

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice

Additional Budget Estimates 2011-2012, Thursday 16 February 2012

Q No	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Writtten Q	Date recd.	Date tabled
1.	AAD	Brandis	HOM Washington meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton	Would you ask Ambassador Beazley whether, during his conversation with the Secretary of State Clinton, a remark was made by either of them in relation to the likelihood of Mr Rudd's imminent replacement as Prime Minister by Ms Gillard?	16 February page 6	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
2.	AAD	Brandis	"	Was there only one meeting between Ambassador Beazley and Secretary Clinton in June 2010?	6	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
3.	AAD	Brandis	"	Was there a note taker present at the meeting at the meeting between Ambassador Beazley and Secretary Clinton?	6	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
4.	AAD	Brandis	"	On what date did the cable come to your attention – on the day it was received or immediately thereafter?	9	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
5.	AAD	Brandis	"	Does the security system which indicates when a cable has been opened also indicate which departmental staff member opened it?	9	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
6.	AAD	Brandis	"	Would that electronic record still exist in relation to a cable received in June 2010?	9	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
7.	AAD	Brandis	"	Who else opened and read the cable, apart from yourself and the member of your staff who brought it to your attention?	10	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
8.	AAD	Brandis	"	Was the cable seen by the then Minister, Mr Smith?	11	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
9.	AAD	Brandis	"	Was the meeting sought by Secretary Clinton or initiated by Ambassador Beazley?	12	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
10.	AAD	Brandis	"	Was there a conversation between Ambassador Beazley and the Minister or anyone in the minister's office about the meeting?	12	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
11.	AAD	Brandis	"	When were the arrangements for this meeting first made?	13	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

12.	AAD	Brandis	“	After the cable was received, did anyone either in your department or in the minister’s office, ring Mr Beazley to speak to him about the cable or the meeting generally?	13	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
13.	AAD	Brandis	“	If a minute of that conversation had been made, either in Australia or Washington, would it have been recorded and archived, and if so could it be disclosed to the Committee?	13	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
14.	AAD	Brandis	“	After the replacement of Mr Rudd by Ms Gillard on 23 June 2010, when was the next occasion on which Ambassador Beazley and Secretary of State Clinton spoke?	13	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
15.	AAD	Kroger	HOM Washington meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton	How many times have the Secretary of State and Ambassador Beazley met?	14	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
16.	AAD	Kroger	“	What was the date of the meeting before this one on 10 June?	14	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
17.	TED	Ronaldson	European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)	Does the Australian High Commission in London provide any support to the Executive Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development?	15	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
18.	TED	Ronaldson	EBRD	If it has not been provided at the moment, are you aware of whether there is any intention to provide any support? Has there been any discussion about that, that you are aware of?	15	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
19.	TED	Ronaldson	EBRD	Are you aware of any requests to DFAT to provide support to the Executive Director?	15	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
20.	CMD	Ronaldson	Overseas staffing	Can you provide details of new employment in the Australian High Commission in London since Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2011, including details of new expat postings and locally engaged staff and including position, classification and their role.	15	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
21.	EXB	Kroger	Ministerial travel	Can you provide a breakdown of the mode of travel for the five trips?	20	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
22.	EXB	Kroger	Ministerial travel	When Minister Rudd has travelled to the US and visited New York and Washington, has he always stayed in the Head of Mission residences there or has he stayed in hotel accommodation during some of those trips?	21	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
23.	EXB	Kroger	Ministerial travel	When the Minister Rudd seeks a sign-off from the Prime Minister in relation to each trip, does that include a forecast	21	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				budget for each trip, with accommodation? Is that what she signs off on?			
24.	ILD	Eggleston	Hospitality	Looking specifically at the Group of 77 countries in the United Nations, would it be possible for us to get some comparative figures for expenditure on hospitality, comparing expenditure two years ago with expenditure during the current year?	25	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
25.	ILD	Eggleston	Durban Climate Change Conference	What status did the three DFAT attendees from Canberra have at the Durban Climate Change Conference?	25	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
26.	EUD	Eggleston	EU carbon tax	Could you provide information on who Minister Rudd has spoken to about the issue of Australian airlines' exemption from paying a European Union carbon tax?	26	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
27.	ILD/PMB	Kroger	UNGA	Regarding Minister Rudd's recent address at the United Nations General Assembly, what time was he originally scheduled to give that speech – that press conference, and what time did it actually happen? Could you also provide the budget forecast for hiring and equipment and what the ultimate cost was.	26	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
28.	ILD	Kroger	UNSC bid	Where are we at in relation to the budget for the United Nations Security Council bid and what has our spend been to date?	27	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
29.	ILD/NAD	Eggleston	North Korea	What countries remained in the chamber at the United Nations General Assembly during the two minutes silence for the passing of the previous leader of North Korea?	28	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
30.	NAD	Eggleston	Global China Dialogue	Have there been any costs to the department to date on the organisation of the proposed Global China Dialogue?	30	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
31.	ILD	Kroger	Whaling	What discussions have we had since, say May last year, in relation to the Japanese Government's announcement that they will continue their whaling program in the Southern Ocean?	35	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
32.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy in Bali	The police advised the Consul General of the arrest of the boy in Bali. At what on time approximately on 5 October were you made aware of the arrest?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
33.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy in Bali	Had the police who contacted the Consul General notified the parents at that stage?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
34.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy	You notified them on the day after he was arrested?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

			in Bali				
35.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy in Bali	What time was he arrested on the 4 th ?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
36.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy in Bali	How and when was the Foreign Minister made aware of the arrest?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
37.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy in Bali	Can you ascertain where the Foreign Minister was at the time he was notified and which officials advised him?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
38.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy in Bali	How long was it before the Foreign Minister made contact with DFAT officials in Indonesia?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
39.	CPD	Ronaldson	Arrest of Australian boy in Bali	When was the Prime Minister alerted to the arrest before the Foreign Minister's press conference on the evening of 6 October? Who informed the Prime Minister?	36	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
40.	SED	Colbeck	Export of live cattle to Indonesia	Did we get any advance advice from the Indonesians before their public announcement that the number of live cattle permitted into the country would be changed?	37	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
41.	SED	Colbeck	Export of live cattle to Indonesia	Have we had any conversations about the major change in the way that documentation was being presented?	37	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
42.	SED	Colbeck	Export of fruit and vegetables to Indonesia	Over what period of time were the discussions about the process on the rationalisation of ports of access to Indonesia for fruit and vegetables from 14 to four?	38	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
43.	SED	Colbeck	Export of fruit and vegetables to Indonesia	Has there been any assessment of the suitability or readiness of the proposed port of entry to receive our produce?	38	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
44.	SED	Kroger	Export of live cattle to Indonesia	Was DFAT consulted prior to the decision on the live cattle export bans? What damage has been done with our relationship with Indonesia and what steps, if any, are being taken to repair the breakdown that may have happened to our relationship?	39	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
45.	ILD	Colbeck	FOI	Can you explain why some documentation can be released through FOI but not through an order of the Parliament?	39	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
46.	SED	Stephens	Indonesian carbon partnership	Is the issue of the Indonesian carbon partnership still being considered in diplomatic terms as opposed to trade terms?	40	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
47.	SED	Eggleston	Indonesian	What was discussed between Australian and Indonesian	40	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

			logging and forestry	officials regarding the legislation on logging and forestry issues?			
48.	SED	Eggleston	Indonesian logging and forestry	Has the Indonesian government expressed concern about Australian government actions on logging and forestry?	40	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
49.	ILD	Kroger	Human rights in Malaysia	Have there been any enquiries on human rights issues in Malaysia from DIAC since the May (June?) Estimates?	44	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
50.	SMD	Rhiannon	LLRC Report	What date was the written assessment on the LLRC Report provided to the Minister?	58	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
51.	SMD	Fawcett	Uranium exports to India	In the six months prior to the Prime Minister's announcement on the decision to export uranium to India, was DFAT or the Foreign Minister approached by either the US State Department or members of the administration?	59	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
52.	PAD	Eggleston	PNG	How many phone calls did the Foreign Minister make to the Australian High Commissioner in PNG since 12 December?	59	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
53.	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Was Minister Rudd present at the Cabinet meetings preceding the announcement by the government on the additional criteria and extension of the Tender Evaluation Board tender process for the Australia Network process?	64	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
54.	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Was a formal submission on the tender on the Australia Network taken to either of the Cabinet meetings?	64	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
55.	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Can I get the position and title of Mr Brad Orgill and when he was engaged to undertake the role?	67	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
56.	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Was Mr Orgill appointed before 16 September, the date on which a revised tender decision was meant to be made?	67	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
57.	EXB	Eggleston	Ministerial travel	Can you confirm that Minister Rudd's accommodation expenses for a two night stay in Jerusalem was \$4,200 and a one night stay in Stockholm was \$1,700?	69	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
58.	ILD	Rhiannon	Migrant Workers Convention	Can you provide an update on Australia's response to the Migrant Workers Convention on ratification?	70	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
59.	FTD	Eggleston	FTAs	What is the status of the following FTAs: Australia-China; Australia-Gulf Cooperation Council; Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement; Australia-Malaysia; Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus; Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement; Australia-India FTA; the Doha Round; EU; and the Australia-Korea FTA?	72	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
60.	FTD	Eggleston	FTAs	Regarding the Australia-Korea FTA, what has been the impact of the KORUS FTA on Australia's export market to South	72	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				Korea? When is an agreement likely to be reached? Is it correct that an agreement was expected to be made by the end of 2012? If so, why the delay and is greater political involvement from the Australian government needed to get this agreement finalised?			
61.	FTD	Eggleston		Have the Koreans signed an FTA with the USA? If so, what impact is this expected to have on (1) Australia's trade with Korea and (2) Australia's FTA negotiations? Is the Department concerned that the US-South Korea FTA will adversely affect our \$630 million beef export trade?	72	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
62.	FTD	Eggleston	FTAs	What FTAs have been signed since the PM appointment Minister Emerson to the role of Trade Minister?	72	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
63.	SED	Edwards	Export of live cattle	What changes in paperwork have been required of exporters of live cattle since the review? Are there plans to extend the changes to the exporters of sheep?	74	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
64.	OTN	Fawcett	NZ apples	Has there been any discussion between the Federal government and the Tasmanian government on the ban of New Zealand apples import?	75	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
65.	EFIC	Ludlam	Leighton Offshore	What was the precise date of the review of the offshore code of conduct of Leighton Offshore?	79	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
66.	CMD	Humphries	Contractors	(A) How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency? (B) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 2 years? (C) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 5 years? (D) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years? (E) Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
67.	CMD	Humphries	Efficiency Dividend	(A) What is the effect of the efficiency dividend increase from 1.5 percent to 4 percent on the department/agency's budget bottom line during financial years 2012/13, 13/14, 14/15? (B) What percentage of the department/agency's budget is designated to staffing? (C) What is the size of the department/agency's staffing establishment? Include figures for FTE, PT, casual,	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				contractors, and consultants. (D) What specific strategies will the department/agency adopt to ensure continued operation within budget? (E) Will or has consideration been made to reducing staffing compliment including contractors, and consultants?			
68.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	(A) How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? (B) How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? (C) This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	5/4/2012 Revised answer received 15/5/12	10/5/2012 Revised answer received 28/6/12
69.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	(A) How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff? (B) How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
70.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	(A) 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. (B) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
71.	CMD	Eggleston	Efficiency dividend	(A) How will the efficiency dividend applied in the 2011-12 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook be implemented in your agency/department? (B) What percentage of your budget must be cut? (C) Will any staff position be cut to meet the efficiency divided? If yes, provide details of where the positions are locate, the classification, whether the position is ongoing or not. (D) Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
72.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	(A) Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and financial year to date.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				(B) Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.			
73.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	(A) How many graduates have been engaged this year? Where have they been placed in the department/agency? Were these empty positions or are they new positions? (B) List what training will be provided, the name of the provider and the cost.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
74.	CMD	Eggleston	Government Advertising	(A) What was the total cost of all advertising for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? (B) For each of those years, list whether the advertising is campaign or non-campaign and details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. (C) Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. (D) Did the advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. (E) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. (F) What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
75.	CMD	Eggleston	Hospitality and Entertainment	(A) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. (B) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. (C) What is the Department's entertainment spend for this	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. (D) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. (E) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. (F) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. (G) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. (H) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.			
76.	EXB	Eggleston	Board Appointments	(A) List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. (B) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? (C) Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
77.	CMD	Eggleston	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
78.	ILD	Eggleston	Freedom of Information	(A) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests? (B) What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11? (C) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date? (D) How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? (E) How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? (F) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?			
79.	EXB	Eggleston	Community Cabinets	(A) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? (B) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? (C) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. (D) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
80.	EXB	Eggleston	Reviews	For this financial year to date: (A) How many Reviews are being undertaken? (B) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded (C) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? (D) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? (E) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? (F) What reviews are planned? (G) When will each of these reviews be concluded?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

81.	CMD	Eggleston	Consultancies	(A) How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? (B) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies. (C) 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.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
82.	CMD	Eggleston	Media Monitoring	(A) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? (B) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (C) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? (D) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? • Which agency or agencies provided these services?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				• What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?			
83.	CMD/CP D	Eggleston	Social Media	(A) Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? (B) If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
84.	CMD	Eggleston	Contractors	For this financial year to date: (A) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. (B) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details. (C) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details. (D) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details. (E) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. (F) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details. (G) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details. (H) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details. (I) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.			
85.	CMD	Eggleston	Discretionary Grants	(A) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. (B) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
86.	EXB	Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	(A) How many reports were commissioned by the government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? (B) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. (C) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? (D) That is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
87.	CMD	Eggleston	Government payments of accounts	(A) For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				to give insight into how this issue is being approached). (B) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? (C) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?			
88.	EXB	Eggleston	Government stationery requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
89.	CPD	Eggleston	Media subscriptions	(A) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? (B) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. (C) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? (D) What is the cost for this financial year to date? (E) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? (F) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. (G) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? (H) What is the cost for this financial year to date? (I) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? (J) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. (K) What is the estimated cost for 2011-12? (L) What is the cost for this financial year to date?		5/4/2012	10/5/2012
90.	EXB/CM D	Eggleston	Travel costs	(A) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				(B) For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. (C) For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. (D) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. (E) Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why. (F) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee. (G) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.			
91.	ILD	Eggleston	Legal costs	(A) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. (B) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. (C) What sum did each portfolio department and agency	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. (D) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. (E)			
92.	CMD	Eggleston	Education expenses	For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant. Also include the reason for the study.		5/4/2012	10/5/2012
93.	CMD	Eggleston	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	(A) In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted 4. The names of all service providers engaged (B) For each service purchased from a provider listed under 4. above, please provide: 1. The name and nature of the service purchased 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees 5. The total amount spent on the service 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) (C) Where a service was provided at any location other than	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 1. The location used 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part 4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
94.	CPD	Eggleston	Media Training	(A) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted 4. The names of all service providers engaged (B) For each service purchased from a provider listed under 4. above, please provide: 1. The name and nature of the service purchased 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees 5. The total amount spent on the service 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) (C) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: 1. The location used 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				who took part 4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
95.	CMD	Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	(A) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? (B) For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
96.	EXB	Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	(A) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. (B) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for. (C) For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
97.	CMD	Eggleston	Corporate cars	(A) How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? (B) Where is the car/s located? (C) What is the car/s used for? (D) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? (E) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

98.	CMD	Eggleston	Taxi costs	(A) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. (B) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
99.	IMD	Eggleston	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
100	exb/IMD	Eggleston	Provision of equipment	(A) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided. (B) What equipment is provided to department/agency staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
101	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing in overseas posts	How many Heads of Australian Missions around the world employ chefs and how many employ cooks? Which missions are they?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
102	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing in overseas posts	What is the difference between the two, for the purposes of their assignment to a mission?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
103	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing in overseas posts	Why do Heads of Missions need chefs and why do they need cooks?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
104	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing in overseas posts	What determines whether a post gets a cook or chef?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
105	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing in overseas posts	How are cooks and chefs recruited?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
106	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing in overseas posts	Of the missions with chefs, are those chefs local employees or Australian citizens?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
107	CMD/EX B	Eggleston	Staffing in overseas posts	Of the missions with chefs (as opposed to cooks), please detail: (A) Each chef's term of employment/tenure (B) The process by which each chef was sourced or recruited (C) Whether the Department paid any relocation costs for	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				chefs who are Australian citizens and, if so, the cost of that relocation (D) The diplomatic status of those chefs (eg. diplomatic immunity) (E) The cost of maintaining those chefs (eg. housing, car etc.) (F) The qualifications of those chefs (eg. have they come from the Ritz Carlton or a sandwich bar in Wagga Wagga) (G) The duties of the chefs at each of the missions (eg. all meals, evening meals only, state/formal dinners etc.) (H) Why a chef is required at those particular missions (I) The number of times the Foreign Minister has visited the countries in which the missions are located in 2010-11 and to date in 2011-12 (J) The total spend on hospitality – food, wine and entertainment but excluding salaries – at those missions for the previous five financial years.			
108	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	What does DFAT understand Mr Brad Orgill's role in the Australia Network tender process to be?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
109	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	What contact have Mr Richardson and Mr Orgill had in relation to the Australia Network tender?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
110	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	What contact have departmental officials had with Mr Orgill in relation to the Australia Network tender?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
111	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	(A) Was Mr Orgill's salary paid by DFAT? (B) If not, is DFAT aware which Department was responsible for the employment of Mr Orgill? (C) What was/is the nature of Mr Orgill's contract? (D) How much was/is Mr Orgill paid?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
112	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Is DFAT responsible for the negotiation of contract term with the ABC?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
113	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	What discussions has DFAT had with DBCDE or PM&C since the announcement that the ABC will hold the Australia Network contract in perpetuity regarding this announcement, the ongoing operation of the Australia Network, or the tender process?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
114	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	What discussions has DFAT had with the ABC since it was awarded the Australia Network contract regarding the ongoing operation of the Australia Network service?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

115	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Has DFAT had input into the development of the contract between the Government and the ABC for the operation of the Australia Network? Please detail.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
116	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	(A) What conditions does DFAT believe are necessary for the Australia Network to meet its obligations as a tool of soft diplomacy? (B) Has DFAT advised DBCDE or PM&C of these requirements? (C) Do these requirements differ from the obligations set out in the previous Australia Network contract? If so, please detail all differences.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
117	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	What questions did Mr Richardson ask of the Tender Evaluation Board at their 12 May 2011 meeting?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
118	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Has the steering committee met since the announcement of the ABC as holder of the contract in perpetuity? When? What was discussed?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
119	ILD	Birmingham	Australia Network	Has the Government been approached by Sky seeking compensation as a result of the tender process not proceeding? Has compensation been offered? Which Department is responsible in terms of any compensation claims?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
120	ILD	Birmingham	Whaling	Please detail all resources committed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as known contributions from other agencies, towards the return to Australia in January 2012 of three protesters who boarded the Japanese vessel Shonan Maru No 2.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
121	ILD	Birmingham	Whaling	What was the Department's total expenditure on this exercise?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
122	EUD	Kroger	Europe	(A) Who represented Australia at the funeral of former Czech president Vaclav Havel? (B) Was an invitation extended to the Coalition to be represented at the Funeral?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
123	SMD/ILD	Kroger	Israel UN resolutions	(A) Could the Department please outline if Israel, or other members of the international community, have raised concerns after Australia changed its vote on three annual UN resolutions relating to Israel in November 2011? (B) If so, what were the concerns raised?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
124	SMD/ILD	Kroger	Palestine	Australia was one of 14 countries to vote against Palestine	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

			membership of UNESCO	membership of the UN cultural organisation UNESCO. (A) Was there contact between the Foreign Minister and the Prime Minister regarding Australia's position on the UN vote? (B) Was there any contact between the Foreign Minister's staff and the Prime Minister's staff regarding Australia's position on the UN vote? (C) Did any meetings or discussions take place between the Foreign Minister and the Prime Minister regarding the vote? Did any meetings or discussions take place between their offices? If so, in either instance, were minutes taken? If so, will the department please table these minutes. (C) Who advised the Government about this change in strategic position? (D) Was any advise sought from the Department regarding the change in Australia's position? Did the Department give any advise? (E) How was the change in position transmitted to the Foreign Minister? What was his response?			
125	SMD/CPD	Kroger	SaudiArabia	(A) Is DFAT aware of the Australian International Islamic College who is seeking legal action against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in an attempt to recover more than \$2 million in unpaid fees? Has DFAT been briefed on the matter? (B) Has the school sought assistance or advice from DFAT as to resolving the matter? (C) Has the school sought consular assistance in Riyadh? (D) Have meetings been held either in Australia or Saudi Arabia to resolve the matter? If so, when, where and was DFAT involved in these meetings? (E) While the school is trying to resolve the matter through legal channels is DFAT aware of any diplomatic channels that are also trying to resolve the matter?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
126	SMD/CPD	Kroger	Iranian wide web	(A) Is DFAT aware of reports that Iran is developing an 'in-nation' web for Iranians?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

				(B) What is DFAT's analysis of the impact this would have on Iranians? (C) If so, is DFAT aware of the stage of its development? (D) Is DFAT aware of any other nations considering this nation exclusive approach?			
127	PAD	Kroger	Nauru policy briefing on Off-Shore Processing	(A) Could the Department please confirm if Mr Marles contacted Nauru's recently elected President, Sprent Dabwido, in order to discuss the possibility of re-opening the Nauru off shore processing centre. (B) Has DFAT been asked by either Mr Rudd or Mr Marles (or their office) to organise further preliminary discussions or meetings about off-shore processing in Nauru? (C) Has DFAT been approached by Nauru officials in relation to this issue? If so, what is the nature of this contact?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
128	PAD	Kroger	PNG paedophiles	(A) Is DFAT aware of recent reports that Papua New Guinea's Foreign Minister Jamie Graham has ordered the Immigration Department to request foreign missions to provide a list of convicted paedophiles residing in the country? (B) Does DFAT share the Government's apparent concern that Papua New Guinea could become a regional location for paedophiles? (C) What evidence is there to suggest this?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
129	PAD	Kroger	PNG – AFL Taskforce	On 26 September 2011, Mr Marles announced the establishment of a Papua New Guinea AFL Taskforce, a partnership between the Australian Government and the AFL. (A) Will the Department please outline who will be the Government's representative on this taskforce? (B) What will be the frequency of the taskforce's meetings? Where will the meetings be located? Who will be invited to attend? (C) Will the Department please provide a breakdown of costs associated with implementing this taskforce? What will the costs be of travel associated with this taskforce?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

130	ILD	Rhiannon	Migrant Worker Rights	(A) Why has the Australian Government decided not to ratify the Convention on Migrant Worker Rights? Has the Government undertaken any analysis of the implications of ratifying for Australian domestic legislation? (B) What changes are needed to ensure Australia complies with the Convention? (C) If it has not been done, are there any plans for the government to undertake this analysis? (D) What communication has DFAT or the Minister had with the Minister for Immigration or Dept regarding this convention? (E) Has DFAT / Minister provided any advice to Immigration or received any advice from Immigration about proceeding or not with the convention? Please detail any communication and advice.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
131	EFIC	Rhiannon	Annual report	In annual report (p24/25), EFIC provides a list of facilities signed in 2010/11. Please provide details of the individual projects under each bonding line, including the project/s name, location, amount provided, terms of the facility and the environmental category (if you provide one)? - Brookfield Australian Investments (construction category) - Clough Groups (Construction) - Leighton Holdings (Construction) - McConnell Dowell Corporation (Construction) - Transfield Services (engineering services) - UGL Ltd (construction)	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
132	FTD	Brown	Trans-Pacific FTA	Australia is currently involved in negotiations over the Trans-Pacific Free Trade Agreement. Is the Department aware of any good evaluations of the US-Australia free trade agreement, and other bilateral agreements? If so, what were the conclusions?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
133	Office of the	Cash	Ambassador for Women and	With whom has Ms Williams met both within and external to Government since her appointment?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

	Ambassador for Women and Girls		Girls				
134	”	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	Where has Ms Williams travelled, with whom, and for what purposes?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
135	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	The Ambassador’s position has been described as her being ‘responsible for high-level advocacy to promote Australian Government policies and activity regarding gender equality and the social, political and economic empowerment of women and girls, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.’ What activities has Ms Williams undertaken to achieve this since she took up her post?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
136	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	In the Administrative Circular on the AWG it is outlined that ‘staff should ensure the office of the Global Ambassador for Women and Girls is kept informed of, and where relevant consulted regarding, all departmental activity to promote gender equality internationally’. What advice and information have staff at the Office for Women provided to Ms Williams since she took up the position in September 2011?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
137	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	Part of Ms Williams’ job is ‘domestic consultation and liaison though bilateral, regional and multilateral advocacy’. With whom has Ms Williams consulted and liaised with since she took up the position?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
138	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	Ms Williams continues to hold the position of Executive Director of the Australian Passport Office. How is she expected to divide her time between these roles?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
139	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	What kind of concessions or extra leave arrangements does Ms Williams have with her Passport Office job to allow her to fulfil her Ambassadorial role?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012

140	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	Ms Williams has an adviser, Felicity Volk. Is that adviser position a full-time position? What is Ms Volk's job description? What is Ms Volk's salary band?	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
141	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	Please provide a schedule of meetings Ms Williams has attended with the Office for Women.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012
142	Office of the Ambassador for Women and Girls	Cash	Ambassador for Women and Girls	At the Estimates hearing in October 2011, Ms Carroll advised that regular meetings would be set up with Ms Williams' adviser. Has this been done? Please provide a copy of the schedule.	Written	5/4/2012	10/5/2012