW519_10	2	MASON	written	What was the cost of the <i>Music. Count Us In</i> programme on a per-student basis in 2009?
EW520_10	2	MASON	written	On what date was funding for the 2009 <i>Music. Count Us In</i> programme granted by the government? Would the 2009 Music. Count Us In programme have been more successful if the Australian Government had announced funding earlier in the year?
EW521_10	2	MASON	written	Has the Government refunded the <i>Music. Count Us In</i> programme for 2010 or beyond? If not, what are the reasons for not refunding this program?

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EW522_10	4	BERNARDI	written	Jobs Fund Will any of the applications rejected under Round 1 of the Jobs Fund (over 2500 applications and just 172 projects approved) be immediately accepted in Round 2 of the Jobs Fund?
EW523_10	4	BERNARDI	written	How many rounds will there be for the Jobs Fund program?
EW524_10	4	BERNARDI	written	What advertising is there for the Jobs Fund program and at what cost?
EW525_10	4	BERNARDI	written	Who selects the successful applications – how many people, and with what qualifications to do so?
EW526_10	5	CASH	written	Fair Work Education & Information Campaign Can the Department table copies of all materials provided to attendees of Fair Work Information sessions (whether on-line, sessions, or any other forum type or medium) conducted by the: 1. Australian Council of Trade Unions; 2. Australian Council of Trade Unions on the 19th October, 2009, in Sydney at a “Briefing – Site Meeting”; 3. The Australian Industry Group; and 4. Jobs Watch.
EW527_10	5	CASH	written	Are affiliate organisations of the Australian Council of Trade Unions conducting information sessions (however described) on behalf of, or in conjunction with, the ACTU? If yes, please list those affiliate organisations, the information sessions (however described) they have conducted since 1 July 2009, the locations of those sessions, the type of those sessions (site briefings, on-line, seminars etc), the number of persons who have attended each session, and the number of persons who have registered to attend each session. Please provide a list of the information sessions (however described) conducted by the Australian Industry Group since 1 July 2009, the locations of those sessions, the type of those sessions (site briefings, on-line, seminars etc), the number of persons who have attended each session, and the number of persons who have registered to attend each session.
EW528_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	Employment Services What lessons were learned when reviewing the tender process for employment services? How are these lessons being applied during the tender process for disability employment services? What options have been considered for better ways to procure such services?
EW529_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	When reviewing the tender process for employment services, what was learned about what it costs a potential or existing provider to tender?
EW530_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	Since the cessation of previous contracts for providers who were unsuccessful tenderers for employment services, has any study been carried out on the impacts of the loss of supplementary unfunded services by longstanding providers – eg ex-prisoner support to address barriers to getting and keeping a job?
EW531_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	What was the timeline originally promulgated for the tender process for disability employment services? Has this been revised? If so, how and why? What reduction in response times from potential tenderers were caused by the revision of these timelines?
EW532_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	Parenting Payment single Is the heading of tables 3 & 4 in the answer to QoN 23-10(from the last estimates) for sole parents correct (ie should it refer to people who claimed after November 2008 not May 2008).

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EW533_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>Newstart Allowance Of those jobseekers leaving Job Network Customised Assistance services in the March quarter of this year, what proportion were in full and part time employment 3 months later? (please break down into first and second stages of customised assistance, whether assessed as highly disadvantaged, duration of unemployment, Indigenous people, sole parents, and people with a disability)</p> <p>Please provide the same data for the March quarter of last year (2008).</p>
EW534_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>School Truancy pilot How is it the school truancy pilot in Logan in Queensland being rolled out and monitored?</p>
EW535_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>What extra resources or support have been provided for Centrelink social workers, financial counselling, schools and frontline services?</p>
EW536_10	2	SIEWERT	Written	<p>Youth Allowance What evidence is there that young people who are out of work and not in education or training have sufficient information about the Youth Compact and its implications for them?</p>
EW537_10	2	SIEWERT	Written	<p>How many young people do not comply with the requirements in the Youth Compact. How are these young people being provided with proactive support to comply and reengage with education/training and employment?</p>
EW538_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>Evaluation of Weekly payments Can a copy of the evaluation of weekly payments done by the former DEWR be made publicly available?</p>
EW539_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>DEWR Trial of Re-location of unemployed people to take up employment opportunities Have the trials undertaken by the previous Government into a pilot trial of relocation of income support recipients been evaluated and what details can be made available about this scheme, its use, its effectiveness, and support amongst recipients, and any plans for future work on this issue?</p>
EW540_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>Evaluation of Welfare to Work reforms What evaluations have been taken into the Welfare to Work reforms? Can these be made publicly available?</p>
EW541_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>Can we have data on what has occurred as a result of the Welfare to Work changes to payments for parents and people with a disability?</p>
EW542_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>What is the increase in parents on Parenting Payment (single and partnered) transferring from Parenting Payment to either the Carer Payment (adult or child) or the Disability Support Pension? <i>for the financial years 2004-05; 2005-06; 2006-07 and 2008-09.</i></p>
EW543_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>How many parents have lost their grandfathered status since July 2006?</p>
EW544_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>How many are in receipt of Newstart Allowance (principal carer)? How many are in receipt of Newstart Allowance (partial capacity)?</p>
EW545_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>Living Standards Research for Henry and Harmer reviews Please advise whether any research on the living standards of social security recipients has been commissioned to inform either the Harmer or Henry reviews, and provide details, together with copies of any reports submitted to the relevant department(s).</p>

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EW546_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	Disability Employment Network What accountability measures are there to ensure that DEN providers meet their stated commitments in agreements with job seekers?
EW547_10	2	SIEWERT	Written	Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Funding What measures are in place to ensure that the States and Territories use the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Funding for indigenous literacy and numeracy, given that the federal government's priority is education, as part of the 'education revolution'?
EW548_10	2	SIEWERT	Written	What are the instructions to the States and territories in the event of the money for ITAS being returned by the nominated school to the State/Territory Education Department, in the event of the money not been spent?
EW549_10	2	SIEWERT	Written	Because of the national curriculum, the States and Territories have to teach standard Australian Standard English. Why is it that indigenous people are no longer being funded to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers, in communities where the second language is English?
EW550_10	COMCARE	SIEWERT	Written	COMCARE In an answer to a question put on notice during Budget Estimates in May this year (EW0037_10), Comcare indicated that the rationale for the 5% deduction in section 21 of the Safety, Compensation and Rehabilitation Act was because it is "usual for superannuation funds, despite the level that the employee elects to contribute prior to injury, to require a 5 per cent employee contribution to the fund while the employee is on long term workers' compensation benefits." On what basis does Comcare understand that it is "usual" for superannuation funds to require a 5% employee contribution in these circumstances? Of the four Commonwealth public service schemes – PSS, CSS, PSSAP, and Australian Government Employees Superannuation Trust – how many require a 5% employee contribution in these circumstances?
EW551_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	The Department in its Report on the review of the Comcare Scheme recommends the 5% deductions remain in the legislation. Please explain the rationale behind the recommendation to retain the 5% deduction, particularly if not all superannuation funds require a deduction of 5%.
EW552_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	The Report indicates that "The reason for the retention of these arrangements is to ensure that no one among this group would be disadvantaged." What disadvantage that would occur of the deduction was removed? Does the government intend to make any further response to the review of Comcare, other than the announcements made by the Minister on 25 September 2009?
EW553_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	Federal Safety Commission Budget Where in the budget papers do I find the budget for the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner? What was their 2008/09 budget? What is their 2009/10 budget ? Will there be a reduction in staff in the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner? Is there an intention to reduce the Commissioner's budget in the next year? If so by how much?

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EW554_10	ABCC	SIEWERT	Written	ABCC Budget Has the budget for the ABCC been increased for this financial year? By how much? I also note there has been an increase in staffing level of 15 staff – is that right?
EW555_10	FWA	SIEWERT	Written	FWA What are the current research resources of FWA? What is the capacity to undertake research into the needs of low paid workers and their families?
EW556_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	How does the Commonwealth propose that FWA will become informed about the needs of low paid workers for the purpose of setting safety net wages?
EW557_10	FWA	SIEWERT	Written	Has any decision been made about the kinds of research to be undertaken by, or on behalf of, FWA for the purpose of the forthcoming minimum wages review? In particular, has any decision been made regarding the undertaking of research on the living costs of low paid workers and their families?
EW558_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	Will the Commonwealth allocate any funds for the commissioning of research into the living costs of low income working families? In particular, will it ensure funding for research into the child care costs of low paid sole parents and into the housing costs of low paid working families?
EW559_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	How does the Commonwealth propose that FWA deal with the consequences of the AFPC's wage freeze, including the reduction in the real wages of low paid safety net workers?
EW560_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	Has the Government any policy concerning the way in which the present disparity in State and Federal wage rates should be addressed by FWA?
EW561_10	5	SIEWERT	Written	How will workers who are currently under State awards be protected against lower Federal safety net rates when their States transfer their industrial powers to the Commonwealth?
EW562_10	3	SIEWERT	Written	Forest Works Did the DEEWR provide any funding to Forest Works in the last 3 financial years? If so, how much Commonwealth funding did ForestWorks receive in 2007-8, 2008-9 and 2009-10? Under what programs? What conditions are placed on this funding?
EW563_10	3	SIEWERT	Written	The Department of Workplace Relations is listed as a sponsor of the "Forest Futures" conference to be held in Canberra on 24, 25 November. How much financial assistance has DEEWR provided Forest Works in relation to the conference? Why was the department not listed as a sponsor in the original invitation to the conference?
EW564_10	3	SIEWERT	Written	The annual report for Forest Works on its website does not contain the pages related to its financials. As a recipient of Commonwealth funding, is it appropriate for financial details of ForestWorks to be omitted from its publicly available Annual Report?
EW565_10	FWA	FISHER	Written	FWA - AWA terminations How many AWA termination applications have been received since 1 July 2009? How many of these have been determined? What was the timeframe within which these were determined? Of the requests received, how many AWAs were affected?
EW566_10	FWA	FISHER	Written	Of all the termination applications received; How have AWAs been terminated? How many were terminated by mutual agreement? How many were terminated unilaterally by the employer?

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EW567_10	FWA	FISHER	Written	Can you advise what proportion of the numbers of AWA terminations granted since 1 July 2009 were; Prior to expiry of the AWA, and Post expiry? In each case in above, please indicate; The nature of industrial instrument/s and/or legislative minima that apply immediately after the AWA is terminated, Number of employees whose AWA has been terminated since 1 July 2009 and who are then covered by each industrial instrument and/or legislative minima identified in 3a, In particular, numbers of employees whose AWA has been terminated since 1 July 2009 and who are then covered by an award (only).
EW568_10	3	CASH	Written	Productivity Places Program On what date did each state and territory commence offering places for existing workers? On what date did each state and territory commence offering places for job seekers? On what date were they expected to commence offering these places?
EW569_10	3	CASH	Written	Is there a requirement for DEEWR to conduct audits of the Productivity Places Program? If yes: What is the procedure for these audits? Has DEEWR been undertaking audits? How many providers have been audited? How many providers have been audited more than once? Please provide a list of these providers and the number of times that they have been audited.
EW570_10	3	CASH	Written	How many site audits have occurred? Have desktop audits been undertaken for all providers? How frequently are these undertaken? How many staff contract manage the Productivity Places Program? How long would a desktop audit take on average? Would the size of the desktop audit be dependent on the caseload, or on risk? If on the size of the caseload, what percentage? How many providers has DEEWR called in external auditors for?
EW571_10	3	CASH	Written	What is the usual time frame for DEEWR to pay invoices from PPP providers by?
EW572_10	3	CASH	Written	If DEEWR withholds payment of an invoice for a provider, pending further information, would DEEWR be informing the provider to continue training participants?
EW573_10	3	CASH	Written	What is a reasonable timeframe for determining the outcome of an audit?
EW574_10	3	CASH	Written	Apprenticeships Has DEEWR undertaken any forecasting into future shortages in trades qualified people? If so, over what projected time frame?
EW575_10	3	CASH	Written	To date, how many employers have accessed the Securing Apprenticeships initiative? To date, how many out of trade apprentices have benefited from this initiative?
EW576_10	3	CASH	Written	What actions have DEEWR taken to assist employers to retain their apprentices?

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EW577_10	3	CASH	Written	<p>Tuition Assurance Schemes</p> <p>Under what circumstances does a provider receive an exemption from a Tuition Assurance Scheme? How many providers have an exemption? How many providers have been granted a Ministerial exemption? If yes, why were these Ministerial exemptions granted? What documentation is available to justify these exemptions? Please provide a copy of this documentation. Have any of these providers ceased operation?</p>
EW578_10	3	CASH	Written	<p>Totally Indigo</p> <p>Was the provider Totally Indigo a member of a Tuition Assurance Scheme at the time it ceased operating. If no, on what grounds was Totally Indigo exempt from being a member of a Tuition Assurance Scheme? On what date was DEEWR notified that Totally Indigo was not a member of a Tuition Assurance Scheme? Has Totally Indigo been declared bankrupt? If yes, how did DEEWR become aware of this? On what date did DEEWR become aware of this?</p>
EW579_10	3	CASH	Written	<p>Totally Indigo alternative courses</p> <p>How many students from Totally Indigo have been found a place in a suitable alternative course? Please provide a list of these suitable alternative courses? How many students are still awaiting an offer of a suitable alternative course? In terms of the offers of a place in a suitable alternative course, how long did it take for these offers to occur?</p>
EW580_10	3	CASH	Written	<p>Australian Institute of Commerce and Language</p> <p>Does the Australian Institute of Commerce and Language (AICL) currently offer a Diploma of Community Welfare? On what date did AICL apply for registration for this course? How long does the accreditation process take? If AICL does not have accreditation for the Diploma of Community Welfare course, why is it being allowed to offer placements to former Sterling College students? What impact will the lack of accreditation have on a student's graduation? Will it affect the legitimacy of the qualification if the provider is not accredited to provide that qualification as a Registered Training Organisation?</p>
EW581_10	3	COLBECK	Written	<p>Forest Industries Skills Council</p> <p>The Rudd Government committed \$1 million to the establishment of the Forest Industries Skills Council. DAFF Forestry Division advised at previous Estimates hearings that questions regarding this Industry Skills Council should now be redirected to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Senate Committee in future. A \$1 million fund was allocated by the Rudd Government to ForestWorks in order to implement and operate the new Forest Industries Skills Council. Can a full, details breakdown of the spending of this fund be provided? Over which financial year/s was the \$ 1million spent?</p>
EW582_10	3	COLBECK	Written	<p>What further funding will be required for this Industries Skills Council. Has further funding been raised by the Industry Council, the Department or by the Government and if so in what context?</p>
EW583_10	3	COLBECK	Written	<p>What insight has the Department gained through the Forest Industries Skills Council's establishment and how has this knowledge translated to improving skills training for this industry?</p>

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EW584_10	3	BACK	Written	The purpose of Productivity Places Program appears to have a similar focus to the National Resource Sector Taskforce which would also broadly address areas of skilling that would also be of interest to the mining and resources industry. Has there been any consideration that the outcomes of this Taskforce may be referred to this program that already has a training component?
EW585_10	3	BACK	Written	When this program has already been slammed for being poorly targeted and implemented – is the government's plan to provide for the future needs of the Australian resources sector going to be fed into an already deficient program?
EW586_10	4	FIFIELD	Written	GOLDEN GURUS Why has the age range been reduced to 50 from 55?
EW587_10	4	FIFIELD	Written	GOLDEN GURUS member organisations How many and which member organisations are now signed up? Where are signed up member organisations located? Has the department refused any organisation to participate and why? Has any funding been provided to the 'member organisations' to manage, coordinate and assess Golden Guru's?
EW588_10	4	FIFIELD	Written	GOLDEN GURUS small businesses How many small businesses have applied to participate in the program? How many small businesses have been successful in their application to participate in the program? Where are the successful small businesses located?
EW589_10	4	FIFIELD	Written	When and why was it decided to extend the program from retirees only to include Newstart Allowance and Parenting Payment recipients?
EW590_10	Cross Portfolio	MASON	Wed 5	Senator MASON—How many contracts are listed by the department as containing confidentiality provisions? Do you know how many of the contract notices relating to DEEWR have confidentiality provisions in them? Mr Kriz—Of all the current, active contracts, no. I would have to take that— Senator MASON—Could you take that on notice? Mr Kriz—Yes.
EW591_10	Cross Portfolio	MASON	Wed 11	Senator MASON—That is seven or eight months ago. The last contract you mentioned takes Dr Glover up till when? He is contracted until June 2009, isn't he? Ms Pearce—I am not sure of that. I will have to check. Senator MASON—I am pretty sure that is right. That is CN180842. Ms Pearce—That is possibly correct. I have not got that with me.

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EW592_10	Cross Portfolio	MASON	Wed 11	<p>Senator MASON—And you are not sure if he has written any speeches since July. Ms Pearce—I cannot remember. He probably would have, but I do not have that information. He is part of our panel arrangement, and he has written 17 out of the 170 speeches. But you are asking me about timing and I do not know about the timing. Senator MASON—Seventeen out of 170 speeches. For what period are we talking about? Ms Pearce—The information I have is from April. I would have to check the dates. Senator MASON—From April 2009? Ms Pearce—Yes. Senator MASON—To the present? Ms Pearce—It may be. I cannot recall when this brief was put together, but it could have been in September or something like that. Ms Paul—The way I understood it, that is since the panel was set up, so it probably is to now. We will have to check that he contributed to 17 out of 170.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 12</i> Ms Paul—I am not sure the string is very long in this case if he has contributed to 17 out of 170 since April. But we will need to check that for you.</p>
EW593_10	Cross Portfolio	MASON	Wed 13	<p>This goes back to my point, Mr Kriz, about, it says confidential, so you go ‘oh’. I asked the question and when I was rereading the transcript I realised that—inadvertently, I am sure—you had not answered that question. I slipped up, not you Ms Pearce. I did not pursue it. Could you know readdress that? Ms Pearce—I am just trying to find out which one you are talking about. Are you talking about— Senator MASON—I have got page seven of the transcript from Monday, 1 June.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 14</i> Senator MASON—Why is that confidential. Why was that— Ms Pearce—I will have to take it on notice. As you can see, under ‘confidentiality of the contract’ it says no.</p> <p><i>Also on Pg 14</i> Senator MASON—Can you look at that, Ms Pearce, and tell me why that was confidential? Ms Pearce—Yes, Senator.</p>

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EW594_10	4	MASON	Wed 15	<p>Senator MASON—Let me go through it [contract notice 232483]. The category is marketing and distribution. The contract period is 10 July 2009 to 30 June 2011 and the contract value is \$517,000. It just did not gel.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I do not have that in front of me and I will check and the people who know about it are not here right now. However, it was not one of the numbers which I was given before.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Wasn't it? Okay that was my fault.</p> <p>Ms Paul—No, but nonetheless, regarding the local employment coordinators, there is one person employed in each of the 20 priority employment regions around Australia, which are those regions of fastest growing unemployment where industries are the most vulnerable and so on, so Western Sydney, Wollongong, et cetera. Each of those employment coordinators, whom we have now employed, is on a contract. My imagining is that the contract you are referring to there is for their employment, but I will need to confirm that.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Could you check that?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I cannot imagine it could be for anything else, but I will confirm that for you.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Are they all set to be paid the same amount or can they negotiate?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I would have to check, I do not know the answer to that. My imagining is they are paid the same, but I will check that for you.</p>
EW595_10	Cross Portfolio	MASON	Wed 17	<p>Senator MASON—That is fine. Why does it contain a confidentiality clause. I trust it is not incorrectly listed, is it, Ms Pearce? Mr Kriz, is this one on deck?</p> <p>Ms Pearce—We will have to check that.</p> <p>Mr Storen—We will take that on notice.</p>
EW596_10	4	MASON	Wed 17	<p>Senator MASON—Could you supply the committee with the dates of the workshops?</p> <p>Mr Storen—Yes, we can do that.</p>
EW597_10	Cross Portfolio	MASON	Wed 17	<p>Senator MASON—Allowing for that, how many are posted within six weeks?</p> <p>Mr Kriz—In terms of all the numbers, Senator, I do not know. I can get back to you on that.</p> <p><i>Cont. pg 18</i></p> <p>Mr Kriz—Senator, we need to have some sort of a time frame. I do not mean time frame in terms of a timetable but what period you are looking at.</p> <p>Ms Paul—What about how we are performing now? That is probably the question you are asking, isn't it?</p> <p>Senator MASON—Yes. Over the past 12 months how many contract notices tendered by the department or placed on the web were placed within the six weeks? Can you do that?</p> <p>Mr Kriz—Yes.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Six weeks of the appropriate date, or the relevant date.</p> <p>Mr Kriz—Yes.</p>
EW598_10	5	MASON	Wed 18	<p>Senator MASON—Procurement: can anyone tell me how frequently is the APS remuneration survey is undertaken?</p> <p>Mr Johnson—I think it is updated by the commission on an annual basis.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Do you know when the last one was undertaken?</p> <p>Ms Paul—The most recent one, I think, was December 2008. This is the Mercer survey that you are talking about?</p> <p>Senator MASON—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Paul—They are generally done on an annual basis, but I will check that.</p>

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EW599_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Wed 18	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Could I just follow up the questions about consultancies that Senator Mason asked about. I do not think he asked for the department to table a comprehensive list of the consultancies undertaken since the government came to office. I would like, please, a list of the consultancies that have been undertaken or are underway since the government came to office, including the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement and the method of procurement— that is, was it open tender or direct source or something of that sort—and, if possible, the value of those consultancies.</p> <p><i>Cont. pg 19</i></p> <p>Ms Paul—That is absolutely fine. We will do that. I note that much of the detail may be in the annual report once it is tabled. We can start there and keep going according to what you wish.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Great. If you say, 'The annual report plus this,' that would be fine.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Sure.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Can you tell me at the moment how many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I could not say, but I am happy to take it on notice. We can do our best estimation.</p>
EW600_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Wed 19	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Does the information that appears on the annual procurement plan usually include things like the method of the contract being let, the cost of the contract, its duration and things like that? Are they usually on that part of the website?</p> <p>Mr Kriz—I will have to check on that, but I do not think it goes into that sort of detail. It merely identifies the type of activity that we expect to undertake, to give business and various organisations the opportunity to start preparing to engage with the Commonwealth, and it indicates the time of year when we think that it is likely that we would go out to market on that. I can get back to you on all the details that are required and that we be put on.</p>
EW601_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Wed 20	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Is it possible that some people have had a loss of salary or conditions in order to meet that framework?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I do not believe so. It is probably easier for us to take it on notice and give you a description of what we did, maybe with a table, if we can do that. That is probably the easier way. It is going back some time now.</p>
EW602_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Wed 20	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—That would be useful if you could. How many programs in the 2008-09 financial year have been underspent in this department?</p> <p>Mr Storen—Yes, Senator. It would be easier for me if I could take that one on notice so that I could give you the number and a list of the programs. There were a number. The department operates over 100 programs of different descriptions, depending on how you want to define 'program'. It would be easier if I could give you the number and a list of those programs.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Mr Storen—To reduce the volume of the answer, is there a threshold you would like us to work within to hit a mark across 100 programs? Is five per cent or 10 per cent agreeable to you for us to report overs and unders?</p>

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EW603_10	COMCARE	MARSHALL	Wed 21	CHAIR—What percentage of new compensation claims are initially rejected by Comcare? Mr O'Connor—With regard to injury claims, I believe the number is about eight per cent, but I will take that on notice.
EW604_10	COMCARE	MARSHALL	Wed 21	CHAIR—I accept that there may be some claims. Can you tell me on notice how many claims are outside the required time and by how much? I will leave it to your discretion to bunch that into— Mr O'Connor—Yes. CHAIR—You might say more than five days, more than 10 days, more than 15 days et cetera, right up to the maximum amount. Mr O'Connor—Yes.
EW605_10	COMCARE	MARSHALL	Wed 22	CHAIR—Thank you for clarifying that for me. When Comcare has made its final decision and people ask for a reconsideration through the AAT, what is your policy with respect to that? Do you challenge every one of those decisions? Mr O'Connor—No, we do not challenge those. There would be a percentage. I can take the question on notice and give you the percentage of those decisions where the original decision is varied, altered or turned over.
EW606_10	COMCARE	MARSHALL	Wed 22	CHAIR—Yes, please do that. I also want to know how many of those that you challenge legally you pursue past the steps of the court. That is fundamental to my concerns. It has been put to me—I would like you to be able to prove otherwise if you can; if you cannot, I will have more questions at a later date—that, in order to discourage people from asking for reconsideration, you do not legally challenge every one of those positions and then you effectively settle at the doors of the court. That may not be a large cost to Comcare but it is, of course, a large cost to people in this situation that are seeking a reconsideration. That goes back to the question of being a model litigant or not. I would like all the information about how many claims are challenged, how many are settled before they go to the tribunal, how many are challenged and settled before completion, how many determinations you finally get through the AAT and how many you win or lose. Mr O'Connor—Understood. We need to clarify that it would not be Comcare that would be challenging; it would be people affected by Comcare's decisions who either do not understand or do not accept the decision and who seek to further test it. We would then take that through. But I understand the context of the question.
EW607_10	COMCARE	MARSHALL	Wed 23	CHAIR—On notice, I would like to know who is on the panel and, of those who are on the panel—and this is both for solicitors and advocates—how much they were paid over the last financial year. Mr O'Connor—Yes.

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EW608_10	COMCARE	MARSHALL	Wed 23	<p>CHAIR—How many complaints have you received and in what categories are those complaints? Mr O'Connor—I will take that on notice, unless Mr Kibble has more immediate knowledge of that. Mr Kibble—No. To clarify, when you are talking about complaints, what do you mean? CHAIR—Let us take a very broad picture of Comcare. You will have complaints possibly about your inspection services and those sorts of services but also about your rehabilitation processes, insurance et cetera. Could you break those complaints down and provide the nature of the complaints within the breakdown? Mr Kibble—Yes. CHAIR—If there are complaints about the length of time you take to process, to service and to do those sorts of things, that would be useful to know. Mr O'Connor—We will segregate them according to those that are subject to external review by, for example, the Ombudsman, as well as those that are raised with us directly.</p>
EW609_10	COMCARE	MARSHALL	Wed 26	<p>CHAIR—If an agency advises you that this particular person's normal weekly earnings are now X plus a percentage increase that everyone got last year, is that the figure that you then use to make your calculations on or do you have discretion to simply use some other figure? Mr O'Connor—I believe the former is the case, but I will confirm that for you. CHAIR—All right; please confirm that for me. Thank you.</p>
EW610_10	AIR	CASH	Wed 30	<p>Senator CASH—Could you take on notice how many wine grape growers were contacted in Western Australia as part of that process? Mr Williams—We are happy to take that on notice. I can certainly assure you I would not have that level of specificity at hand. Senator CASH—No; that is why I asked if you could take it on notice. Mr Williams—It would be helpful if you would indicate over what time frame you are interested in that contact occurring?</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 31</i> Senator CASH—I will provide further information to you. Mr Williams—Thank you. [email from committee secretariate stated: by month, since start of year]</p>
EW611_10	AIR	MARSHALL	Wed 33	<p>CHAIR—Just in clarification so that I know what to ask for on notice—I am interested in making a comparison—will the annual report show in each of the 93 industry sectors how many modern awards are in each sector and how many were in each sector, or is that information I need to ask you for specifically? Mr Hower—That would be information you would need to ask specifically. CHAIR—All right. Would you take that on notice, just for completeness for us? Mr Hower—Yes.</p>
EW612_10	FWA	HUMPHRIES	Wed 41	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Would it be possible to have the table that you are obviously referring to tabled so we can see the totality of all the matters? Mr Nassios—Yes. Mr Lee—We could provide that.</p>

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EW613_10	FWA	HUMPHRIES	Wed 44	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—In the Hunter Valley case, I am told that the applicant was represented by a union. You obviously do not know if it is the case, but the report in the Workplace Express tells me that the person was represented. So the only way that an applicant or respondent appearing before Fair Work Australia can have an automatic right to representation is if they use a union or an employer organisation to represent them. Am I correct in understanding that is the approach?</p> <p>Mr Nassios—I hazard to say I think you are right, but I really would prefer to go and have a look at the provisions again to categorically answer whether that is the case or not.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—That is fair enough. My understanding of how the act works was just articulated then. If you think I have misinterpreted it, Mr Nassios might like to come back and let me know.</p> <p>Mr Nassios—Certainly. My reticence at the moment is that the section you are referring to—and I should be aware, but unfortunately I just cannot recall the actual section that used to appear and where exactly it appears in here at the moment—is specifically about lawyers and paid agents, and there is a provision in here which says that the very people you are speaking about are not said to be lawyers or paid agents for the purpose of this section. So that is why I think you are correct, but I would prefer, if I could, to be able to know where the previous section about representation by organisations did appear in this act. At the moment I have to say to you that my memory is not helping me</p>
EW614_10	FWA	HUMPHRIES	Wed 45	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Are you prepared to at least consider that? Obviously at least one person that we know of has incurred the expense of retaining a lawyer, had the lawyer appear at the first day of the hearings and has been told to go away, that he cannot use the lawyer. This person, or this company, presumably has lost some sum of money by retaining a lawyer futilely.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Mr Lee—We can take that on notice, Senator. It would require an examination of the practicalities of that type of arrangement. I would refer to what Mr Nassios said, though, in particular the query as to the extent to which there have been changes in this part of the act. On my reading of it also it is something that has been in place for a very long time—this particular provision—and has stood the test of time. But I am happy to take that on notice.</p>
EW615_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 47	<p>Senator FISHER—Do you have an organisational chart?</p> <p>Mr Lee—Yes.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—That you could perhaps provide the committee with a copy of? Have you got copies today?</p> <p>Mr Lee—No, I do not have some with me today, but I am happy to provide that. There is an interim structure that was put in place by a task force that wrapped up its work around 1 July and we are still operating under that interim structure at this stage.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Okay.</p> <p>Mr Lee—But I am happy to provide that.</p>

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EW616_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 50	<p>Senator FISHER—Are you able to provide the committee with a sample of the sorts of reports and information that you provide to the president in that course?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—How is that relevant, Senator?</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Because it relates to the criteria used for the president to determine whether Fair Work Australia discharges its financial and operational obligations and the extent that he uses that—and Mr Lee has said he does—to satisfy himself that he is satisfying his functions under section 581.</p> <p>Mr Lee—I would have to take that on notice, Senator, because of the practicalities of that.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—And I have asked for a sample.</p> <p>Mr Lee—Yes.</p>
EW617_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 50	<p>Senator FISHER—Are those hearings only on the public record, or are there other sorts of hearings that you would suggest he might be seeking views from stakeholders on? Are you suggesting that he engages with stakeholders through formal proceedings before Fair Work Australia?</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 51</i></p> <p>Mr Lee—That would be one mechanism. As to others, if you are asking if there are any other formal mechanisms that the president engages in, I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW618_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 53	<p>Senator FISHER—Yes, you are. I am trying to find out how these things proposed are being measured by the president in the discharge of his operational responsibilities. I appreciate it is early days so you may well say: 'It is work in progress. This is where we are headed.' I am not necessarily wedded to a KPI, but I am asking you what is the measurement method that is being used or is proposed to be used to ensure the performance of obligations under sections 581 and 577? You tell me.</p> <p>Mr Lee—I am happy to take on notice the issue in terms of the two parts to that: what is being used and what may be used in the future. In terms of what may be used in the future, that is not finally determined as it is early days. I am happy to provide information subsequently as to what we are currently using.</p>
EW619_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 53	<p>Senator FISHER—All right; thank you. Has the president discussed his functions under section 581 and 577 with the minister's office at any stage since 1 July?</p> <p>Mr Lee—I cannot—</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Why don't we take that on notice for you, Senator. We will try to get you an answer on that.</p>
EW620_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 53	<p>Senator FISHER—Thank you. In terms of the directions that the president is able to give under section 582 of the act, how many directions has he given since 1 July, if any?</p> <p>Mr Lee—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 54</i></p> <p>Senator FISHER—Indeed, it specifies 'to whom' so against what criteria and on what basis has the president decided that he will issue directions to one or more of those entities identified in—</p> <p>Mr Lee—That relates to the earlier question that I have taken on notice and I guess in that sense I would have to do the same, Senator, as to whether or not the president</p>

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EW621_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 55	<p>Senator FISHER—Irrespective of whether the president has already exercised his powers under section 582, does the president consult with others before issuing a direction under section 582? Irrespective of whether directions have been issued thus far under section 582, has the president decided that he does and will consult with others before issuing a direction under section 582?</p> <p>Mr Lee—Again, I will have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Please take on notice as well: if so, with whom does he propose to consult and why? Section 582(4) enumerates the sorts of directions he might make, for example, modern awards in relation to annual wage reviews, the conduct of full benches and a direction about the transfer between Fair Work Australia members of matters being dealt with by Fair Work Australia. Does the president believe that the matters enumerated in that subsection make adequate provision for the sorts of directions necessary for him to carry out his functions under section 581, noting that that is an inclusive criteria—not exclusive or limiting? Does the president believe that provision is adequate to enable him to make the sorts of directions necessary for him to carry out his functions under section 581?</p> <p>Mr Lee—Yes, Senator.</p>
EW622_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 55	<p>Senator FISHER—Thank you. When you answer on notice the question about how many directions have been issued since 1 July, if any, if you could also answer on notice to whom those directions have been issued, when and on what basis? Can you also specifically enumerate, if it is not clear from the answer, which of those directions relate to the president's powers under section 582(2) (a) to (d)—in other words, which of the directions are specifically for a Fair Work Australia member, a full bench, a minimum wage panel; and you have said you ain't got one yet, you being the fourth category? Thank you. With the provision in the act in relation to cooperation with prescribed state industrial authorities, how does the president propose to meet the criteria set out in section 582 and the note thereunder that says:</p> <p><i>The President must perform his or her own functions and exercise his or her own powers in a manner that facilitates cooperation with prescribed State industrial authorities ...</i></p> <p>How does the president propose to meet that requirement?</p> <p>Mr Lee—I refer to section 649, which details, 'President to cooperate with prescribed State industrial authorities'. It repeats that provision to which you refer, Senator, and then makes reference to, without limiting that subsection, things that the president may do. I would have to take on notice the extent or otherwise to which those types of actions have been taken.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 56</i></p> <p>Senator FISHER—What discussions has the president had with prescribed state industrial authorities since July in the furtherance of the obligation to which you have referred under section 649?</p>
EW623_10	FWA	HUMPHRIES	Wed 58	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Well, how many of those agreements that have been modified or extended—</p> <p>Mr Nassios—I do not actually have figures for that. I could get those for you but I do not have them with me.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Can you take that on notice as well?</p> <p>Mr Nassios—Yes.</p>

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EW624_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 62	<p>Senator FISHER—Is that standard correspondence or is it on the record anywhere? Can you provide the committee with a copy of it? I presume it is standard. That will answer those questions.</p> <p>Mr Nassios—Yes.</p>
EW625_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 63	<p>Senator FISHER—If a Sydney or Melbourne based matter is not resolved at the conciliatory stage and it is then subject to directions to go the next step, whatever that may be, at what point in time are individual commissioners apprised that they will be handling one of those six?</p> <p>Mr Nassios—In Melbourne and Sydney there is generally a roster that is set down, but I just do not know the answer your specific question about when the member would know. I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW626_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 64	<p>Senator FISHER—Let me revert, then, to the process. So we are back at the point at which a matter is not resolved at conciliation. It is subject to directions to go to the next point. What happens then in the process? Where is that process set down in a transparent way?</p> <p>Mr Nassios—To be absolutely accurate—and I appreciate that I am going to sound as though I am not answering your question—I would prefer to take that on notice. That way I can tell you exactly what our processes are and how we deal with these matters. I think I have answered it in a general sense—</p>
EW627_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 65	<p>Senator FISHER—No. Forget about it the way I am describing them. When a matter proceeds before a commissioner by way of conciliation or arbitration or whatever, are publicly available transcripts always kept of any sworn evidence given?</p> <p>Mr Nassios—My apologies. I will take it on notice. My first impression is that we do not actually make the transcript publicly available in unfair dismissal matters.</p>
EW628_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 65	<p>Senator FISHER—Then the next question is: are they then at liberty to share the transcript with whomever they wish? That is the first question. The second question is: in the course of getting advice, you might want to look at—I heard you about to say yes.</p> <p>Mr Nassios—Again, I will continue with my first impression answer here. I believe there is no limitation. We certainly do not place a limitation on it. I will take it on notice.</p>
EW629_10	AIR	FISHER	Wed 67	<p>Senator FISHER—I understand that. Thank you. Are you able to answer on notice the identity of the commissioners who handled those other matters at first instance, Mr Hower? Thank you. That is all I have, Chair.</p>
EW630_10	FWA	BILYK	Wed 68	<p>Senator BILYK—Sorry to interrupt you there, but what was the outcome of that investigation?</p> <p>Mr Loizides—Of the casual workers?</p> <p>Senator BILYK—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Loizides—I do not have that information here in front of me but I can take it on notice.</p>

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EW631_10	FWA	BILYK	Wed 68	<p>Senator BILYK—What has happened with those 78 complaints? Where have they gone?</p> <p>Mr Loizides—We generally resolve most of those by voluntary compliance. The payments are made— generally wages and conditions. In Tasmania we have also undertaken a number of litigations over the past 12 months. I can provide a more fulsome response and the types of litigation.</p> <p>Senator BILYK—Yes, the workforce areas. Also, are you able to provide us with the age of the complainant and that sort of stuff?</p> <p>Mr Loizides—We do categorise the types of complaints to vulnerable workers and we can provide that information to you as well.</p> <p>Senator BILYK—That would be really good. What sorts of areas did those complaints cover—not what type of work areas? Were they for back pay or for not being paid penalty rates? Can you clarify that?</p> <p>Mr Loizides—I cannot clarify all of those points for you—I can take it on notice—but most of them are related to wages and conditions matters or termination matters.</p>
EW632_10	FWA	FISHER	Wed 69	<p>Senator FISHER—In this particular case, to what extent did the information from the state politician influence the Fair Work Ombudsman’s decision to conduct the ‘whopper raids’, if I can call them that?</p> <p>Mr Campbell—I would need to look into the matter further to give you some indication of the import of that input. However, I would say that whether it is from the politician or an issue raised from the media is largely irrelevant to us. We are concerned about any allegations of breaches of workplace law and will respond accordingly.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—I would appreciate that being answered on notice. Who was the state politician?</p> <p>Mr Campbell—Again, I do not know. I am not across the matter in that much detail. I was just talking about our general responsiveness to complaints we receive from the public or any other forum. I just wanted to give you some indication of our proactive response to workplace relations issues as well as our responsive investigations of complaints received.</p> <p>Senator FISHER—Can you provide the identity of the state politician in your answers on notice?</p> <p>Mr Campbell—If it is known to us and if it is not going to negatively impact on the conduct of our investigation, which is ongoing.</p>
EW633_10	FWA	ABETZ	Wed 71	<p>Senator ABETZ—.....I ask you, Minister, in relation to 0043, whether you would inquire of your colleague—I assume the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—as to how much interest is earned on the funds that the workplace ombudsman collects and that are then deposited into the Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund.....</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I certainly take your comments on board, Senator. If you are happy to pass up a copy of the relevant question, I am happy to take a look at it for you.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—It is EW0043_10. I have asked about this before. I just think it is an important policy issue, especially when we are told in EW0246 that this \$875,961—and that was since 27 March 2006—</p>
EW634_10	FWA	HUMPHRIES	Wed 73	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—How many matters under this arrangement have you referred to the ABCC?</p> <p>Mr Wilson—I believe there has not been any that we have formally referred to the ABCC. Maybe if we can take that on notice that is the best way to resolve it.</p>
EW635_10	FWA	HUMPHRIES	Wed 73	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Could you list for us the three industries or sectors from which your office receives the most complaints? A rough estimate would be fine.</p> <p>Mr Wilson—Not off-hand; we do not have information with us. We do have a top something list which we can certainly provide. There are no great secrets about it. We would be happy to take that on notice.</p>

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EW636_10	ABCC	ABETZ	Wed 79	<p>Senator ABETZ—Have there been any people—and I do not want names—who have refused to be involved in a compulsory investigation in the six months leading up to the end of September 2009?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—No, I am talking about refusals as opposed to intervening circumstances and then making yourself available. If you can take that on notice, that would be good.</p>
EW637_10	ABCC	HUMPHRIES	Wed 79	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—.....The report talks about the leaflets being addressed to current and former employees of the ABCC, and says, 'God forgives; the building industry doesn't.' Do you have a copy or an example of the leaflet concerned that you can show us?</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 80</i></p> <p>Mr Lloyd—I have a copy in the office. I do not personally have a copy with me today.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Could you send it to us?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—Yes, I think so.</p>
EW638_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 84	<p>Senator CAMERON—Were there any other legal costs?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—We would have to take that on notice. [by the ABCC pursuing Mr Washington?]</p>
EW639_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 84	<p>Senator CAMERON—That is fine. Since the withdrawal of the charges against Mr Washington has the ABCC concluded its investigation in relation to any of the matters that it required Mr Washington to provide information about? If so, what was the outcome of the investigation?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—We will take that on notice.</p>
EW640_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 86	<p>Senator CAMERON—Had anyone from the ABCC visited that job prior to the accident?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON—What resources has the ABCC devoted to investigating the union's involvement on the job since the accident?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—I will take that on notice.</p>
EW641_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 87	<p>Senator CAMERON—How many independent contractors are employed in the industry?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—I will take that on notice. I do not know off the top of my head.</p>
EW642_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 87	<p>Senator CAMERON—How many contractors were interviewed in Queensland?</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW643_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 87	<p>Senator CAMERON—Were you advised that this was statistically significant enough, this 39—</p> <p>Mr Lloyd—I do not know. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON—How about whether it is statistically significant? I will run through a number of these things I would like you to take on notice on this issue. How long did the interviews take that you undertook? Were the results of the interviews recorded and retained? Was the assessment of the bona fides of these arrangements made at the level of the inspectors who conducted the interviews or at a higher level? Were these assessments rechecked or carried out only once? Of the 39 parties interviewed, how many also involved the ABCC speaking to the so-called contractors about arrangements rather than just a business that engaged them? How many involved an examination by the ABCC of the financial and payment records of those businesses involved? How much notice was given to those who were audited that an audit was to take place? Could you take those on notice and come back with some detail of this audit?</p>

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EW644_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 89	<p>Senator CAMERON—Can you take on notice whether any of your officers were engaged in discussions with the MBA in relation to this report? Mr Lloyd—I will take it on notice but I would be very surprised.</p>
EW645_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 89	<p>Senator CAMERON—and you have conceded there were mistakes in the report. Justice Wilcox describes it as not persuasive. Other analysis shows that it was deeply flawed and should be disregarded. Queensland DEIR tried to replicate your study and could not replicate it. They did consult with you. They corresponded with you on this and you did not give any substantive response. Why was that? Mr Lloyd—I will have to take that on notice. There was contact between us. I will have to take the final outcome on notice.</p>
EW646_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 90	<p>Senator CAMERON—Section 14(2)(b) of the act requires the ABCC to provide details in its annual report of assistance provided to building employees in connection with the recovery of unpaid entitlements. Why doesn't the annual report provide these details or say that no such assistance has been provided? Mr Lloyd—It does, as I recollect. Senator CAMERON—Can you point me to where? Mr Lloyd—I will take that on notice.</p>
EW647_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 91	<p>Mr Draffin—It would depend on what assistance they required. We generally have a very low response to the letters that we send out. Senator CAMERON—How many letters have you sent out to employers? Mr Draffin—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW648_10	ABCC	CAMERON	Wed 92	<p>Senator CAMERON—So you investigate the matter and sometimes you contact them. Have you initiated an investigation or used the coercive powers or taken any action under your powers under the act based on a line officer of the ABCC making a decision about a health and safety dispute issue? Mr Lloyd—I would have to take that on notice. It is an unusual question. I would have to take it on notice because I cannot answer that here. Senator CAMERON—Can you then provide me with details of how many times you have sought support and advice from the relevant occupational health and safety authorities and can you contextualise your answer in terms of how that relates to you making a decision to take action on a health and safety dispute? Mr Lloyd—We would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW649_10	4	CASH	Wed 92	<p>Senator CASH—.....Can you please provide a breakdown of job seekers aged 15 to 24 who are in streams 1, 2, 3 and 4?..... <i>Cont. Pg 96</i> Senator CASH—What is the breakdown of job seekers aged 15 to 24 who are in the various streams? Ms Golightly—Sorry, that is one that we could not get for you tonight. It requires a fairly sophisticated interrogation of the data, so we will get that for you on notice.</p>

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EW650_10	4	CASH	Wed 94	<p>Senator CASH—Have any JSA providers handed back their contracts, either prior to the contract start date or since then?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—We had one provider hand back their contract prior to the start date.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And who was that?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I cannot recall the exact name of the organisation, so I will get that for you, but it was one in New South Wales.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much. What was the reason for them handing it back?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—From memory—and again I will check this for you—they decided that in the end they did not want to accept the amount of business that was offered.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And you will get that name for me?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will check the name, but I would also be a bit hesitant in divulging it without checking with them that they were happy for that to be divulged.</p>
EW651_10	4	CASH	Wed 95	<p>Ms Golightly—From memory, I think it is 77, but I will check.</p> <p>Senator CASH—I appreciate that; thank you. The question flowing from that question is: how many of those subcontractors tendered in their own right to offer Job Services Australia services but were unsuccessful?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Again, I will check that for you. I know there was one who was a subcontractor under Job Network who tendered as a subcontractor under Job Services Australia and was unsuccessful with that bid but has subsequently become a subcontractor to a successful bid. But I will check the own right bit.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 97</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you. How many of the subcontractors tendered in their own right to Job Services Australia yet were unsuccessful? I know we spoke of one.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes. What we are checking through there are a number of permutations and combinations. They could have been a subcontractor before, tendered in their own right and were unsuccessful, or they could have been a subcontractor before, tendered in their own right and tendered as a subcontractor and were successful.</p>
EW652_10	4	CASH	Wed 95	<p>Senator CASH—Thank you. How many subcontractors are delivering work experience activities such as Work for the Dole?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will need to check that for you. We may not have that one here with us tonight but I will check.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 98</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—That is fine. Take it on notice. How many subcontractors are delivering work experience activities such as Work for the Dole?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—That was something we could not get tonight because, under the contract, anybody that provides host services under work experience is categorised as a subcontractor. So I will need to go and count that up.</p>
EW653_10	4	CASH	Wed Pg 97	<p>SENATOR CASH—Do you have a breakdown of the triggers for these comprehensive compliance assessments?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes. I do not have them with me, but we could get them</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you take it on notice?</p>

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EW654_10	4	CASH	Wed 98	<p>Senator CASH—Take it on notice. Thank you very much. I will now turn to the meeting in February 2008 between A4e executives, Minister Gillard's office and Minister O'Connor's office. Is somebody able to provide me with the information as to who attended this meeting on behalf of the government, who attended on behalf of A4e and was there any departmental representative at the meeting?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will have to take that on notice. I do not have those details with me.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator CASH—Take it on notice. Thank you very much. I will now turn to the meeting in February 2008 between A4e executives, Minister Gillard's office and Minister O'Connor's office. Is somebody able to provide me with the information as to who attended this meeting on behalf of the government, who attended on behalf of A4e and was there any departmental representative at the meeting?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will have to take that on notice. I do not have those details with me.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Ms Paul—They are well before the tender. Both of those dates are over a year ago. Did you say you had a media reference—an article reference?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Paul—That would be helpful.</p> <p>Senator CASH—9 July 2009, accessible from theage.com.au.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Thank you.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 99</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—Ms Golightly or Ms Paul, are you aware of the meetings that I am referring to?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am certainly not and, as I say, it is a long time ago.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—It is not in my memory.</p> <p>Ms Paul—We will have to check into it.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 108</i></p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Did an adviser from Mr O'Connor's office meet with A4e executives in July of 2008?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We have already taken that on notice.</p>
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EW655_10	4	CASH	Wed 99	<p>Senator CASH—Thank you. Is the department aware of the details of any meetings between representatives of A4e and government ministers and their officers since July 2008?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—If you are talking about ministers, I do not think that is a question that the department can answer, but I am certainly happy to try and seek out that information for you on behalf of the ministerial officers.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Would the department not be aware?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—You are asking about meetings that ministers may have had.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Sorry. Government ministers or their officers.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Again, though, that is government ministers and I am happy to try and chase up with the ministerial officers to see whether those meetings happened.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you, Minister. I would appreciate that. Is the department aware of any communications between Minister Gillard's office or Minister O'Connor's office regarding A4e, regardless of the time frame?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Again, you are talking about communications between ministerial officers, so that is a matter—</p> <p>Senator CASH—I am just asking if the department is aware of any of the communications.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am happy to chase that up with the ministers involved.</p>
EW656_10	4	CASH	Wed 101	<p>Senator CASH—In terms of those initial 20 priority employment areas and that particular analysis to establish that they would be the first 20, when was that analysis done—not the ongoing analysis but that particular analysis to establish that they would be the priority employment areas?</p> <p>Mr Carters—I would have to take that on notice. I cannot recall over exactly what period it was, but it would have been a few months.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator CASH—Any type of labour force data that was utilised.</p> <p>Mr Carters—Can we take that on notice?</p>
EW657_10	4	CASH	Wed 101	<p>Senator CASH—Can I get you to provide me with all of those dates, in terms of when the various reports were provided to the Minister for Employment Participation, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Employment?</p> <p>Dr Mercer—I think here there is more. We certainly can give you the dates when the decisions on all the priority areas were announced.</p>

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EW658_10	4	CASH	Wed 102	<p>Senator CASH—Was there any involvement from the Prime Minister's Office or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet or the minister's office in the determination of these boundaries? Mr Carters—I will need to take that on notice. Mr Carters—Minister's officers. What I would like to take on notice is whether or not there was advice given at those briefings. That is what I will need to check on. Senator CASH—Okay. Could you also please provide the committee with the dates upon which those briefings occurred. Mr Carters—We will take that on notice. Senator CASH—Dr Mercer, going back to the information that you are getting for me, I want to confirm that I am getting the information that I require. It is the actual dates that the in-depth analysis was provided to the Minister for Employment Participation and the Prime Minister. That is in relation to the in-depth analysis. In relation to Mr Carters, on what dates did the briefings occur that the department gave the various officers in relation to the determination of the PEA boundaries? So not the dates of the announcements as such—that is on the public record—but the dates that those briefings actually occurred.</p>
EW659_10	4	RONALDSON	Wed 104	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I can direct my questions to you. That is even better news. Very quickly with the department: I gather A4e went into Keepit, Bondi Junction, Mascot and St George, Sutherland. Is that right? Ms Golightly—From recollection, that is where they have won, but I can check. Senator RONALDSON—Do we know how many job agencies were operating in there, what those job agencies were and how many staff losses there were with the change of contract to A4e? Ms Golightly—I would have to take that on notice. <i>Cont. Pg 105</i> Ms Golightly—I took on notice to get you the providers that were in that area.</p>
EW660_10	4	RONALDSON	Wed 107	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What role did Mr Tom Bentley have in advising or informing A4e on any issue related to tendering for Job Services contracts? Ms Paul—I would imagine none, but I am happy to take it on notice. Senator RONALDSON—You will take that on notice? Thank you. Ms Paul—I am not aware of any role. Senator RONALDSON—You did not even know that they had met, so— Ms Paul—I am happy to take it on notice, but I can assure you that this tender process was absolutely impeccable, having sat through some of it.</p>

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EW661_10	4	RONALDSON	Wed 107	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Okay. I am going to ask you some questions very quickly about that. What role did Mr Bentley play in the formulation of Job Services Australia?</p> <p>Ms Paul—He played no role, because it rested with the other minister.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—He had no involvement at all?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Not that I know of.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—You could take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We could take that on notice, if you wish.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Ms Paul—Your question was about the development of the model itself, wasn't it?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am happy to take that on notice, but I anticipate the answer is 'none'.</p>
EW662_10	4	RONALDSON	Wed 110	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Could you take on notice who the referees were for A4e, please.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly. But I think I mentioned before that our assessment process was extremely comprehensive. It involved checking with any source that was relevant, not just referees.</p>
EW663_10	4	RONALDSON	Wed 111	<p>Senator CASH—Could I ask one follow-on question, Minister. Was A4e one of the organisations which you decided to bring in as a new provider between 16 March 2009 and 31 March 2009?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—No, I would not have done that, because I was not the minister at the time.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Are you aware if A4e was brought on as a new provider between those dates?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am not aware.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could I get you to take on notice to ascertain whether or not that is the case.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Sure, I am happy to do that. No problem.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I can answer that question for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you, Ms Golightly.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—To my recollection they were not one of the new providers, but I can check that very quickly for you.</p>
EW664_10	4	CASH	Wed 112	<p>Senator CASH—Thanks. Minister, on what date did the recommendation of the 20 employment areas go to you?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am not sure. I will have to take it on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much. Was this the total number of areas recommended for inclusion or were there others recommended from other sources?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I do not believe I have seen any more than the 20, but I will take it on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you. Could you also take on notice, then, whether all of the 20 priority employment areas recommended by the department were included.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Sure. I can give you an answer on that.</p>
EW665_10	4	CASH	Wed 113	<p>Senator CASH—so that I do not misrepresent the minister at a later date. What was the involvement of the Parliamentary Secretary for Employment in the priority employment area selection process?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am not sure that we can answer for him entirely. We will probably have to take that on notice.</p>

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EW666_10	4	CASH	Wed 114	<p>Senator CASH—Mr Carters, are you able to elaborate on the involvement of the Parliamentary Secretary for Employment in the priority employment area selection process? Did you have any meetings with the parliamentary secretary in relation to this process?</p> <p>Mr Carters—I am not aware of the parliamentary secretary having any involvement in the geographic selection of those areas.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Why don't I take it on notice for you, because we will need to check that.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—There has been a change in one of the priority areas, which was in Cairns, to take in the Indigenous community of Yarrabah, which occurred at one of the meetings. So why don't I take on notice the whole issue in terms of geographic areas? I will go away and check that out.</p>
EW667_10	4	CASH	Wed 114	<p>Senator CASH—I greatly appreciate that. I might explore it a little bit further, though, with Mr Carters. Mr Carters, did you have any meetings with the parliamentary secretary in relation to the priority employment area selection process? I do not think you need to look around, Mr Carters. You either know if you had a meeting or you do not.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you. Perhaps you could take on notice to be a little more specific in relation to the dates over the last three months that you have met with the parliamentary secretary.</p> <p>Mr Carters—I will take that on notice.</p>
EW668_10	4	CASH	Wed 115	<p>Senator CASH—Are you aware—and this is for the department and for you, Minister—of any involvement by the Prime Minister, his office or the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the selection of the priority areas—the priority employment area process?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I am not aware of it, no.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am not aware either, but we can take it on notice and see if there is something there.</p>
EW669_10	4	CASH	Wed 116	<p>Senator CASH—Can I get you to provide me with the figures—and you may need to take it on notice—of the actual number of people in the Townsville-Thuringowa area who are unemployed and the number of people in the Gold Coast labour force region who are unemployed.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Perhaps what we might do is give you a picture for the broader range of the 70 variables, or a subset of them if they are aggregated, to give you a sense of what we were looking at—what we were seeing in terms of the rate of change in the negative direction for this area.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 118</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—Can I also get the department to take on notice, due to time, to provide to the committee with the reasons in writing for the 20 priority employment areas they selected. I understand that may be a considerable amount of information, but it would be appreciated. Could I also get you to take on notice the reasons as to why Townsville-Thuringowa, with a low unemployment rate and a high employment rate, versus the Gold Coast, with a much higher unemployment rate, was designated a priority employment area.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think we have already taken that on notice.</p>

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EW670_10	4	RONALDSON	Wed 116	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Thank you, Chair. Secretary, can I refer you to a formal response submitted on behalf of A4e in relation to the Work and Pensions Select Committee inquiry into the management and administration of contract of employment programs, where it is acknowledged there was fraud in the organisation and that £12½ thousand was repaid by A4e to the Department for Work and Pensions. Can you please take on notice whether the department or those conducting the probity aspects of these tenders contacted the British Department for Work and Pensions to ascertain whether there were any issues with A4e, in the context of both their ability to deliver services and any issues with fraudulent claims, or any other matters that might have impacted on the viability or appropriateness of this company to receive—</p> <p>Ms Paul—Certainly.</p>
EW671_10	4	CASH	Wed 117	<p>Mr Carters—We consulted with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You consulted with them? On what dates did you consult with them?</p> <p>Mr Carters—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Approximately how many consultations did you have?</p> <p>Mr Carters—There were several. We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Whom did you consult with from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>Mr Carters—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator CASH—Again, that means that you are not sure if you did not. So will you take it on notice to go back and have a look at your diary and let me know whether or not you were at any of those meetings?</p> <p>Mr Carters—Yes.</p>
EW672_10	4	CASH	Wed 118	<p>Senator CASH—Thank you. Was that a paid editorial or one that you just did for free? Minister, did you receive a recommendation for 11 further priority employment areas in June or July, and did you sign off on that recommendation without any change?</p> <p>Senator Arbib—I will need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you also take on notice then, if it was not yourself, if it was the parliamentary secretary who received the recommendation for the further 11 priority employment areas and signed off on that recommendation without any change. Could you also take on notice if those 11 areas were the ones outlined in the interim Keep Australia Working report.</p>
EW673_10	4	CASH	Wed 119	<p>Senator CASH—So can you explain to me then, in relation to the Thuringowa Enterprise Centre Inc., why the project title is 'The creation of traineeships' but it is not creating any traineeships?</p> <p>Mr Carters—We will have to take that on notice, because we do not have sufficient detail here.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 120</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes, and I think that it is absolutely fantastic that they are creating three jobs, but they are delivering traineeships. Should they not be held accountable for the creation of traineeships?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We will take it on notice and get you the full story.</p>

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EW674_10	4	CASH	Wed 122	<p>Senator CASH—Could I get you to take on notice whether or not the company congratulating them prior to the probity period ending was breaching probity?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I can take that on notice. On the surface of it, it will depend on what the letter said. It might have simply been: ‘Congratulations on being a preferred tenderer.’</p> <p>Senator CASH—No, it was congratulating them on being a successful tenderer.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—It may be a misunderstanding on behalf of whoever wrote the letter—I do not know. But if someone was concerned about that, or anything, it is always open to them to raise that concern with our probity adviser and they will investigate it. I can check whether that was raised with them at any stage.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much. My understanding was, though, that it was raised with the department. Are you aware that that specific example was raised with the department?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I am personally not aware of that, but I can check whether the department was aware. All contact of that nature had to go through the ES purchasing hotline, not through me personally. So I would need to check that. I do not recall specifics of that nature, but I will check for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you check that and see whether or not it was actually investigated?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I will, certainly.</p> <p>Senator CASH—And the results of the investigation?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly.</p>
EW675_10	4	CASH	Wed 122	<p>Senator CASH—In the example that I am going to give you, is the department aware of an incident regarding the provider Central West Community College Ltd taking an Indigenous young mother off their case load, not because she wanted to be taken off but because she had a 20-month-old child?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I am personally not aware of that, but we can check for you.</p> <p>Senator CASH—My information is that she did actually complain to the department about that occurring.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—We can check that, if she has registered a complaint.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much. Could you let me know the results of the investigation?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Yes.</p>
EW676_10	4	CASH	Wed 123	<p>Senator CASH—Was there any communication between the office of the former Minister for Employment Participation and the department in relation to JN Solutions?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Not that I am aware of, but I can check.</p>
EW677_10	4	CASH	Wed 123	<p>Senator CASH—I will just pursue that very briefly with you, Mr Carters. Was any reference made in correspondence between the department and the office of the relevant ministers that the south-west metropolitan Perth region contained the federal electorates of Brand and Fremantle?</p> <p>Mr Carters—I would have to take that on notice. I do not know.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you also take on notice whether or not there was any reference made in telephone calls between the department and the office of the relevant ministers that the south-west metropolitan Perth area contained the federal electorates of Brand and Fremantle?</p> <p>Mr Carters—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much.</p>

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EW678_10	4	CASH	Wed 125	<p>Senator CASH—On what date did you first add the federal electorates? Mr Carters—I will take that on notice.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg130</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—I think you may have already taken this on notice. On what date did the department first add federal electorates to their documentation regarding the priority employment areas? Mr Carters—We will take that on notice.</p>
EW679_10	4	CASH	Wed 126	<p>Senator CASH—Okay. Did the parliamentary secretary, Jason Clare, send to you correspondence in relation to the listing of priority employment areas? Senator Arbib—I am not sure. I would have to check. Senator CASH—Would you please check that. Senator Arbib—Sure.</p>
EW680_10	4	CASH	Wed 126	<p>Senator CASH—Going back to the reporting outcomes and in relation to the March 2009 Labour market assistance outcomes report, what date was that actually posted on the information portal? Dr Mercer—I would have to take that on notice. It does take some time to prepare.</p>
EW681_10	4	CASH	Wed 126	<p>Senator CASH—If we go back to the number of applications received that were assessed as meeting the relevant gateway criteria, I am assuming it was more than 172 initially. Ms Kidd—Yes. Senator CASH—Do you have the information as to how many that was? Ms Kidd—No, we do not have that. Senator CASH—Can you take it on notice to provide that information please. Ms Kidd—Yes, we can.</p>
EW682_10	4	CASH	Wed 126	<p>Senator CASH—Who prepared the attachment? Mr Carters, did you have any involvement in the preparation of the attachment in terms of listing the federal electorates to which the priority employment areas applied? Mr Carters—We will have to take that on notice. [Parliamentary Secretary for Employment, Mr Clare, sent out a letter on 5 August 2009 to which there was an attachment which listed the priority employment areas as identified by local government area, postal area and electorate.]</p>
EW683_10	4	CASH	Wed 130	<p>Senator CASH—I have a number of questions which I will place on notice in relation to the Jobs Fund, specifically in relation to the heritage projects, the bike path projects, the Get Communities Working projects, and the infrastructure and employment projects as well. Of the 172 successful round 1 projects, how many successful projects were there in each federal electorate and how much was spent in each federal electorate? Ms Kidd—We would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW684_10	4	CASH	Wed 130	<p>Senator CASH—Can you provide the location, the name of the project and the total cost for each of the 41 successful projects, which I understand were outside identified priority employment areas? Ms Kidd—That is actually on our website. Senator CASH—I will get you to provide the information in any event, if that is all right. Ms Kidd—Sure.</p>

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EW685_10	4	CASH	Wed 131	<p>Senator CASH—I understand that there was a delay in actually providing the work experience reports to the providers. Were you aware of any delay?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Personally, no, but I will just check.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CASH—My understanding was, at the NESA conference, which you attended—was it Ingrid Cucchi, from the department, who raised the lack of work experience reports?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I would have to check that.</p>
EW686_10	4	CASH	Wed 131	<p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much. Is the department aware of providers in remote areas having additional difficulty in running work experience activities as they have limited or no access to the Productivity Places Program?</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I am not aware. For a start, at the highest level they do not need necessarily to have the PPP places, because there is a whole menu of work experience. So, if it turned out there was such a difficulty, it would not be a barrier. But I am not sure that there is such a difficulty. So in principle it should not be an issue.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you take on notice just to see whether or not—</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you. Also, if the answer does come back yes, could you tell me who the providers are, where they are located and what specific details they are experiencing.</p>
EW687_10	4	CASH	Wed 131	<p>Senator CASH—That is fine; not a problem at all. Just going back to the 41 successful projects which were not in priority employment areas, Ms Kidd, I think you said that information was on the website.</p> <p>Ms Kidd—That is right.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can I get some information that I understand is not on the website for each of those projects: the value, the location and the federal electorate that they are actually in.</p> <p>Ms Kidd—We will get that information.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much.</p>
EW688_10	4	HUMPHRIES	Wed 137	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—What I might do is send you a copy of the fact sheet that they are distributing at the moment, which argues that there has been a 3.9 per cent decline in people with intellectual disability being offered employment under the open employment program and that the number of people—</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Sorry, Senator Humphries; are you talking generally or in terms of government positions?</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—It is not made clear in this criticism. I assume—</p> <p>Senator Arbib—Sorry; I thought you said at the start that it was in relation to government. I beg your pardon.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—It may or may not be government. I just do not know from what the council is saying. You can have a look. I am happy for you to address the issues they raise there about what they say is a decline in employment for people with intellectual disability and a dramatic difference between the rate of employment of people with intellectual disability between Sydney and Melbourne. It is half the rate in Melbourne that it is in Sydney.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—I would need to look at that to see what they have based that on.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—That is fine. I will send it to you. You might take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Golightly—Certainly.</p>

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EW689_10	4	HUMPHRIES	Wed 137	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Can you take on notice what has been achieved so far under each of the four elements described in the objectives of that national partnership agreement, please.</p> <p>Mr Carters—Yes, we will.</p>
EW690_10	4	HUMPHRIES	Wed 137	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Give me an idea of what is happening with that. I want to know how much money has been committed or spent by DEEWR in funding RTOs to train Aboriginal people since December 2007. I want to ask whether, under that program, a particular company called ISP was awarded funding and whether it is true that ISP was awarded a contract to train 12 people over eight weeks and that that contract was for \$185,000. I am sorry, I cannot give you a location, but can you take that on notice, please, and verify whether or not that is the case. Do you have a figure actually here for how much is being spent by DEEWR funding RTOs to train Indigenous people?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think we are taking it on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—All right. If ISP is not one of the companies that are funded to train Aboriginal people in terms of that contract I just described to you, can you tell me if there are any other contracts that ISP is involved with and how much they have received under those contracts.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Sure.</p>
EW691_10	4	HUMPHRIES	Wed 138	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Lastly, can I please find out how many jobs for Indigenous Australians have been created so far under Mr Andrew Forrest's Australian Employment Covenant. I would like to know—as much as we can describe them, perhaps only in a broadbrush sense—where those jobs have been created and some idea of who the employers might be. I do not need to know necessarily every name of every employer, but I would like a broad indication of what kinds of areas these people are finding employment in.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes, I will do that.</p> <p>Senator Arbib—So you want that last one on notice as well?</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Yes. If you have not got the information, yes, take it on notice, please.</p>
EW692_10	1	PAYNE	Thursday 4	<p>Senator PAYNE—Mr Manthorpe, I understand from the website information that there were 19 public consultations, not necessarily here. Can you provide us with a list of the locations in which they were held, please?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—Yes we can, Senator. I am not sure I have that list with me, but we can certainly get that for you.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—That is fine—and the numbers attending at each of those?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—Yes. We know that about 1,700 people attended all up, but we can give you a breakdown of the numbers or approximate numbers of those.</p>
EW693_10	1	PAYNE	Thursday 5	<p>Senator PAYNE—Could I get a copy of the ads and the dates on which they appeared, please?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—Yes.</p>

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EW694_10	1	PAYNE	Thursday 5	<p>Senator PAYNE—Does the department have a record of how many parents, as opposed to what one might call commercial or corporate stakeholders in the area, attended the community consultations?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—I would have to take that question on notice. We know that there were some, but we also know that not everybody who came to the sessions necessarily identified the capacity in which they attended. But, to the extent that we can get an approximate number for that, we are happy to take that on notice.</p>
EW695_10	1	PAYNE	Thursday 6	<p>Senator PAYNE—If you are not in dispute with the Access Economics report, I would be very grateful to receive a reconciliation of the figures you just referred to.</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—We are happy to do that, certainly.</p>
EW696_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 10	<p>Senator PAYNE—There will be some more, do not worry about that. I think there were 26 of those focus groups according to the information on the website. Can you tell us how many parents attended those focus groups and where they were located and conducted?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—They were located in a variety of metro, regional and other areas. I do not have the numbers of parents who attended with me but we can take that on notice.</p>
EW697_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 11	<p>Ms Rundle—No. Open Mind Research Group conducted the focus groups.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Can you tell us the cost of the focus groups?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Again, I would like to take that on notice, if I can? We will see if we can get that for you now, but otherwise—</p>
EW698_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 11	<p>Senator PAYNE—Do you know when that was done, and when you received the report?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—I am not sure. Because there have been different groups engaged with at different times, I will just have to check when that one was. I will take that on notice.</p>
EW699_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 17	<p>Senator PAYNE—I do not think there has been any data publicly released since early 2007—is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Shugg—I am not sure when the last release was.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Could you check that for me? I think it was 2007, but if I have got that wrong, then I am keen to be corrected.</p> <p>Ms Shugg—Yes, we can do that for you. That would not have been done on a standard definition though.</p>
EW700_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 21	<p>Senator PAYNE—For which of the centres has building commenced?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I do have that information and I am just trying to locate that detail. Senator, I wonder if I might take that on notice in the interests of time now because we could give you information about the current construction schedule, which would also tell you which ones have commenced. I could try and get what I can in the next five minutes, if you wish.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—We are talking about 38 centres, as I understand it, so if you can come back to me on notice with that, Ms Rundle, that is helpful.</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Thank you.</p>

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EW701_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 22	<p>Senator PAYNE—What is the Commonwealth contribution to those?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I do have that here, separate for each centre, if you would like me to go through them. I can tell you as well, Senator, further to your earlier question, that 18 have commenced their construction.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Can you let me know, on notice, where those are, please, and the stages to which they are at?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Yes, I can do that.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Thank you. And the 11 in New South Wales?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—For the 11 in New South Wales, the Australian government commitment at Bondi Junction was \$1.65 million, at Fairlight it was \$1.4 million and at Falconbridge it was \$1.8 million. These are all agreed. Hazelbrook is up to \$2.2 million because this is currently being finalised. Senator, my colleague has just advised me that I may now need to take the remainder on notice because some of them may not have been publicly announced.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Where are the remaining ones located?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—They will be in a range of other locations. You might remember that the locations were Bondi Junction, Fairlight, Faulconbridge, Hazelbrook, Killara, Milperra, Newcastle, North Ryde and Queanbeyan. Perhaps what I could do for you, again on notice, is provide that information so you can see where they are colocated with schools and otherwise.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—All right. Can you tell us who will be operating the services at the sites in New South Wales?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Again, I would like to take that on notice, if I can. I can provide that information to you; there will be a range of all private providers.</p>
EW702_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 23	<p>Senator PAYNE—Can you indicate what other criteria would have been included?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—In terms of the specifics for both of those, again I would like to take that on notice, because they will be different, no doubt. As we have said, I think, in earlier estimates, there are a range of factors that we have looked at in all of these areas to try and estimate what demand would be. Could I provide that later?</p>
EW703_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 23	<p>Senator PAYNE—I would appreciate that. In WA, we had announcements earlier this month for three sites at Darch, Karratha and Mirrabooka. Have the proposals to establish centres at those sites been called for? I think these are three of the four priority locations for WA?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I cannot answer that because we need to check with the WA government. We are working with the WA government on all three, but I just do not know, today, whether they have been.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—If the answer to that is that they have not been called for, can you then tell us, on notice, when that will occur?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I will.</p>
EW704_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 24	<p>Senator PAYNE—Similarly, I know there have been announcements in Queensland in relation to Gladstone and Townsville. The press release says that advertisements for a proposal between the Australian and Queensland governments were advertised in July. Has it been determined who will run the centres at those Queensland sites?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I do know that we have that level of information—I do not have that with me now. They will be, I suspect, all private providers because most of these processes have been working with the state governments trying to elicit expressions of interest from private providers.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Will you come back to me on that one?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Yes, I will.</p>

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EW705_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 24	<p>Senator PAYNE—Do you have an estimate of how many child care places it is expected will be created when we have all of these 38 in the first tranche up and operating?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—All I would need is a calculator.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Or did I just ask you how long a piece of string was?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—No, in fact we do know that.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Is over the page?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—At least, we do have the number of places approximately, but unfortunately for some reason, I do not have the total at the bottom of my page.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—How is your mental arithmetic?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—So, if you do not mind, again I can answer that on notice. Someone is adding them up for us.</p>
EW706_10	1	MASON	Thurs 26	<p>Senator MASON—In those 35 locations, how many actual sites have been determined?</p> <p>Ms Shugg—There are a couple. I would have to take that question on notice.</p>
EW707_10	1	MASON	Thurs 26	<p>Senator MASON—..... Has construction commenced on these centres in any of those locations?</p> <p>Ms Shugg—I would have to take that on notice, but my understanding is not yet.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Ms Shugg—Yes, there are a number of staff members across the various locations.</p> <p>Senator MASON—How many?</p> <p>Ms Shugg—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW708_10	1	MASON	Thurs 27	<p>Senator MASON—I know all about cooperative partnerships in another context. Do you have something that you can give the committee on the time line? Can you make that available?</p> <p>Ms Shugg—I can put that on notice for you, Senator.</p>
EW709_10	2	MASON	Thurs 28	<p>Senator MASON—.....Could you provide a list of all schools, broken up by state, that have benefited from the National School Chaplaincy Program? I know that may need to be taken on notice, but could that be done?</p> <p>Dr Arthur—We certainly can provide that information. I am just checking. I do have some background information here which I might be able to table. I do not think it goes to that level of detail, but certainly that information can be provided.</p> <p>Senator MASON—So you could take that on notice?</p>

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EW710_10	2	FIELDING	Thurs 39	<p>Senator FIELDING—Right. We also need to go back in a second to the government sector and what funding is provided there. But out of the \$814 million, can you tell me what is spent specifically in providing teachers with adequate training to be able to help them identify children with learning disabilities from a young age? I would like an answer to that question. How would you find that out if you do not know?</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 40</i></p> <p>Ms Hanlon—We could take it on notice, but we will need to go out to each of the jurisdictions and ask them how much money they actually spend explicitly on that particular function.</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—On notice—I am certainly not trying to direct the department; it is not my job, but I think it is a very key area—can you find out what specific dollars out of the \$814 million are being directed to providing teachers with adequate training to be able to help them identify children with learning disabilities at a young age.</p> <p>Ms Hanlon—Certainly, we will take that on notice and see what we can do. But, just to make it clear, that \$814 million is for the non-government sector.</p>
EW711_10	2	FIELDING	Thurs 42	<p>Senator FIELDING—..... Has the department done any work on looking at what it would cost the government to offer every child at a young age a free assessment at one of these assessment centres?</p> <p>Ms Paul—No, I do not believe we have done that work.</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—Is there a chance of that being looked at all, just as a general—</p> <p>Ms Paul—We could take it on notice to see if we can find anything out. Why don't we take it on notice and see what there is to say?</p>
EW712_10	2	FIELDING	Thurs 43	<p>Senator FIELDING—I will generally add a bit more. I understand there are always priorities and there is always a limit on how much money can be spent on certain issues. I fully understand that issue. As a principle, I think that children with learning disabilities should not be discriminated against and maybe forced to feel dumb. I assume it is everybody's idea to make sure that that would not happen. I am concerned to know, given that a lot of these kids are not being picked up early enough—and it is something I think the department itself could even champion to make sure that more is done in this particular area—whether if more funding were made available there could be the ability to pick up kids with a learning disability at an earlier age. Do you think that could be so if more funding were provided?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I think it is hard to speculate because we are not in that situation, but we absolutely agree with you that early identification is absolutely key. I think it is an important conversation that we are having and what I would like to do is to take that away and for us come back to you. We might do a bit of a stocktake on what is happening and come back with some well-informed examples of what is going on and perhaps what could be going on, to take up your point. It is incredibly important. Maybe one of the things that have not been done enough is sharing best practice. You know there would be some fantastic examples out there, but it is a matter of finding them and then sharing them around the country; is it not?</p>

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EW713_10	2	MASON	Thurs 45	<p>Senator MASON—Thank you, Chair. Quoting from the BER guidelines at page 2, it says this: Through the BER, the Commonwealth aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Provide economic stimulus through the rapid construction and refurbishment of school infrastructure.</i> 2. <i>Build learning environments to help children, families and communities participate in activities that will support achievement, develop learning potential and bring communities together.</i> <p>On what basis is the claim made that erecting a new building at a school will help schoolchildren to support achievement and develop learning potential?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We have evidence on that, so if you would like us to offer that.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Thank you.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Can I just ask the specific question—that is, the cost-benefit analysis of providing schools with new buildings versus other ways of improving educational outcomes.</p> <p>Ms Paul—I am not sure whether the research goes to cost benefit. We might take that on notice for you, but we are aware of some research.</p> <p>Senator MASON—That is the critical issue, Ms Paul—cost benefits, the best-spend issue.</p> <p>Ms Paul—We can take that on notice, but there certainly is some international research which we can run over for you now.</p>
EW714_10	2	MASON	Thurs 48	<p>Senator MASON—.....How many new jobs have been created on the projects commenced in round 1? Do you know the answer to that?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We would need to take that on notice.</p>
EW715_10	2	MASON	Thurs 49	<p>Senator Mason - Hold on, I will ask the questions. You are accountable to this committee, not the other way around. This parliamentary committee wants to know, given that it has given up billions of dollars to fund these projects, how many of those projects have commenced.</p> <p>Ms Paul - We have told you that we are not able to offer that because of our IT system but we have taken that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Wall has been clear: we are making that enhancement to our system and we will be able to provide it once we have done that. At the moment we are able to tell you precisely up to date the number of projects for P21 commenced, which is 8,003.</p> <p>Senator Mason - But you cannot give us a progress report about the completion rates in round 1, Minister, can you?</p> <p>Chair - I think the evidence is 'not right now'. The question has been taken on notice.</p>
EW716_10	2	MASON	Thurs 57	<p>Senator MASON—When was it revised? I can honestly say that what I have in front of me right here says that commencement of projects—this is off the web—is July 2009. I have not mocked it up. When did these time lines change?</p> <p>Ms Wall—When the new guidelines were issued on 26 August.</p> <p>Senator MASON—I do not know how I missed that. Was that put up on the website on 26 August?</p> <p>Ms Wall—My expectation is that that has been updated. I will check that, though.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Could you find out when it was updated?</p> <p>Ms Wall—Yes, certainly.</p>

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EW717_10	2	MASON	Thurs 58	<p>Senator MASON—..... What is the penalty or the punishment perhaps for failure to abide by the time lines for the guidelines, or aren't there any? Is it just a chat? With cooperative federalism there should be some sort of carrot and stick, wouldn't you think, Ms Paul?</p> <p>Ms Paul—That is right. It is absolutely pertinent that you mention cooperative federalism there, because the correct place for us to consider this is in the bilateral agreements. So we have a national partnership. The BER is based on a national partnership with all governments and with agreements between the Commonwealth and the 22 systems which control capital—that is, the 14 block grant authorities and the eight states. So we would draw on the agreement, but I do not have it in front of me. If you would like us to look at what the arrangements are for sanctions and so on, I am happy to do so.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Yes, and see what the sanctions are for failure, Ms Paul.</p> <p>Ms Paul—Yes, we will. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MASON—And how are you going to punish the states and others for their failure to abide by the guidelines?</p>
EW718_10	2	MASON	Thurs 67	<p>Senator MASON—You can take this on notice. There are nine people and EL2 is the senior person.</p> <p>Ms Wall—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator MASON—What are the levels of people who are in that team? Do you know that?</p> <p>Ms Wall—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW719_10	2	FIELDING	Thurs 68	<p>Senator FIELDING—Were the terms of reference for that review on the website? I do not know whether I saw them there.</p> <p>Ms Phillips—I think they are on the website, but we can provide you with a copy of those.</p>
EW720_10	2	FIELDING	Thurs 69	<p>Senator FIELDING—And probably the reason you actually chose them is that they have a very strong track record in this area.</p> <p>Ms Paul—And I think we have done quite a lot of work with them, too. So we have an existing relationship with them. We could get for you—not the names—the titles and the roles of the people who are running it. We would have a contractual relationship with Alannah and Madeline and we would have satisfied ourselves that the governance was appropriate, because we would have to do that to have a contract with them, which we would have.</p> <p>Senator FIELDING—If you could provide a bit of information, that would be great.</p>
EW721_10	2	MACDONALD	Thurs 71	<p>Ms Northcott—I think a number of jurisdictions might make the same point, and part of ACARA's role is to look at best practice within each of the jurisdictions at the moment and international best practice in terms of curriculum and also very extensive talking consultation as they write they draft curriculum. I can undertake to send you the website if you want to provide that to any of the schools and then they will see that the website actually provides very extensive information. There is a lot of information there and any comments that they have they should raise with ACARA.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD—That is fine. You have told me what I need to know and you have offered to send me the website.</p>

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EW722_10	2	FIFIELD	Thurs 73	<p>Senator FIFIELD—How many schools which have received funding under the primary school program identified that they had students with disabilities and that their needs would need to be considered?</p> <p>Ms Wall—I am not sure that we have that information. Certainly we know about the special schools—that is, schools that cater specifically for children with disabilities. I would have to take on notice whether we could tell you how many schools that are not identified as special schools have students with disabilities, except that probably the vast majority of schools in Australia do.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Could you look at both categories—special schools that indicated that they had unique needs which would need to be taken into account and other schools that indicated that they either needed or wanted to have modifications to cater for students with disabilities?</p> <p>Ms Paul—Would you like us to get you a couple of examples of a template or two that show that flexibility, too?</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—That would be useful, but I would also be interested in schools in both categories— special and other—that indicated that they had special requirements. I would also be interested in which cases those requests were catered for and in which cases those requests were not able to be catered for. That would be helpful.</p>
EW723_10	2	FIFIELD	Thurs 73	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Let us look at primary schools for the moment. Have any schools complained that they have not been able to achieve a satisfactory outcome from their point of view in relation to the needs of students with special needs?</p> <p>Ms Wall—I am not aware of any. Again, I can check for you.</p>
EW724_10	2	FIFIELD	Thurs 73	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Do you know whether it is a requirement of jurisdictions other than the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Ms Mitchell—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 74</i></p> <p>Ms Wall—I have certainly seen from some visits and also from looking at project descriptions, that a significant number of them are factoring in ramps, specific toilets with wheelchair access et cetera. The other element is that, because there is a requirement under the program that the facilities are available at low or no cost to the community, that has been a particular feature of new construction—to ensure that they are accessible to members of the community as well as students with disabilities.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—But you will take on notice what the requirements are, jurisdiction by jurisdiction?</p> <p>Ms Wall—Certainly, I will.</p>
EW725_10	2	MASON	Thurs 75	<p>Senator MASON—I should have asked this earlier but I did not. I want to know the total number of jobs created under each program of BER—that is, Primary Schools for the 21st Century, the National School Pride program and the Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools. How many jobs have been created in each of those particular programs? If you do not have that here, can I have all three added together?</p> <p>Ms Paul—We will take that on notice.</p>
EW726_10	2	HUMPHRIES	Thurs 77	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—How many applications from the ACT were there in that funding?</p> <p>Ms Wall—I would have to check that. I do not have that information with me.</p>

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EW727_10	2	CASH	Thurs 83	<p>Senator CASH—In terms of the first project that is going to be completed this month—the 15 in January 2010 and the 12 in May 2010—are you able to provide us the dates that they actually commenced the work?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—I can take that on notice, but I can provide that.</p> <p>Senator CASH—I would absolutely appreciate that, and also the actual amount of funding they received.</p> <p>Mr De Silva—Yes.</p>
EW728_10	2	CASH	Thurs 84	<p>Senator CASH—Would there be or has there been any situation whereby the next milestone has not been met but the funding has been released?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—To my knowledge, no. What happens under the overarching funding agreement is that the funding either is paid to the state department, if it is a government school, or is paid to the BGA if it is an independent or Catholic school. Under the overarching funding agreement they are not allowed to release payment until the milestone has been reached.</p> <p>Senator CASH—You said ‘to my knowledge’. Can I get you to take that on notice—to go and check to see whether or not there have been several instances where funding has been released and a milestone has not actually been reached? In terms of the projects that you mentioned, you will take on notice whether the milestones are being met?</p>
EW729_10	2	CASH	Thurs 85	<p>Senator CASH—.....In terms of the trade training centres, can you provide a list of the traditional trade skills that will be taught at each of the trade training centres that have been announced so far? My understanding when I went to the program guidelines is that page 13 has a full list of all of the traditional skills. So can I get a list in relation to the announced projects?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—For each school, what qualifications they will provide?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Correct.</p> <p>Mr De Silva—For each school or just across the board?</p> <p>Senator CASH—For each school.</p> <p>Mr De Silva—Yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much.</p> <p>Mr De Silva—We can do that.</p>
EW730_10	2	CASH	Thurs 85	<p>Senator CASH—.....Can I also please obtain, in addition to these skills, the other top five areas of training that will be taught?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—Including or excluding traditional trades there? Under the program you are eligible to apply for qualifications that lead to a traditional trade. There are also qualifications for emerging industries and there is also a narrow number of qualifications relating to agriculture and horticulture.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could I get both?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—There are three.</p> <p>Senator CASH—All three?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—All three.</p>

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EW731_10	2	CASH	Thurs 86	<p>Senator CASH—Do you have a list of the MPs or senators who have provided the legislative support? Are you able to take that on notice to provide that information to the committee?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—I will take it on notice. I am not sure how many have come in, but I think though the IT system we could track that.</p> <p>Senator Cash - Thank you.</p> <p>Mr De Silva - Is this members of federal parliament?</p> <p>Senator Cash - Correct. Thank you.</p>
EW732_10	2	CASH	Thurs 86	<p>Senator CASH—..... How many Indigenous students are benefiting Australia-wide and what electorates are those Indigenous students being identified in?</p> <p>Mr De Silva—I can take it on notice to give you the exact stats across the board. I have them here. I have the global figure, but if you want student numbers for every single school—</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr De Silva—We will actually have to go back to each application and, within that, within schools. If it is a cluster of 10, it is going to each piece of information for each school and identifying—</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could take that on notice and provide that information.</p>
EW733_10	2	CASH	Thurs 88	<p>Senator Cash - I was listening to Senator Mason earlier, and he referred to the 'assistant director, signage and recognition strategic communications' under the Building the Education Revolution. Is there a similar person who is going to be looking after the signs under the trade training centres project?</p> <p>Mr De Silva - There is a team of seven people. There is an EL2, two EL1s, probably two APS6s and two APS5s. I can give you the exact breakdown.</p>
EW734_10	2	CASH	Thurs 88	<p>Senator CASH—My understanding is that staff received retrenchment letters. So, if they were being retrenched, would that indicate that the college was going to be closed?</p> <p>Ms Febey—I am not aware that that has happened. I would not have thought that was something that was likely to have happened before we had made a final decision on its future.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you take that on notice and investigate that? That is the information that I have been given: that staff have received retrenchment letters, which has obviously caused some worry. But you are obviously not aware of that. Could you investigate that and see whether or not that is true? If so, why would they receive retrenchment letters before an actual decision to close the college has been made?</p>
EW735_10	3	HUMPHRIES	Thurs 91	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—I have some questions about the budget and so forth of the Office for Youth, but I will put most of them on notice. I wanted to ask about the program that was announced today by the Prime Minister and the minister for youth in launching the national conversation at Lyneham High School and something here at Parliament House. Was that event funded and run by the Office for Youth?</p> <p>Mr Owen—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Can you give me an idea of the cost of hosting such an event and particularly how people are invited to participate in the event?</p> <p>Mr Owen—I would need to take that on notice because we are very much still in the process of concluding what has been a big day around launching that consultation process.</p>

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EW736_10	2	MASON	Thurs 94	<p>Senator MASON—So you would not know yet what percentage of schools had a participation rate that decreased by 10 per cent or more?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges—No, Senator.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Can you tell us in December?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges—Yes. We would have done the analysis at that point.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Can you take that on notice?</p>
EW737_10	3	ABETZ	Thurs 95	<p>Senator ABETZ—Can you please take that on notice, because it was largely funded by industry itself through the ATA.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—As we discussed last time, Senator, the Commonwealth's funding relationship with the ATA was around the training packages, not around environmental scans. Environmental scans are a function of the ISCs.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Yes, but they were happening under the ATA. Things can happen outside of the ISCs.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—The Commonwealth was not funding that particular activity, though, Senator, so I—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—That does not mean it does not happen out there in the real world, and that is the problem with the automotive sector's reluctance in becoming involved in this. They are being told that these things are now going to happen when they were previously already happening, according to my advice. Could you please take on notice that aspect?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Yes.</p>
EW738_10	3	ABETZ	Thurs 96	<p>Senator ABETZ—No, and if there was a dispute, I would like to be informed as to who was on the side of this change. That is all. Is there one that we can refer to? Was the VACC, or was the FCAI supportive?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—.....The last time the question: who supported the move, was put, it was taken on notice and we were told sectors of the manufacturing side supported the move. I now want to know who specifically supported the move rather than this sort of generic term.....</p> <p>Mr Burmester—Senator, I think we would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW739_10	3	ABETZ	Thurs 101	<p>Senator ABETZ—How many apprentices does that deal with?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I will need to have a look. I do not know if I have got that number here.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Our information to date has been pretty similar. If I were to nominate the figure of 1,000, would I be far off the mark?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I do not have the Australian apprenticeship number for forest works coverage, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Sure.</p>

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EW740_10	3	Abetz	Thurs p101	<p>Senator ABETZ—Could you give us a good breakdown of it all, because it would be interesting to see how many retail apprenticeships are in that 30,000 that we were discussing. If I could have a detailed breakdown of the 30,000, I would be very interested in that. In relation to manufacturing in Australia—and I am sure you would know this, Minister—where would you say the biggest sort of manufacturing base in Australia was, in which state?</p> <p>Senator Carr—Victoria.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Victoria?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I would have to reconsider that because it depends on which aspect. It would be Victoria or New South Wales.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—What do you mean ‘which aspect’? Manufacturing is right across the board. We do not need to divide manufacturing, we were just told; that is why we have got this MSA. So which state would you nominate, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Carr—I would have to check on the figures, but it is either Victoria or New South Wales.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—I would nominate your home state and I am astounded that the minister for industry does not know that.</p> <p>Senator Carr—I just want to check the latest figures, that is all.</p>
EW741_10	3	ABETZ	Thurs 101	<p>Senator ABETZ—No, when was the MSA started? Was it 17 March?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—No. The MSA existed before 17 March. It was the Industry Skills Council that existed before that decision. So that is just where they happened to be.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—So the basis of where it is—</p> <p>Ms Dacey—They have offices in several places besides Sydney. I cannot tell you where. If you want me to take it on notice, I can.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—If you could tell me on notice where they are, that would be very helpful.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Sure. Would it also help if I gave you a bit of information about what is going on and what progress is happening?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—With great respect, I can hear the ‘version’—I will be polite—from the government’s side, but I have heard it very loud and clear from the actual players in the sector. If you want to give me a podded version on notice in written form, that would be great. I will leave it at that, given the time constraints.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Sure.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—I will take you up on your offer, but if you could do that on notice in writing, I would be much obliged.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Certainly.</p>

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EW742_10	3	MASON	Thurs103	<p>Senator MASON—Do you know if there are any prosecutions being pursued by the states in relation to the failure of these colleges? Do you know what regulatory action the states are taking?</p> <p>Mr Walters—There has been a lot of regulatory action. It is worth making the point that ‘prosecutions’ refers to criminal prosecutions. That might be possible under state legislation regulating the providers. It might be possible under the migration legislation which DIAC is responsible for administering. Then, in certain circumstances, it might be possible under the Commonwealth legislation. At any given time the states might be pursuing issues under their legislation and we would not necessarily be aware, because of the confidentiality that surrounds criminal matters, whether they are actually pursuing a criminal prosecution or not.</p> <p>Senator MASON—But have any criminal prosecutions been undertaken in the last couple of years? It is a public fact that they have been undertaken—</p> <p>Mr Walters—We would have to ask the states and get back to you.</p> <p>.....</p>
EW743_10	3	MASON	Thurs 104	<p>Senator MASON—In recent years there have been about 20 colleges collapse and thousands of students displaced; is that right?</p> <p>Mr Walters—You said ‘in recent years’. I can give you the figures for this year if you give me a second.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Give me the last two years.</p> <p>Mr Walters—I do not think we have them for the last two years. We have got them, if you give me a moment, for this year.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Take it on notice.</p>
EW744_10	3	MASON	Thurs 105	<p>Senator MASON—That is where the rubber hits the road of course. While overseas students have been the big story in relation to these private providers, I assume—I do not know this; I was not part of the committee—that domestic students have also been attending these colleges in some cases. Have any domestic students been displaced as a result of the failure of these colleges?</p> <p>Mr Walters—I think that would have been the case in some cases but probably not very many.</p> <p>Senator MASON—Do we have any idea how many?</p> <p>Mr Walters—I think we would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW745_10	3	CASH	Thurs 107	<p>Senator CASH—Thank you, Senator Mason, I do appreciate it as well. If we could continue on international education providers, since November 2007 how many CRICOS accredited providers of education have closed down?</p> <p>Mr Walters—We will have to take that on notice.</p>
EW746_10	3	CASH	Thurs 107	<p>Senator CASH—Do you have any figures in relation to the number of CRICOS accredited providers who have closed down since that time? Is there anything you can provide us with tonight?</p> <p>Mr Walters—There are the numbers that we gave just before the dinner break for 2009. Would you like us to give those again?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Would you, please. Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—There were 12 providers in 2009, with 1,739 students.</p> <p>Senator CASH—If you could take on notice to provide the figures since November 2007.</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—November 2007.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you very much. Could you also take on notice to provide a list of all of these providers since November 2007, who are CRICOS accredited and have closed down, on a month-by-month basis, their closure date and the reason for their closure.</p>

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EW747_10	3	CASH	Thurs 108	<p>Senator CASH—I also asked had the department had any discussions with the minister's office in relation to this particular college? The answer I was given was, 'The minister's office is informed of departmental actions involving registered providers when appropriate.' Can we turn specifically to this particular case. When was the minister's office actually notified by the department?</p> <p>Mr Walters—We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Was the minister's office notified by the department?</p> <p>Mr Walters—We certainly would have told them at some point in the proceedings. At any given moment there are quite a lot of issues going on, as you will imagine. So it is a question of when they are informed. We will take that on notice.</p>
EW748_10	3	CASH	Thurs 108	<p>Senator CASH—How many students have actually been found places?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—To date I think there have been less than half a dozen who have been found—</p> <p>Senator CASH—So approximately six students out of 94 have—</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—Or less.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Or less?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—Yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Could you take on notice to provide me with the information on how many students have been found places.</p> <p>[Maewill English College on the Gold Coast]</p>
EW749_10	3	CASH	Thurs 109	<p>Mr Walters—So you are talking about the Queensland Department of Education and Training.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes. They provided the information on 5 August.</p> <p>Mr Walters—Yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—What was the information that they provided?</p> <p>Mr Walters—I think we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Did the minister's office advise the department that the minister's office was aware of the lack of accreditation of Maewill?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW750_10	3	CASH	Thurs 110	<p>Senator CASH—In Victoria, since the state government announced increased audits and a list of providers who are at risk, how many providers have been suspended or their accreditation cancelled?</p> <p>Mr Walters—I think we would have to take that on notice. What was your start date?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Since the Victorian state government announced increased audits and a list of—</p> <p>Mr Walters—We will have to check that date and then get the numbers.</p>
EW751_10	3	CASH	Thurs 111	<p>Senator CASH—On what date did the Australian Institute of Commerce and Language apply for registration for this course?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—I would not have that handy. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 112</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—Are they registered?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—Yes.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Do you know when they actually got the registration?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—They were an existing provider who added this course later on, so I would have to take on notice when they were registered.</p>

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EW752_10	3	CASH	Thurs 113	<p>Senator CASH—In relation to these particular students, what is the total liability of the ESOS Assurance Fund if all of these students sought a refund rather than proceeding with an offer if they believed that it was not a suitable alternative course?</p> <p>Mr Walters—We could take that on notice and give you an estimate, but of course that would depend on looking at what each student had paid and what they were owed.</p>
EW753_10	3	CASH	Thurs 114	<p>Senator CASH—When was the 2007 report made public?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—I am going to ask the same in relation to the 2008 report.</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—If you want the dates of when they were put on the website, I would have to take those on notice. [ESOS Assurance Fund reports]</p>
EW754_10	3	CASH	Thurs 114	<p>Senator CASH—You might need to take these figures on notice as well. How many international students have been reimbursed from the ESOS Assurance Fund in the 2008-09 financial year?</p> <p>Mr Walters—We can give you from 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2009.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Walters—It paid refunds to 889 students, totalling \$4,274,601.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you do the comparison for the previous financial year or will you need to take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—The figure Mr Walters just gave you is 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2009, so it is an 18- month figure.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Can you do a comparison for me?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—I would have to take that on notice.</p>
EW755_10	3	CASH	Thurs 114	<p>Senator CASH—No, I completely understand that. I am just surprised that you paid out \$4,274,601 in one year and you only have \$3.4 million left and we already have two colleges that have closed down. It seems to be heading in a downward spiral. How many students have been placed with other education providers in the last financial year under ESOS?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—Under the fund?</p> <p>Senator CASH—Or by the fund.</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—In 2008-09? I will just get those figures.</p> <p><i>Cont. Pg 115</i></p> <p>Senator CASH—And I am going to ask how that compares with the previous financial year.</p> <p>Mr Walters—We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay. Ms Chaudhury, you don't have those figures?</p> <p>Ms Chaudhury—I will have to look and see. I should have the 2008-09 figures, but not for the previous financial year. It might be better if we take the whole thing on notice and then we can give you comparable figures.</p>

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EW756_10	3	CASH	Thurs 119	<p>Senator CASH—I am going to refer back to the Totally Indigo case, which you would have heard me referring to with the previous witnesses. In their case, when they have had their CRICOS registration revoked, would they still be allowed to offer the Productivity Places Program for domestic students?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I need to take this on notice to check for you, but the name is ringing a bell with me, so I think they were a PPP provider.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes, they were. They are on the website as being one, yes.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—But you would be aware that we have ceased mainstream delivery of PPP from the Australian government.</p>
EW757_10	3	CASH	Thurs 119	<p>Senator CASH—How many of these providers ceased offering the PPP as a result of losing their accreditation?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I will have to take that on notice, but fewer than two or three.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes. Take it on notice and let me know.</p> <p>Ms Dacey—Sure.</p>
EW758_10	3	CASH	Thurs 120	<p>Senator CASH—In terms of your responsibilities, how many job seekers commenced within the six-week time frame?</p> <p>Ms Dacey—I will have to take it on notice, but there is a provision that if you have not started, effectively, in nine weeks, the places get put back into the pool and reallocated.</p>
EW759_10	3	CASH	Thurs 120	<p>Senator CASH—Could you take on notice for me what information is collected and when this will be made public. Is it possible for the committee to have a copy of the reports for each state and territory since the reporting began?</p>
EW760_10	3	BACK	Thurs 123	<p>Senator BACK—Is it possible to seek the provision of the terms of reference—which, I assume from your answer, have not yet been formulated—when they are available?</p>
EW761_10	5	CASH	Thurs p125	<p>GEERS claims</p> <p>Senator CASH— From what sectors have these claims originated?</p> <p>Ms Hart—I would have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Thank you. Would you know whether or not there are particular sectors where the rate of employee applications is high or unusual in terms of the 15,753?</p> <p>Ms Hart—I would have to take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator CASH—Okay. You may have to take this one on notice as well: in terms of the nature of the entitlements claimed by employees, are there any particular trends in what they are actually claiming?</p> <p>Ms Hart—In terms of?</p> <p>Senator CASH—In terms of the criteria under the legislation, are they claiming outstanding annual leave entitlements or—</p> <p>Ms Hart—I could not give you a breakdown of what proportion of those claimants have claimed each entitlement. Each claimant is able to claim for up to three months wages. So you are aware of all those sorts of—</p> <p>Senator CASH—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Hart—I cannot give you the breakdown. I would have to take that on notice.</p>

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EW762_10	5	CASH	Thurs p127	<p>Cost of ballot Senator CASH—Is there a document that sets out what the factors are that you would be able to cost a ballot against? Mr Maynard—That might best be referred to the Australian Electoral Commission, who manage that and provide us with the invoices. Senator CASH—I appreciate that. Thank you very much.</p>
EW763_10	5	CASH	Thurs p128	<p>Cost of ballot Senator CASH—Has the cost per ballot increased since 1 July this year? Mr Maynard—No, I do not think it has. I would have to take that on notice to confirm it, but the figures I have before me suggest otherwise</p>
EW764_10	5	CASH	Thurs p128	<p>How many ballots occurred in July 09 - to date 2009Senator CASH—Are you able to tell me how many ballots occurred in July 2009? Mr Maynard—No, I have not got it by the month, but I could take that on notice. Senator CASH—Would you, please—and then August 2009? Mr Maynard—Yes. Senator CASH—September 2009. Mr Maynard—Yes. Senator CASH—And perhaps to today's date, in relation to October. Is it possible to ascertain that information? Mr Maynard—We will seek the advice from the AEC.</p>
EW765_10	5	CASH	Thurs p129	<p>Free events seminars Mr Kovacic—We anticipate the activities under the program will continue through until early 2010. Senator CASH—In terms of the 945 information sessions that have been conducted to date, are you able to break that figure down on a per state basis and on a per organisation basis? I am obviously happy for you to take that on notice. Mr Maynard—I think we will take that one on notice.</p>
EW766_10	5	CASH	Thurs p131	<p>Restrictions Senator CASH—Is it possible to get a copy of those restrictions? So what you can and cannot do at the information sessions. Mr Kovacic—We will take that on notice. The details of the whys and wherefores in terms of the grant agreements and the funding agreements, yes. Senator CASH—I appreciate that</p>
EW767_10	5	CASH	Thurs p132	<p>JobWatch funding Senator CASH—How many people would work for JobWatch? Mr Maynard—They have a duty solicitor and 16 staff. Senator CASH—Have they received funding before from the department for similar information programs? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice.</p>

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EW768_10	5	HUMPHRIES	Thurs p137	<p>Negotiations with states Senator HUMPHRIES—Is it possible to get a schedule or a diary of the occasions where those negotiations have occurred with the individual states and with whom they are conducted—whether they are minister to minister or public servant to public servant? Mr Kovacic—We will take that on notice. I will just mention that it has been at a combination of levels, both officials to officials as well as ministers to ministers.</p>
EW769_10	5	HUMPHRIES	Thurs p147	<p>Examples of flexibility clauses Senator HUMPHRIES—Could you provide us with examples—not now; take it on notice, please—of the sorts of flexibility clauses that have been modified by parties to an agreement and have been approved by the tribunal, please? If parties in a negotiation disagree on the terms of a flexibility clause, does the model clause become the ones adopted by default? Mr Kovacic—If there is an agreement that is lodged with Fair Work Australia which does not contain an individual flexibility clause, the model clause is read into the agreement in those circumstances.</p>
EW770_10	5	HUMPHRIES	Thurs p148	<p>Achieving productivity Senator HUMPHRIES—Can I just interrupt you there. I appreciate there are lots of ways of achieving productivity in an economy, but I am more interested in what has actually been built into agreements about this. You have not got any information at the moment, but will it be collected in the future? Mr Kovacic—I will have to take that on notice. There are a range of factors that we actually code agreements for—whether it be flexibility provisions in terms of the clauses or other flexibilities.</p>
EW771_10	5	HUMPHRIES	Thurs p148	<p>examples of agreements lodged with productivity measures clauses Senator HUMPHRIES—Yes, but given that this was a key issue in the debate about Fair Work Australia and about the new agreement-making process, I am just surprised that you are not measuring the extent to which these issues have been covered. That is more of a comment than a question. Can you give us some examples of agreements lodged that have clauses dealing with productivity measures? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice. Senator HUMPHRIES—All right.</p>
EW772_10	5	HUMPHRIES	Thurs p150	<p>Senator HUMPHRIES—Can I put a couple of questions on notice so I can get answers to them. Are parties who have a conscientious objection to being a member of a union or an employer organisation provided with some means of being able to appear, in the event that they cannot appear through a lawyer?</p>
EW773_10	3	MACDONALD	Written	<p>Education Projects- RMIT Project What is the status of the Design Hub at RMIT project? Why is the project still at a planning stage? How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? Is the project running to schedule and within budget? Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?</p>

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EW774_10	3	MACDONALD	Written	<p>Education Projects- Obesity Project What is the status of the Centre for Obesity project? Why is the project still at a planning stage? How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? Is the project running to schedule and within budget? Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?</p>
EW775_10	3	MACDONALD	Written	<p>Education Projects- UNSW Project What is the status of the Energy Technologies Building at UNSW project? Why is the project still at a planning stage? How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? Is the project running to schedule and within budget? Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?</p>
EW776_10	3	MACDONALD	Written	<p>Education Projects- Hearing Hub at Macquarie University Project What is the status of the Hearing Hub at Macquarie University project? Why is the project still at a planning stage? How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? Is the project running to schedule and within budget? Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?</p>
EW777_10	3	MACDONALD	Written	<p>Education Projects- Materials and Minerals Centre Project What is the status of the Materials and Minerals Centre project? Why is the project still at a planning stage? How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? Is the project running to schedule and within budget? Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?</p>
EW778_10	3	MACDONALD	Written	<p>Education Projects- School of Veterinary Science Project What is the status of the School of Veterinary Science project? Why is the project still at a planning stage? How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project? Is the project running to schedule and within budget? Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?</p>
EW779_10	3	BACK	written	<p>Formal Skills Assessment Can you provide the following information about the new Formal Skills Assessment introduced on the 14 September 2009: Provide detail on the individual components of the Formal Skills Assessment consist of and what format they take and order in which they need to be progressed? How much does each component cost?</p>

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EW780_10	3	BACK	written	<p>Government contract for provision of services to administer the new Formal Skills Assessment : When did this go out to tender? How many submissions were received and from which organisations and who were the successful tenderers? Who were the winning organisations? Do they have experience in assessing formal trade skills? Detail the funding that has been allocated to the provision of these services to Government. With so many 457s needing to be processed off-shore was it a requirement to have off-shore branches/facilities particularly when skills need to be assessed?</p>
EW781_10	3	BACK	written	<p>The following questions relate to the Question and Answer component of the Formal Skills Assessment: How were the questions for the Q&A formulated? Did this occur in consultation with stakeholders / industry / training bodies? Who provided final approval? If advice was sought from industry, advise whether what AQF level these questions were pitched at and do they comprise of questions that require knowledge of Australian standards? How many are there? If so, how were foreign trade workers likely to be aware of Australian trade standards? What scores do you need in the Q&A to pass?</p>
EW782_10	3	BACK	written	<p>The following questions relate to the Interview component of the Formal Skills Assessment: How is the interview conducted and how long does it take? How is this component assessed? Does it involve any practical assessment of the applicant's skills? Are there any international branches for offshore applications to be interviewed? If no, how is this carried out?</p>
EW783_10	3	BACK	written	<p>Practical abilities Can you confirm whether at any stage in this process whether there is an opportunity assess candidate's practical and physical ability to do the job?</p>
EW784_10	4	BOYCE	written	<p>The provision of employment services is now being undertaken through the Indigenous Employment Services (IEP). However, this service does not provide community based activities to develop participant skills. What has happened to the participants of the CDEP who are not in private employment? Are they still working on community activities under the transition arrangements, or are they simply being paid money?</p>
EW785_10	4	BOYCE	written	<p>Since November 2007, how many Indigenous Australians have had their Centrelink benefits suspended or terminated due to not fulfilling their mutual obligation requirements?</p>
EW786_10	4	SIEWERT	written	<p>Eight week no payment penalties What is the total number of eight week no payment penalties,[1] broken down by "third strike" and "serious" failures by Centrelink Area Office and Indigenous and non-Indigenous recipient status? b) Please provide a breakdown by numbers of first, second and third participation failures.</p>
EW787_10	4	SIEWERT	written	<p>Participation failures What is the total number of participation failures lodged by Job Network Providers? b) What is the number of participation failures lodged by Job Network Providers that were subsequently rejected by Centrelink?</p>

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EW788_10	4	SIEWERT	written	Can you provide a copy of the publicly available data which will be provided on the new compliance arrangements introduced from 1 July 2009?
EW789_10	4	SIEWERT	written	<p>Eight week no payment penalties</p> <p>How many eight week no payment penalties have been imposed in the first 3 months of the new system?[2]</p> <p>b) How many eight week payment “waiting periods” or immediate eight week penalties have been applied?</p> <p>c) For the new penalty system please provide the number of financial penalties that have been imposed under the “no show, no pay” regime.</p> <p>d) Please provide details of the category of failures, whether a financial penalty was imposed and where applicable, the number of days involved.</p> <p>e) Is there any data that could be provided about numbers of job seekers “working off” penalties that have arisen after 1 July 2009?</p>
EW790_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 11	<p>Senator PAYNE—I understand that is a more difficult figure, Ms Rundle, so at the same time could you provide us with a figure for cost of the whole consultation process: the focus groups and the public forums as well?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I will be able to do that. You can appreciate that the consultation did not finish until some time in September and we are still receiving invoices et cetera for the venues and so on. We have not quite reconciled the total costs, but we will be able to give you that information at some point in the future.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—What is the return date for answers to questions on notice, Chair?</p> <p>CHAIR—December 11.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Do you think you might be able to do it by then, Ms Rundle?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—We will give you whatever we have got at that point.</p>
EW791_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs 11	<p>Senator PAYNE—Thank you very much. Is it possible for the committee to have a copy of the report?</p> <p>Mr Manthorpe—I would like to take that on notice.</p>
EW792_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs p22	<p>Senator PAYNE—Is it a correct understanding of mine that there is an allocation of about \$1.7 million in capital funding for each of those 38 priority locations? Is that solely for capital costs?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—That is correct, Senator.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—So is that about \$64 million over 38 centres?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—I would need to check that total but that is in the order of that amount.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—In the 2008 budget, I think the allocation was around \$114.5 million, is that right?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Correct.</p> <p>Senator PAYNE—Where does the remaining \$50 million go?</p> <p>Ms Rundle—Again I would need to look at the detail but primarily it is the flow-on effect of childcare benefit, childcare rebate and other sundry program support that some centres get.</p>
EW793_10	1	PAYNE	Thurs p26	<p>Senator MASON—..... Has construction commenced on these centres in any of those locations?</p> <p>Ms Shugg—I would have to take that on notice, but my understanding is not yet.</p>
EW794_10	4	SCULLION	Written	<p>How many people have had any Centrelink payments stopped as a result of breach action?</p> <p>For what act or omission was the breach for?</p>

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EW795_10	Cross Portfolio	CASH	Wed 99	<p>Senator CASH—Is the department able to provide a copy of Tom Bentley's ministerial staff statement of private interests under the ministerial code of conduct?</p> <p>Ms Paul—I imagine not, and it would not be a matter for us, it would be a matter for—</p> <p>Senator Arbib—That would not be held with the department; that would be held at a ministerial level.</p> <p>Ms Paul—That would be, if anything, a department of finance issue.</p> <p>Senator CASH—So you are saying it is the wrong department to actually—</p> <p>Ms Paul—I would expect so, but we can take it on notice and let you know where the correct place is, if you like.</p>
EW796_10	4	SIEWERT	Written	<p>(a) What is the number of "serious failures" by reason for failure (eg. misconduct, refused a suitable job offer)?</p> <p>(b) What is the total number of "serious failures" by reason for failure (eg. Misconduct, refused a suitable job offer) by Indigenous and non-Indigenous status?</p>
EW797_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts</p> <p>Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? If so, where and at what level?</p> <p>Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.</p> <p>What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.</p>
EW798_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Reviews 2</p> <p>What is the total number of Reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007?</p> <p>What is the estimated cost of these Reviews?</p> <p>What further reviews are planned for 209-10 FY?</p>
EW799_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Media Monitoring</p> <p>How much has been spent on media monitoring to date this year?</p>
EW800_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Government Advertising</p> <p>What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake? For each program, what is the total spend?</p>
EW801_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Hospitality</p> <p>What is the Department's hospitality spend YTD?</p> <p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend YTD.</p> <p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>
EW802_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Board Appointments</p> <p>These are subject to a continuing order of the Senate. Examine what has been provided and ask about non-answers, or potentially controversial appointments.</p> <p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p>

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EW803_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Grants</p> <p>Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>
EW804_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Freedom of Information</p> <p>Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? How many FOI requests has the Department received? How many have been granted or denied? How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?</p>
EW805_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>DLOs</p> <p>How many Departmental Liaison Officers are currently allocated to each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary? Can you rule out that they provide policy advice?</p>
EW806_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Community Cabinets</p> <p><i>What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?</i> How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? <i>What was the total cost of this travel?</i> What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?</p>
EW807_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Reviews</p> <p>How many Reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency? When will each of these reviews be concluded? Which Reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p>
EW808_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Consultancies</p> <p>How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>

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EW809_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Ministerial Travel</p> <p>How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary [on overseas official business since Budget Estimates]?</p> <p>In relation to these Departmental officers, what was the total cost of:</p> <p>a) travel b) accommodation, and c) any other expenses?</p>
EW810_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Has the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas on official business since Budget Estimates? If so, where was the travel and what was the duration?</p> <p>What was the total cost of:</p> <p>a) travel b) accommodation, and c) any other expenses?</p>
EW811_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary [on overseas official business since Budget Estimates]?</p> <p>For these staff/family what was the cost of:</p> <p>a) travel b) accommodation, and c) any other expenses?</p>
EW812_10	Cross Portfolio	HUMPHRIES	Written	<p>Staffing</p> <p>How many permanent staff recruited since the budget estimates? What level are these staff?</p> <p>How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates? Since budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p> <p>For each Minister/Parl in the portfolio,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how many staff based in the electorate office; - mops classification of each staff member based in electorate office; - duty statement of each staff member in electorate office - in relation to personal staff based in the electorate office, please list supporting Department for each