

**Senate Standing Committee Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**2012-13 Defence Budget Estimates Hearings – 28-29 May 2012**

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1.	CDG	Senator Fawcett	Capability Decisions	What mechanisms are in place to advise Government when the time taken to make decisions (in relation to capability) will have an impact on the cost of obtaining the capability?	Page 42-43	5/10/12	11/10/12
2.	VCDF	Senator Ludlam	USAF engagement	When will public information be available re USAF engagement (in context of state of agreement)?	Page 48-49	28/9/12	11/10/12
3.	DSG	Senator MacDonald	Increase in electricity cost for bases	What are the current electricity prices at Lavarack Barracks and what they are anticipated to be post 1 July (in relation to impact of carbon tax)?	Page 52	3/10/12	11/10/12
4.	DSG	Senator Johnston	Moorebank Relocated Units	What are the 13 units and 4 associated units to be relocated from Moorebank (revised By S Lewis, list all of the units affected by the move)? What is an associated unit?	Page 53 and 55	3/10/12	11/10/12
5.	VCDF	Senator Johnston	Logistics Rationalisation	What is the Logistics Rationalisation amount to be saved?	Page 55	5/10/12	11/10/12
6.	DSG	Senator Johnston	Relocation to Moorebank	Senator Johnston asked at 1625h, in relation to facilities at Moorebank, (a) what are the current lease fees or annual rent, (b) what are the net savings and (c) what are the costs to establish West Wattle Grove site?	Page 58	4/10/12	11/10/12
7.	OSCDF	Senator Xenophon	Fraud Detection	How much Fraud has Defence detected since 2001 Auditor-General's report? (a) How Many qualified investigators have been employed by the military police and other agencies within Defence, or its successor in the ADF, the Investigative Service? (b) What has the Department done to since the report to improve the reporting process? Are there suitably qualified investigators with respect to that? Also, what has the department done since to improve the reporting process? (c) Additionally, provide a comparative statement on the level of resources the UK MOD has devoted to fraud control/detection as opposed to Australian Defence.	Page 59	5/10/12	11/10/12
8.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Cost of re-fitting a flywheel	The costs of re-fitting the flywheel to HMAS Waller (Collins).	Page 70	28/9/12	11/10/12
9.	DMO	Senator Johnston	NAV-C United States project office	How many personnel are located with NAV-C in the United States? Where is the project office? What does it cost the Government? Who retains the intellectual property rights, is it shared or jointly held? What is the situation with respect to the development of the processor? (submarines)	Page 83	3/10/12	11/10/12
10.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Submarine escape, rescue and abandonment program	Has the submarine escape, rescue and abandonment project (SEA 1354) received first pass? If not, what is the timeframe?	Page 93	3/10/12	11/10/12

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11.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Parade Boots	When was the tender awarded for the parade boots that have had issues with sole-separation (tender awarded to Chinese company)? (a) Since 2009 there have been 49 RODUMS related to sole-separation. How many pairs of boots did the 49 RODUMS cover (how many pairs in each RODUM)? (b) Which company undertook testing of the problem boots to see if they met specifications? And how much did it cost?	Page 103	3/10/12	11/10/12
12.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Baxter parade boots	Where is the Baxter boot manufactured? Who manufactures the Baxter parade boots used by Duntroon graduates?	Page 106	3/10/12	11/10/12
13.	Navy	Senator Johnston	RHIBs	Is there not a weight issue with these boats, given the reconfiguration of them recently?	Day 2 Page 7	5/10/12	11/10/12
14.	Army	Senator MacDonald	NORFORCE, 51 Battalion and the Pilbara Regiment	Could someone tell me – perhaps without being specific – for NORFORCE, 51 Battalion and the Pilbara Regiment, are the numbers increasing? Falling? About the same as they have always been? Is there a trend?	Day 2 Page 9	3/10/12	11/10/12
15.	Army	Senator MacDonald	NORFORCE, 51 Battalion and the Pilbara Regiment	Is there anything that governments could do to encourage greater participation in these Defence units, on the basis that Australia needs them, firstly, and it is sometimes a form of employment in an area that is not overly endowed with employment opportunities as a general rule.	Day 2 Page 10	3/10/12	11/10/12
16.	CDG	Senator Johnston	C27J	Provide a complete breakdown of systems included in the C27J aircraft (complete mission system) that we are acquiring, and the costs involved (include total cost of each aircraft).	Day 2 Page 17	5/10/12	11/10/12
17.	CDG	Senator Johnston	C27J	What specific items are covered under 'training devices'?	Day 2 Page 18	5/10/12	11/10/12
18.	CDG	Senator Johnston	C27J	Why was there a month's delay between the FMS approach and that approach to the competing company in seeking information in relation to acquiring the C27J? Verify that, chapter and verse, as to the cost of the aircraft, because there has been no competition.	Day 2 Page 23	3/10/12	11/10/12
19.	VCDF icw Air Force	Senator Johnston	Hard landing in Darwin	Why did the Portuguese aircraft remain in Darwin from February to April 2012 following the hard landing? (MEAO Sustainment)	Day 2 Page 30	28/9/12	11/10/12
20.	Air Force	Senator Kroger	Pilot training	Provide a breakdown of the use of simulated training for pilots (per platform) and as a proportion of their overall training. How many female pilots we have? Provide a breakdown of the number of pilots you have with various years of experience as well?	Day 2 Page 32	11/10/12	

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21.	DSG	Senator MacDonald	Cultana acquisition	What are the costs to date of pursuing the project in terms of administrative and legal compliance, independent consultants and due diligence (not including purchase costs)?	Day 2 Page 36	5/10/12	11/10/12
22.	DSG	Senator Fawcett	Cultana acquisition	How has the length of time taken for the procurement of pastoralist leases been taken into account (length of time and impact on pastoralists business interests during the period)?	Day 2 Page 36	5/10/12	11/10/12
23.	OSCDF	Senator Abetz	Land 17	In relation to Land 17 what was the nature of the courtesy contact with the South Korean Government (prior to the budget announcement): a. who made the contact b. who did they contact c. what was the substance of the contact d. was DFAT advice sought on the contact e. Provide details of all contacts (if multiple).	Day 2 Page 42	4/10/12	11/10/12
24.	MPR	Senator Abetz	Land 17	When specifically was Defence informed by Government of the decision to cancel Land 17? –	Day 2 Page 43	5/10/12	11/10/12
25.	PSP	Senator Faulkner	Recruitment processes	For confirmation, once investigations are finalised, that Defence recruitment processes do not include questioning of a sexual nature (as claimed in the 27 May media article). Senator Faulkner indicated time flexibility in receiving the response to allow for investigations to be completed.	Day 2 Page 45	28/9/12	11/10/12
26.	DMO	Senator Parry	Ration pack contract	When is the ration pack contract due for renegotiation? (is it possible to ensure that reference to the local benefit criteria is applied to that ration pack and whether Scottsdale could be considered for that).	Day 2 Page 46 and Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
27.	DSTO	Senator Parry	Ration Pack production	Is there capacity at the Scottsdale facility to increase the production of ration packs, if so, to what degree?	Day 2 Page 47	26/9/12	11/10/12
28.	VCDF	Senator Ronaldson	Mr Inwood	a. Can the committee be provided with a copy of the records which support the awarding of medals to Mr Inwood in relation to service in the Korean War. b. Where are these records kept, and on what date were they most recently verified in relation to Mr Inwood's service in Korea? c. Can Senator Feeney provide Senator Ronaldson with a copy of all correspondence with Mr Chester in relation to this mater?	Day 2 Pages 47 and 48.	5/10/12	11/10/12
29.	DSG	Senator MacDonald	HMAS Stirling	Provide details on the proposal for a wave generator trial at HMAS Stirling in WA. a. what are the current energy use costs at the base?	Day 2 Pages 52.	3/10/12	11/10/12
30.	OSCDF (IP)	Senator MacDonald	Oakey helicopter training	Are there any plans for Singapore to contribute any facilities to Oakey under the arrangement?	Day 2 Page 54	28/9/12	11/10/12
31.	DSTO	Senator Fawcett	Work with Universities	Provide details on DSTO plans to involve universities in program work at the RESTRICTED level.	Day 2 Page 57	26/9/12	11/10/12

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32.	I&S icw CIOG	Senator Ludlam	Satellite systems	Does the ADF use satellite systems operated by Optus SingTel, which Huawei has a close relationship with?	Day 2 Page 59	5/10/12	11/10/12
33.	MPR	Senator MacDonald	Iraq government medal	Has the Iraq government medal been offered to United States Service personnel? If so, has any such offer been made to the Australian Government?	Day 2 Page 64	26/9/12	11/10/12
34.	OSCDF (SP)	Senator Fawcett	Quarterly accountability reports	Provide a status update on the quarterly accountability reports in relation to CDG and DMO, as announced by the Ministers (Smith and Clare) on 06 May 2011.	Day 2 Page 66	5/10/12	11/10/12
35.	VCDF	Senator Xenophon	Medical Practitioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. how much does the ADF spend on contracted medical staff on ships, bases, etc;</li> <li>b. what recruitment standards are used;</li> <li>c. what procedures are used to ensure patient files are maintained to the same standard as in hospitals (ensure notes are not removed from files);</li> <li>d. how many on-base medical services have been out-sourced to date and how many are planned to be out-sourced;</li> <li>e. in terms of medical negligence claims against the ADF, are there any statistics kept on those; and any details on the sorts of claims and any payouts related to medical negligence;</li> <li>f. is there a protocol that requires medical practitioners who provide medical services to ADF personnel have a provider number;</li> <li>g. what qualifications are medical practitioners required to have to be designated as a senior medical adviser.</li> </ul>	Day 2 Page 69 and Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
36.	OSCDF (IGADF)	Senator Xenophon	IGADF witness procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When statements are made to IGADF, what procedures are employed to ensure statements are recorded accurately (understand there are large gaps in some statement records)?</li> <li>b. What opportunities are participants given to review and make any corrections to given statements?</li> </ul>	Day 2 Page 69 and Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
37.	OSCDF	Senator Ludlam	Detainee Management	Provide if possible a copy of the Detainee Management Framework related to Afghanistan.	Day 2 page 70	28/9/12	11/10/12
38.	OSCDF	Senator Ludlam	Detainee Management – interrogation	<p>In relations to interrogation, what is the requirement in terms of required seniority of personnel present at the time and qualifications required of personnel conducting the interrogation.</p> <p>(a) is an officer required to monitor the CCTV during interrogation, and if so, what rank level and qualifications is that member required to have?</p>	Day 2 Page 71	3/10/12	11/10/12
39.	OSCDF	Senator Ludlam	Capture of Tanik Mahmud	Was any subsequent investigation held by Defence following the incident?	Day 2 Page 72	5/10/12	11/10/12
40.	VCDF	Senator Ludlam	SAS involvement in Africa	Have Australian special forces recently been involved in operations in Africa and if so, what countries and what exercises?	Day 2 Page 72	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				(a) what legal advice has Defence received in terms of legality of actions.			
41.	VCDF	Senator Rhiannon	Provincial Reconstruction Team	Provide a breakdown of ADF expenditure on individual aid projects in Afghanistan. a. if evaluations of ADF administered development programs occur, are any of these evaluations public? b. Just to clarify that question I asked: I was after the ADF expenditure by aid project, to understand how much goes on the actual project and how much is absorbed into additional costs.	Day 2 Page 73	28/9/12	11/10/12
42.	VCDF (MSC)	Senator Rhiannon	Security for AusAID workers	Does the ADF ever contract out security for AusAID workers to private operators?	Day 2 Page 74	3/10/12	11/10/12
43.	VCDF	Senator Rhiannon	Alleged payments to Matiullah Khan	Has the ADF paid money to Matiullah Khan or any of his associates to travel along highways?	Day 2 Page 76	3/10/12	11/10/12
44.	DMO	Senator Humphries	Defence acquisition programs	Provide a chart demonstrating how much money has been spent within Australia in the last three financial years on defence acquisition programs and how much is projected to be spent in the next three years?	Day 2 Page 78	4/10/12	11/10/12
45.	DMO	Senator Fawcett	Second Pass Approvals leading to contract signature	Out of the 20 second pass approvals, how many have led to a contract signature? Of those I would like to know how many were for Australia. If you have a contract second pass approval for a C-17 from ESPI then by and large it does not do Australian industry very much good. The point of this line of questioning is that both the minister and you in answering Senator Humphries' point about the effect of delays on Australian industry have often referred to the record number of approvals. But when you break it down, my understanding, and I will be pleased to see the answer on notice for clarification, is that not that many of those direct cash flow to Australian companies.	Day 2 Page 82	3/10/12	11/10/12
46.	OSCDF	Senator Ludlam	Detainee Management - Consultation	In the Minister's statement of 24 November 2011, he noted that the Australian government had undertaken extensive consultation. He listed a range of entities, including ISAF, the International Committee of the Red Cross and a number of Afghan NGO's and Commissions. Could you provide us details of the nature of those consultations and precisely with whom they were conducted?	Day 2 Page 71	3/10/12	11/10/12
47.	VCDF	Senator Brown	PNG Election Process	(a) How many Australian personnel are in PNG? (b) What other support, besides the 3 helicopters, is being used to aid the 2012 PNG election process? (c) What role does the ADF have in observing the PNG election process?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
48.	DSG icw PSP	Senator Bushby	Budget cuts and affect on Tasmania military	In relation to the cuts in the Defence Portfolio in the 2012-2013 Budget, can the Department say how/if these cuts will affect Tasmania in relation to:	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12

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			infrastructure and military personnel	(a) Tasmania's existing military infrastructure, including Angelsea Barracks, Fort Direction, Patterson Barracks; and (b) Job losses for Tasmanian military personnel.			
49.	PSP	Senator Bushby	Gap Year Scheme	(a) Can the Department outline what lead to the scrapping of the Defence Gap-Year Scheme? (b) Can the Department provide the numbers of school leavers who participated in the Defence Gap-Year Scheme since the programs inception? (c) Has the Department done any forecasting on whether the loss of the gap-year scheme will negatively impact on the numbers of school-leavers who want to join the military	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
50.	DMO	Senator Bushby	De-commissioning of ships	Can the Department please advise on the following: (a) Is there a list available of ships that will be de-commissioned in the coming years that may be available for use as an artificial reef? If so, can that list be provided? (b) What process needs to be followed by parties interested in obtaining the permission of the Navy for a de-commissioned ship to be used as an artificial reef? (c) From the perspective of the Navy, what permissions need to be sought and obtained in order to achieve the allocation of a de-commissioned ship for use as an artificial reef? (d) How long will this process take? (e) What are the costs involved?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
51.	PSP	Senator Di Natale	Access and Equity Strategy	(a) How does the Department ensure that the Government's Access and Equity Strategy is implemented in its entirety and in relation to all Departmental activities? (b) How does the Department acknowledge the multicultural character of the Australian society, in terms of the services and programs you provide? (c) How do you measure your success against Access and Equity goals? (d) What evidence do you that the Department is actively implementing the Government's Access & Equity policy?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
52.	PSP	Senator Di Natale	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities	What changes will you implement over the next financial year to ensure your programs and services are more accessible to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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53.	PSP	Senator Di Natale	Culturally Competent Workforce	What is your Department doing to ensure it has a culturally competent workforce?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
54.	OSCDF (IP)	Senator Di Natale	Detachment 88 and Steyr Assault Rifles	Media reports indicate that officers in Indonesian unit Detachment 88 are commonly issued with Steyr assault rifles, that this type of rifle is not usually used by Indonesian forces, and that the Steyr is standard issue to Australian troops and is manufactured by Australian Defence Industries in Lithgow NSW.  (a) Are there any contracts or agreements, formal or informal, between the Department and Indonesian security forces, to supply or issue Steyr assault rifles to Indonesian security forces, in particular Detachment 88? (b) If such contracts or agreements exist, please provide copies of these documents. (c) If copies of such contracts or agreements are unable to be provided, please provide detailed information about their contents including the dollar value of such agreements and date/s at which such agreements commenced.	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
55.	VCDF	Senator Di Natale	Military drones	Is it the case that there is an airstrip at or near St Leonards on the Bellarine Peninsula in Victoria where military drones are currently being tested? If so, which country are the drones manufactured in?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
56.	VCDF (JHC) icw PSP	Senator Di Natale	Smoking rates in the ADF	(a) What are the current smoking rates in the Australian Defence Force, with break downs for each of the three armed services? (b) As exposure to second-hand smoke (passive smoking) is harmful, does ADF measure level of exposure for serving personnel to second-hand smoke in workplaces? (c) What policies has the Department put in place to reduce smoking rates among the ADF?	Written	26/9/12	11/10/12
57.	VCDF icw PSP	Senator Di Natale	Sale of Tobacco	(a) Does the Australian Government facilitate the sale of tobacco to the Defence forces? Is subsidised tobacco provided to the Defence Forces, for example, duty-free tobacco? (b) Does ready access to duty-free tobacco contribute to an unhealthy smoking culture leading to higher than average smoking rates among defence personnel; and if there is insufficient evidence on this, will survey questions and interviews with ADF smokers trying to quit be commissioned to help answer this important question? (c) Are tobacco sales on board ships being used (as reported in media) to subsidise recreational and lifestyle benefits for serving personnel?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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58.	VCDF (JHC) icw PSP	Senator Di Natale	Update by the Centre of Military and Veterans Health on Smoking rates in the ADF	Is the update by the Centre for Military and Veterans Health on smoking rates in the ADF available yet? The results were reported as being analysed in November 2011 and ready in a couple of months.	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
59.	PSP	Senator 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	5/10/12	11/10/12
60.	PSP	Senator Eggleston	Staffing	(a) Provide details of what staffing changes have occurred in each department/agency from the 2012-13 Budget. (b) Provide a list of additional and/or redundant positions, the classification and the program those positions are part of or have been taken from.	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
61.	PSP	Senator Eggleston	Staffing	(a) Please list the SES positions you have in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. (b) Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
62.	PSP	Senator Eggleston	Staffing	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If yes, please details including costs and what the training is.	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
63.	PSP	Senator Eggleston	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
64.	MPR	Senator Eggleston	Government Advertising	(a) What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? (b) Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. (c) Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. (d) Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12



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				(e) 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. (f) Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. (g) What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			
65.	CFO	Senator 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/Agency's entertainment spend for this 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. (i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
66.	PSP	Senator 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	5/10/12	11/10/12
67.	MECC (FOI)	Senator Eggleston	Freedom of Information	(a) Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? (b) What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?	Written	27/7/12	23/8/12

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				(c) 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 and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why? (d) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?			
68.	MECC (Defence Coord)	Senator Eggleston	Community Cabinet Meetings	(a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date? (b) How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location. (c) 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? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location. (d) 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. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location. (e) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
69.	MPR	Senator 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	12/10/12	
70.	CFO	Senator Eggleston	Consultancies	(a) 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.	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12

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				(b) 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.			
71.	MECC (CAM)	Senator 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 this financial year to date? (b) Which agency or agencies provided these services? (c) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? (d) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? (e) 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? (f) Which agency or agencies provided these services? (g) What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12? (h) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
72.	MECC (SIM)	Senator Eggleston	Social Media	Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage 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? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
73.	CFO icw DMO	Senator 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). (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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). (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 (including the work undertaken and the cost). (d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p>undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>(i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>(j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
74.	CFO icw DMO	Senator Eggleston	Discretionary Grants	<p>(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.</p> <p>(b) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
75.	MPR	Senator Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	<p>(a) 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.</p> <p>(b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>(c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
76.	CFO icw DMO	Senator Eggleston	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>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)?</p> <p>(a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p>accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>(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?</p> <p>(c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>			
77.	MECC (MES)	Senator Eggleston	Stationery Requirements	<p>(a) 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?</p> <p>(b) What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>(c) What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
78.	MPR	Senator Eggleston	Government Payments of Accounts – Media Subscriptions	<p>Media Subscriptions</p> <p>(a) Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>i. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</p> <p>ii. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>(b) Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>iii. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p> <p>iv. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>(c) Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <p>v. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</p> <p>vi. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
79.	MPR (MES & DSG)	Senator Eggleston	Travel Costs	<p>(a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>(b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p>a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>(c) Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel</p> <p>(d) (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel</p> <p>(e) (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>(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 total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>(g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an 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.</p>			
80.	COO (HDL)	Senator Eggleston	Legal costs	<p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(c) What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>(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.</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
81.	PSP	Senator Eggleston	Education expenses	<p>(a) What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>(b) 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, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
82.	PSP	Senator Eggleston	Executive Coaching and	<p>(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:</p>	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12

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			Leadership Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Total spending on these services</li> <li>ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ul> <p>(b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (iv), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>vi. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>vii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>viii. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>ix. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>x. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ul> <p>(c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xi. The location used</li> <li>xii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>xiii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>xiv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ul>			
83.	MECC (CAM)	Senator Eggleston	Media Training	<p>(a) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Total spending on these services</li> <li>ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ul> <p>(b) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (iv), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. The name and nature of the service purchased</li> </ul>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>vii. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>viii. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>ix. The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>x. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> <li>(c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xi. The location used</li> <li>xii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>xiii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>xiv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
84.	PSP	Senator Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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?</li> <li>(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 and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</li> </ul>	Written	26/9/12	11/10/12
85.	MECC (MES)	Senator Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
86.	DMO icw DSG	Senator Eggleston	Corporate Cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio?</li> </ul>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12



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				(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?			
87.	DSG	Senator Eggleston	Taxi Costs	(a) 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. (b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	26/9/12	11/10/12
88.	DSG	Senator Eggleston	Credit Cards	(a) Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. (b) Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): ii. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? iii. How is corporate credit card use monitored? iv. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? v. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. vi. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
89.	MPR	Senator 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	5/10/12	11/10/12
90.	MECC (MES & CIOG))	Senator Eggleston	Provision of Equipment	(a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs. (b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? (c) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. (d) Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): i. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries	Written	11/10/12	

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				and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.			
91.	DSG	Senator Eggleston	Electricity Purchasing	(a) Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. (b) What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? (c) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
92.	MECC (DMPLS & MPR)	Senator Eggleston	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	(a) Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information: i. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? ii. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced. iii. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were and why it could not be undertaken. iv. How long is spent undertaking work and/or information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. (b) Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information: i. How is such work and/or information requests commissioned? ii. What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced. iii. Has any such work and/or information requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details including what the work and/or information requests were, who they were from, who they were for and why it could not be undertaken. iv. How long is spent undertaken work and/or information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
93.	MPR	Senator Eggleston	Shredders	Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
94.	DSG	Senator	RAAF	We draw your attention to answers to written question (QON 09) from Additional Estimates,	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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		Macdonald	Williamtown Sewage	<p>February, 2012.</p> <p>The department has provided advice in the stated answer to the effect that the RAAF Williamtown sewerage treatment plant is not connected to the Hunter water system.</p> <p>The department also advised that it will decommission the Commonwealth-owned sewage treatment works at Williamtown as part of the RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 2 project.</p> <p>The department also detailed that the terms of agreement will be presented to Government for approval by end-2012.</p> <p>In the answer to QON 09, and in recent media reports, Defence has indicated that no contamination threat to Hunter Water is posed by the sewage works at RAAF Williamtown.</p> <p>(a) Does the department continue to engage with Hunter Water to monitor contamination levels in the Tomago Aquifer?</p> <p>(b) Are concerns about (catastrophic) failure of the RAAF Williamtown sewage treatment facility behind the apparent urgency in decommissioning the site?</p> <p>(c) Has planning for the RAAF Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 2 been completed? If so has the department engaged with Hunter Water, and local government, to ensure effective transitional measures are in place?</p> <p>(d) Has work commenced on the RAAF Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 2?</p> <p>(e) What is the estimated total cost of the RAAF Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 2?</p>			
95.	DSG	Senator Macdonald	Defence Climate Change Programs	<p>We draw your attention to the 2008 Defence Community Consultation Program review titled 'Looking Over the Horizon: Australians Consider Defence - December 2008'.</p> <p>The review considered strategic challenges, and made a substantial investigation of the impact of climate change on Defence operations and planning.</p> <p>An additional study of defence and climate change has been commissioned at a cost of \$2million. This study has included assessments at HMAS Cairns, RAAF Townsville and HMAS Stirling.</p> <p>(a) Can the Department clarify the objectives that have been satisfied by the study being commissioned at a cost of \$2m? What quantifiable outcomes has the study yielded?</p> <p>(b) Have specific environmental impacts and challenges have been identified at RAAF</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p>Townsville, HMAS Cairns and HMAS Stirling? Have these challenges warranted a \$2m study?</p> <p>(c) Can the department detail the rationale for this course of action where key climate scientists are repudiating their previous alarmist assessments of climate change and global warming? Is this course of action indicative of Government, Departmental or Service policy?</p> <p>(d) What additional expenditure has been budgeted/allocated in anticipation of climate change responses at bases in Townsville, Cairns and Perth?</p>			
96.	Navy icw Army & DSG	Senator Macdonald	Exercise Squadex and Exercise Sea Lion	<p>We draw your attention to recent exercises off the Queensland coast that have tested the amphibious capabilities provided to Army by HMAS <i>Choules</i>.</p> <p>Exercise 'Squadex' tested the capabilities of the 35 Water Transport Squadron. This was followed by the annual exercise 'Sea Lion' where the Ready Battle Group trained alongside New Zealand forces.</p> <p>(a) Do cost acquittal arrangements apply to joint/international exercises – such as the ACSA arrangement – apply in this case for the New Zealand Navy?</p> <p>(b) What was the cost to the Australian taxpayer of the exercises?</p> <p>(c) Was any measurable economic benefit to the local community derived from the exercises? Were local goods and services suppliers provided the opportunity to tender for garrison-support and exercise-related supply?</p> <p>(d) Did these exercises reveal deficiencies in the re-fuelling at sea and supply capabilities of the amphibious fleet?</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
97.	VCDF (HQJOC)	Senator Macdonald	Talisman Sabre	<p>We draw your attention to answers to written question (QON 33) from Additional Estimates, February, 2012.</p> <p>The department has provided advice in the stated answer to the effect that the department has identified \$4,543,014.00 in spending on goods and service through local suppliers in Rockhampton, Townsville and Darwin across the Talisman Sabre exercise in 2011.</p> <p>(a) What does this figure represent as a percentage of the total defence spend on Talisman Sabre?</p> <p>(b) Does the ADF intend to continue to maintain this level of purchasing through local suppliers for exercise Talisman Sabre in the future?</p> <p>(c) Does defence have any plans to increase this level of spending and engagement with local suppliers?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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98.	Air Force	Senator Macdonald	Talisman Sabre	<p>We draw your attention to answers to written question (QON 32) from Additional Estimates, February, 2012.</p> <p>The department has provided advice in the stated answer to the effect that following the tragic death of RAAF Sgt Michael Dunn during Talisman Sabre, RAAF have established a 'Control of Petrol, Oils &amp; Lubricant (POL) Hazards Follow-up plan' which is due for completion in December 2012.</p> <p>(a) Does RAAF still anticipate that compilation of the POL plan will be completed by December 2012?</p> <p>(b) Can the Department provide an estimated cost for compiling the POL plan?</p> <p>(c) What personnel will be subject to and trained under the auspices of the POL plan?</p> <p>(d) Will POL briefing form part of personnel induction for future exercises and operations at Rockhampton?</p> <p>(e) Will the POL be implemented at other Defence aviation facilities.</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
99.	Air Force	Senator Madigan	F/A-18 and F-35	<p>(a) What is the cruising altitude and service ceiling of the F/A-18A/B, F/A-18F and the F-35A?</p> <p>(b) Are they comparable with other aircraft which are widely considered "air superiority" fighters, such as the F-22, F-15 and the F-16 (which is operated in our region)?</p>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
100.	Air Force	Senator Madigan	AGM-158 JASSM	<p>(a) Can the AGM-158 JASSM be launched from the internal weapon bays of the F-35A or must it be carried externally?</p> <p>(b) If it is carried externally, is the stealth signature of the aircraft then comparable to that of a 4.5 generation fighter?</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
101.	Air Force icw DMO	Senator Madigan	F/A-18A/B	What is the current planned withdrawal date of the FA-18A/B?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
102.	Air Force icw DMO	Senator Madigan	Aircraft equipped with JASSM	Once the Classic Hornets are retired, what aircraft in Australian service will be equipped with the JASSM, should current expected force capability continue?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
103.	Air Force	Senator Madigan	Stealth of an aircraft	How beneficial is stealth for an aircraft once it has been detected and identified by an adversary?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
104.	Air Force	Senator Madigan	Defence of Australian airspace	Is stealth or maneuverability more important in defence of Australia airspace from an opposing force?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
105.	DMO	Senator Madigan	F-35A	Is it true that the maneuverability of the F-35A is comparable to that of a number of 4 <sup>th</sup> generation fighters including the F-16?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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106.	DMO	Senator Madigan	F-35A	(a) When is Full Operational Capability anticipated to be achieved by the 14 F-35As? (b) What is the anticipated full cost per aircraft if Australia purchased 100 aircraft according to current schedule?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
107.	CDG	Senator Madigan	P-8 Poseidon	It was reported in the Australian Aviation Magazine in April 2012 that the P-8 Poseidon is a “less capable platform” for anti submarine warfare than the AP-3C Orion. Is this the case and if so, are their not other aircraft (such as the CASA C-295 Persuader) that could be more effective in this crucial role?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
108.	Army	Senator Madigan	M1 Abrams Tanks	(a) Of the 59 M1 Abrams Tank in Australian possession, how many of them will be put into storage as a result of budget cuts, and how much money will be saved as a consequence? (b) How will this solution effect the overall service life of the M1 Abrams Tank? (c) How will this solution affect the operational readiness and training of the tank crew?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
109.	DSG	Senator McKenzie	Defence assets	(a) What were the circumstances of the rejection of the Victorian State Government’s offer to purchase Fortuna and what are the circumstances of the current sale proposal? (b) What does Defence define as ‘private sale’? The Bendigo Weekly claims this is reneging on an earlier Defence promise of offering it to state or local government at a concessional rate. How do you respond to such claims? (c) Fortuna was entered in the Commonwealth Heritage List in 2004 for its historic heritage values and I understand Defence’s vision is that it “will be a leader in the management of its properties with heritage values. Defence will seek to provide a sound balance between capability and the conservation of heritage values”. (d) How has Defence demonstrated its leadership in the management of Fortuna? (e) Has Defence prepared a Heritage Management Plans for Fortuna? Is this document publicly available?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
110.	VCDF (JLC)	Senator McKenzie	Tenders	Bandiana: “BAE Systems’ long-term contract for warehousing and vehicle and weapons maintenance expires in the middle of next year.”  Joint Logistics Command have advertised for prospective tenderers for the two new national contracts ahead of the formal request for tenders expected in June.  (a) How is the tender process going? (b) In an already unstable economic climate and given Defence budget cuts, is there any reason for	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				worked in Bandiana to be concerned about their jobs?			
111.	CFO	Senator McKenzie	Carbon tax	(a) Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs? (b) If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not? (c) How much electricity does the department use? What is the department's total electricity spend? –	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
112.	DSTO	Senator Parry	DSTO Scottsdale	(a) I understand DSTO staffing at Scottsdale is currently sub-optimal. Are you able to comment on staffing levels/current deficiencies? (b) What impact (if any) could result at Scottsdale from \$5.4 billion defence cuts?	Written	12/10/12	
113.	MPR	Senator Parry	Ration-Pack Contract	(a) Why is the focus on <i>new buildings</i> and not returning the ration-pack contract from NZ to Australia - preferably to Scottsdale to leverage local agricultural production, and address unemployment? (b) Is it possible to consider using AusAID funding to produce emergency rations at Scottsdale for increasingly frequent Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief contingencies?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
114.	VCDF (JHC)	Senator Xenophon	Medical Services	How much is spent by the ADF on medical services, in particular medical staff on military bases and ships, and training programs for those medical staff?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
115.	PSP	Senator Wright	Superannuation for Spouses of Deceased Former Defence Force Personnel	When a former member of the defence force passes away, their spouse or nominated recipient is entitled to 62.5% of the deceased's retirement pay under the Defence Force Retirement & Death Benefits Scheme (DFRDB) or 67% through Military Super. (a) Can you confirm these figures are correct? (b) Does the department have information of how this compares to other industries, in particular those with a comparable service element such as emergency services? (c) If not, what data are these figures based on? (d) Can you explain why recipients under the DFRDB and the Military Super schemes are entitled to receive differing percentages in relation to the deceased's retirement pay under each respective scheme?	Written Transferred from DVA	3/10/12	11/10/12
116.	VCDF (JHC)	Senator Wright	Suicides in Relation to Current Serving Members	What is the rate of suicides in relation to current serving members?	29/5/12 Pages 105 & 106 Transferred from	5/10/12	11/10/12

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117.	VCDF (JHC)	Senator Wright	Suicide Statistics	Could you provide the number of deaths on an annual basis over the past five years of service personnel for which the cause of death was suicide?	29/5/12 Pages 105 & 106 Transferred from DVA	5/10/12	11/10/12
118.	VCDF (JHC)	Senator Xenophon	Request for tender for on-base ADF Health Services	Referring to the announcement of 16 September 2011 by the Hon Warren Snowdon regarding a request for tender for on-base ADF Health Services: (a) How many on-base ADF Health Services have been outsourced to date? (b) How many on-base ADF Health Services is the Department planning to outsource?	Written	26/9/12	11/10/12
119.	VCDF (JHC)	Senator Wright	JeHDI Program	Is it the case that a new electronic records systems for records of military personnel who have moved into civilian life is being introduced, and, if so, what is that system and when is that system likely to be introduced?	29/5/12 Pages 105 & 106 Transferred from DVA	28/9/12	11/10/12
120.	DSG	Senator Nash	Early Childhood Education	(a) Has a new company been appointed to run the 21 Defence Child Care facilities? (b) Was this the result of a competitive tender? (c) What was the cost of this tender? (d) How many children are currently cared for in Defence facilities?	Written Transferred from DEEWR	28/9/12	11/10/12
121.	PSP	Senator Johnston	Recreation Leave	Can defence confirm how many members are single and aged over 21? (a) Of those, how many, each year, utilise part or all of their rec-leave entitlement? (b) What is the cost of this rec-leave travel per annum? (c) Does Defence keep a record of the reasons why personnel take this leave? (d) Please provide a statistical list of the reasons for the past four years. (e) Has Defence cut any other types of leave/travel entitlements for ADF personnel? (f) Is Defence aware that the online version of PACMAN, under section 9.5 – <u>Recreational Leave Travel</u> , still states that members are entitled to recreation leave travel? (g) If yes, why is it still listed as an entitlement on this site?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12



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				(h) When will this budget measure to change enlisted personnel's entitlements come into force? (i) How many rec-leave (type) trips are married members entitled to each year? (j) How many rec-leave (type) trips are under 21 year old ADF personnel entitled to each year? (k) Why is it that single members, aged over 21, are having their leave cut? (l) Please explain why this change in entitlement does not discriminate against ADF members based on age? (m) I take the example of a 32 year old divorced parent with three children – how is he/she expected to be able to afford the time and money to visit his/her children? (n) What assistance will Defence provide for such parents so as to maintain the necessary contact with their children?			
122.	PSP	Senator Johnston	Pre and Post-Deployment Leave	(a) Has Defence cut pre-deployment leave travel, if yes provide the details? (b) Has Defence cut post deployment leave travel, if yes, provide the details?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
123.	PSP	Senator Johnston	Remote Location Leave	(a) Has Defence cut remote location leave travel, if yes, provide the details? (b) Has Defence cut remote reunion travel for those personnel engaged on long term postings, if yes, provide the details? (c) Has Defence cut compassionate grounds travel for those personnel engaged on long term postings, if yes, provide the details? (d) Has Defence cut travel for those personnel engaged on long term postings on extension of posting or second overseas posting, if yes, provide the details? (e) Has Defence cut travel for assisted leave travel for those working in a 'hardship' location, if yes, provide the details? (f) Has Defence cut any other travel designed to provide personnel with respite and/or the ability to meet their family who they are otherwise working away from, if yes, provide the details? (g) What happens to those personnel who have already booked a trip – will they be required to cancel their family reunions and what if any assistance will be provided to compensate them? (h) Will they be required to pay back Defence for the cost of the trip? (i) How will personnel, who will suffer from these cuts, be expected to reunite with their families? (j) Will Defence still provide leave (as opposed to leave and flights) so that personnel can reunite with their families? (k) How much leave will Defence provide personnel operating in distant and remote localities?	Written	11/10/12	

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				(l) Has Defence done any modelling or conducted any investigations as to the effect this cut will have on personnel in terms of recruitment and retention? (m) Can Defence state that it will not suffer losses in both potential recruits and the retention of existing personnel because of this Ministerial decision?			
124.	PSP	Senator Johnston	Contact with Dependants	(a) As you are no doubt aware children are not recognised as dependants if they do not stay more than 90 nights per year with the ADF member. This is difficult to achieve if the member is deployed, on training or posted interstate. Was this factor taken into consideration before this directive was issued? (b) If it was, what were these considerations? (c) Are there any other avenues for support for divorced/separated, or similar, ADF members to enable them to keep in contact with their children? (d) What modelling did Defence undertake prior to making this decision with the understanding that ADFA members are skilled, hardworking and above all else loyal, and will place family ahead of their job and with the result Defence would lose highly skilled and high quality personnel over this budget measure? (e) Will ADF personnel receive a pay increase to account for the removal of this entitlement (f) Will the savings from this cut be reinvested in Defence, or will it go back into consolidated revenue? (g) Is this cut a part of the SRP, or is it simply an additional budget cut?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
125.	PSP	Senator Johnston	Gap Year Program	(a) The 2012-13 Budget confirms the Navy and Army Gap Year programs will be cut, saving \$91m over the forward estimates. However, the RAAF Gap Year program has already been cut, with no participants in 2011 or 2012. How much of the \$90m saving over the Forward Estimates is attributed to RAAF? (b) How much will be spent over the forward estimates on the Gap Year Program? (c) How much was spent in each of the services on the Gap Year program over the past four years? (d) How many participants were there in each service in the Gap Year program over the past four years? (e) What was the total cost per year for each service? (f) Has the Gap Year program been totally cut, or has it been deferred? (g) How many ADF gap year participants, each year, transferred into the regular or Reserve forces? (h) What impact will this cut have on recruiting? (i) What additional costs will be involved in meeting this recruiting shortfall?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(j) Prospective Gap Year recruits have paid thousands of dollars in travel costs in order to be assessed for the program. Some have postponed other job or study opportunities for the program, only to be told they can no longer participate. Immediately prior to the announcement to cut the program, how many applicants had applied?</li> <li>(k) Immediately prior to the announcement to cut the program, how many applicants had been accepted by Defence?</li> <li>(l) Immediately prior to the announcement to cut the program, how many participants were currently undertaking the gap year program?</li> <li>(m) What support will Defence be giving all those who have just found out they will now either not participate on the gap year program, or the program will be cut short?</li> <li>(n) Noting the costs incurred by those participants applying for the program, can Defence guarantee they will not be left out of pocket – that they will be no worse off?</li> <li>(o) Noting there is also an opportunity cost for many of these young, bright hopeful participants, will Defence be offering them any other type of financial or other support, such as guaranteed entry into the ADF (pending health assessments etc)</li> </ul>			
126.	VCDF	Senator Johnston	ADF Health Care Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The 2012-13 Budget confirms the ADF Family Health Care Program has been delayed by one year, saving \$50m. Why was this budget measure applied?</li> <li>(b) The government has argued this is due to a low take up rate of the limited trial program. Was the program so poorly structured in deliberately trialling in geographic areas that this factor would contribute significantly to a limited take-up by virtue of the low numbers living in those areas? If not, what was the rationale?</li> <li>(c) What are the exact geographic areas (and boundaries) associated with the trial program?</li> <li>(d) How many ADF dependants are located in each of these areas?</li> <li>(e) What percentage of ADF dependants have taken up the program in each area?</li> <li>(f) How many ADF dependants (in total) are currently registered for this program?</li> <li>(g) What is this figure as a percentage of total ADF dependants?</li> <li>(h) How many ADF dependants currently reside in areas <u>not</u> covered by the scheme?</li> <li>(i) What are these geographic areas (and boundaries)?</li> <li>(j) Has Defence asked ADF families not currently living in areas covered by the trial if they would like to participate in such a program? If not, why not?</li> <li>(k) How can Defence say there is not enough interest when they have not engaged with ADF families?</li> <li>(l) Will the current trial program be wound back?</li> <li>(m) Are any current ADF dependants of the trial program going to be worse off under this budget</li> </ul>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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				cut? (n) When will the full program be rolled out? (o) How many years is the full program funded for? (p) What geographic areas (and boundaries) will the full program cover? (q) What percentage of ADF dependants will the full program cover? (r) What is the cost, per annum, of the trial program? (s) What is the cost, per annum, of the full program? (t) Will the \$50m saved be returned to Defence or to consolidated revenue? (u) Will Defence be required to fund the full program out of 'existing resources' when initiated?			
127.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Bagpipes	(a) AusTender has listed a tender let by the DMO for bagpipes. What is the total value of the contact ? (b) How much is a set of bagpipes worth? (c) How many sets of bagpipes has the DMO acquired in the past? (d) Is it usual for the DMO to acquire bagpipes? (e) Can the DMO confirm that the contract is for a <u>single</u> set of bagpipes? (f) Who is the DMO expert on procuring bagpies? (g) If this is the case, it would seem to be an outrageous waste of money at a time when the government is cancelling capabilities such as SPH artillery and cutting back Reserve training days. (h) Are these the most expensive bagpipes in Australia/the world being sent directly to Defence's storage facility? (i) Why are they being stored? (j) If no new instruments are to be acquired, why is it that the DMO has tendered (in May 2012) for a set of bagpipes?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
128.	Army	Senator Johnston	Army Bands	Can Defence confirm that in the period Sep-Oct 2011, that Army advised that it would scrap 14 regimental bands?	Written	12/10/12	
129.	DMO	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	(a) According to US government notifications, the previous quotation in December 2011 to supply Australia with 10 C-27Js through the FMS program was given as \$950 million. This quotation included the same support elements include in this \$1.4 billion acquisition (i.e initial spares, training and other support). Can you explain why Australia is paying an additional \$450 million on top of that quotation for \$950 million? (b) The C-27J FMS price has been increased to the point which defies explanation. If the price of the C-295 as reported in the media was for ten aircraft for a total price of approximately \$400 million, including three years of spares, a full flight simulator, training, warranty, entry into	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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				<p>service team and other support, how can this \$1billion price differential be explained in providing value for money to the Australian government?</p> <p>(c) It has been reported in the US military press that the Australian purchase of the C-27J was as a result of discussions between the US Secretary of Defence and the Minister for Defence in order to assist the US after it cancelled its deal to purchase 38 of the aircraft. If this is the case, what was the nature of this agreement?</p> <p>(d) It has been widely reported that the aircraft manufacturer, Alenia had imposed heavy contract cancellation fees on Washington for terminating the Joint Cargo Aircraft program. If this is the case, is the 'extra' \$450 million Australia is paying for these aircraft a payment to the US to offset these financial penalties?</p>			
130.	DMO	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	<p>(a) There is clearly a massive cost discrepancy between the C-295 package deal at \$400 million and the \$1.4 billion price the Government has agreed to pay for the C-27J package deal. As an RFI was only issued to the three interested parties it is just not possible to contend that a competition occurred to ensure that the Government is receiving the best value for money. Why did the Minister say that a competition had occurred when it was impossible for a competition to occur?</p> <p>(b) With regards to the C-27J, were the parties informed at any point that no formal contract negotiations or agreements could or would result based upon information provided by the parties as to price and availability? If so, how could it be contended that a competition had occurred?</p> <p>(c) Is it also the case that the Commonwealth did not regard the price and availability request as an invitation to treat or such as could be construed as an offer capable of acceptance? In these circumstances how did a competition occur?</p> <p>(d) The Government's own Defence procurement guidelines state that when a project's value exceeds several hundred million dollars it is a requirement that to ensure the nation is receiving the best possible return on investment an effective, transparent and open tender process must occur. Why, in the case of the \$1.4 billion C-27J purchase, was the DMO not required to hold a competition?</p> <p>(e) Unlike recent ADF acquisitions where there were no viable alternative platforms available in the timeline Australia wanted them – such as with the Super Hornet and C-17 it appears highly likely that the C-295 is a viable alternative to the C-27J. Each aircraft has its acknowledged strengths and weaknesses. For instance, for troop lift and pallet transport missions the C-295 is</p>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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				<p>superior, and for carriage of selected light vehicles the C-27J was superior. The Government, therefore, was not forced to acquire the C-27J through a sole source purchase - 'direct acquisition'. Where in the Defence Procurement Guidelines does it specify that where two highly comparable products are available that an open and transparent competitive process is not required?</p> <p>(f) Can you explain why a statement was made that a competitive down select to the C-27J was made following an exhaustive assessment by Defence, the DMO and Air Force of information provided by the manufacturers of the aircraft when a RFT was never issued. Why wasn't it issued?</p>			
131.	CDG	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	It was further stated that the decision to acquire the C-27J was made by the National Security Committee of Cabinet on the recommendation of the Department of Defence, the DMO and Air Force, together with advice from central line agencies including Treasury and Finance. In the interests of transparency and fairness will you provide copies of the advice provided by the relevant agencies that supported this secretive and flawed selection process?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
132.	DMO	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	<p>(a) Can you confirm that no questions were raised on any technical features such as missions, technical capability when you sought information under the RFI process for the C-27J?</p> <p>(b) The RFI process as initiated by you does not represent a competitive process of any description. Can you confirm that it was a desktop analysis and nothing more?</p> <p>(c) If it wasn't a desk top analysis what was it?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
133.	DMO	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	<p>(a) Numerous other countries have successfully conducted competitive tenders between the C-27J and C-295 to determine which aircraft, on balance, is the best overall solution in terms of risk, capability and cost. What is so unique about Australia's airlift needs that it did not call for a competition, as numerous other countries with very similar requirements have done?</p> <p>(b) The DMO is a large and highly capable organisation whose sole aim is to provide advice to Defence/Government on acquisition of defence equipment in order that it provides the best overall outcome for the Commonwealth in terms capability, risk and cost. What, if any, advice was sought from DMO in this clearly flawed procurement process?</p> <p>(c) One of the foundation stones of the DMO way of determining which proposed equipment solution represents the best overall solution for the Commonwealth is to have a transparent, fair and equitable tender process. How is it possible to justify that the manner in which the Government has endorsed selection of the C-27J was transparent, fair and equitable?</p>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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134.	CDG icw Air Force	Senator Johnston	C-27J	Defence has said that the C-27J flies higher, further, faster and can access more airfields in our area of interest. What is the differential in each of these performance variables in the information supplied to government?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
135.	CDG icw Air Force	Senator Johnston	C-27J	(a) What airfields can the C-27J access that can't be accessed by the C-295? (b) How often have these airfields been accessed by RAAF similar aircraft since 2007?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
136.	CDG icw Air Force	Senator Johnston	C-27J	(a) Defence has further said that the C-295 is unable to carry some of the equipment that is vital to support ADF military and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations. Exactly what can the C-27J carry that can't be carried by the C-295? (b) What better capabilities does the C-295 have in comparison to the C-27J?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
137.	DMO	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	(a) It is apparent that there is no urgency to acquire the new battlefield airlift capability, as the first C-27Js will not enter service until 2015-2016. What was the urgency to announce this procurement just days after the delivery of the 2012/2013 Defence Budget? (b) In the same three to four year timeline, a competitive tender could have been conducted, a preferred tender selected and the contract signed. Why didn't the Government attend to due process and take the time to go through a proper tender process?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
138.	DMO	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	(a) What would have been the delivery schedules for the C-295 and the DCS purchase of the C-27J in comparison to the FMS purchase of the C-27J? (b) When will full operational capability be achieved for the C-27J? (c) If purchased, when would the non FMS purchase of the C-27J achieve full operational capability? (d) If purchased, when would the C-295 achieve full operational capability? (e) What was the cost differential between the FMS and the DCS procurement of the C-27J? (f) With an FMS contract, the level and importance of an Australian industry content is diminished drastically and no commitment exists by the contracting party (L3) nor by the OEM (Alenia). How is the awarding of this contract going to benefit the Australian Defence industry which has already been decimated by \$25 billion of cuts in Defence since 2009?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
139.	DMO	Senator Johnston	C-27J Procurement	It has been reported in Australian Aviation: <i>Just weeks after announcing that Alenia C-27J was selected for the Project AIR 8000 Phase 2 BFA requirement, Alenia Aermacchi has been awarded a contract to "allow for" the long-term operation, maintenance, modification and upgrade of the</i>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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				<p><i>aircraft and its support systems.</i></p> <p><i>“The contract, which is worth around \$63 million, will also provide Defence with the ability to compete and sublicense third parties, including Australian industry, to provide the maintenance services, training services and the ability to modify the C-27J capability,” Defence Minister Stephen Smith and Defence Materiel Minister Jason Clare said in a June 3 statement.</i></p> <p><i>Meanwhile, late last month, US-based L-3 Communications Integrated Systems (L-3 Com) was awarded a US\$321.78 million firm-fixed-price contract from the USAF to purchase 10 C-27J aircraft for Australia’s Battlefield Airlifter requirement, under the US Foreign Military Sales (FMS) process.</i></p> <p><i>Although Alenia builds the airframes in Italy, the systems installation work for the government-to-government FMS contract is done by L-3 at Greenville, Texas.</i></p> <p>(a) Can you explain what is being provided by Alenia under this \$63 million contract? Does this relate to IP belonging to Alenia? Other than IP what is being provided under this contract?</p> <p>(b) Why was this additional contract signed just weeks after the announcing of the \$1.4 billion contract to Alenia and in which financial year or years will monies be paid to Alenia under this contract.</p> <p>(c) How is the Australian defence industry going to be able to avail themselves of the opportunity to provide sustainment and through life support for these imported Italian aircraft?</p> <p>(d) How does the \$321.78 million fixed price contract that was awarded to Alenia under an FMS agreement equate to the announcement of \$1.4 billion as announced by the Minister on 3rd May 2012?</p> <p>(e) Isn’t this just another mechanism to pay Alenia an additional \$6.3 million per aircraft? If it isn’t what is it?</p> <p>(f) If Defence is interested in a robust and transparent process in examining this contract will it request the ANAO to conduct an inquiry into the process it undertook in procuring this aircraft? If not, why not?</p> <p>(g) During the Estimates hearing there was an attempt to account for the \$1.4 billion allocated to this project. The numbers provided did not total \$1.4 billion. In the interests of completeness could a complete break down of the \$1.4 billion be provided together with an explanation of</p>			



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				<p>what is contained in each line item?</p> <p>(h) In the Estimates hearing it was stated that the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines were not followed in this case due to “essential security reasons” allowed for under the Australia US free trade agreement. What specific “essential security reason” was used in this case?</p> <p>(i) If there was no specific essential security reason applying in this case could not this general reason be advanced so as to constantly avoid the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines?</p> <p>(j) Could you outline in detail the financial years under which the \$1.4 billion is being expended under this project. Specifically, how much will be expended in the 2011-12 financial year and how much in each of the years of the forward estimates?</p>			
140.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Success	<p>Is the Chief of Navy aware of the recommendation from the Senate Foreign Affairs and Defence References Committee in its Report that said:</p> <p><i>Clearly the senior sailors and their families have undergone a truly unwarranted and dreadful ordeal. Some members of Success' company have also been exposed to unnecessary and in some cases distressing public scrutiny and comment. For a number of individuals, the damage caused to their reputation, personal relationships and career prospects, far outweighs any likely adverse action that could be taken against them. In this regard, the committee believes that the time for healing and making amends is well overdue.</i></p> <p><i>The committee believes that it is particularly important for Navy to put every effort into helping the sailors to resume their careers and to rise above the experiences of the last two years.</i></p> <p>(a) If this was part of the recommendations from the FADT References Committee can you please provide a coherent explanation of why Censures have been issued against two of the three senior sailors, the third has resigned from the RAN in disgust over his treatment?</p> <p>(b) Why has Navy disregarded the recommendations from the FADT References Committee and pursued punitive action, including the threat of dismissal against all three senior sailors?</p> <p>(c) Why do these Censures relate to issues of not performing their duties adequately as senior sailors when commissioned and more senior officers were well aware of the incidents that have been cited much earlier than the senior sailors?</p>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
141.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Success	<p>(a) In the case of the CPO who has been censured for not performing his duties adequately in reporting the ‘sex act’ in a bar when he was not even present and did not hear about the issue until two to three days after the incident occurred. Why?</p> <p>(b) The issue was well known to the Supply Officer, Supply Officer, Coxswain, Leading</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p>Coxswain and many other Officers who all knew of the participants and the incident the day after the incident. Why has the CPO been singled out for not taking the appropriate action when each of these officers could have and should have taken appropriate action?</p> <p>(c) What disciplinary action has been taken against each of these officers for failing to act upon this issue?</p> <p>(d) If no action has been taken, why not?</p> <p>(e) What disciplinary action was taken against the two female sailors who were involved in the 'sex act'?</p> <p>(f) What disciplinary action was taken against the male sailor who was involved in the 'sex act'?</p> <p>(g) One of the senior sailors has been censured for socialising with junior sailors. Where in the Defence Act, or similar, is it formally declared that such action is not to take place?</p> <p>(h) Can you please provide a cogent explanation of how the CPO had undermined the authority of the CO when from my understanding his <i>failure was that he didn't check with someone other than another PO as to the legitimacy of an order that was never given?</i></p>			
142.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Success	In regards to the incident between two sailors in a bar in Manila what disciplinary action was taken against the female sailor, the male sailor, the 3 witnesses, including the Officer that witnessed the entire alleged incident and had the details reported to him? If none, why not?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
143.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Success	Why can it be even remotely possible that the CPO was the only person that was required to respond, resulting in an adverse sanction against him?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
144.	HDL	Senator Johnston	Success	<p>In the FADT References Committee report : <i>Thus, the committee agrees with Mr Gyles' recommendation that the senior sailors should be compensated for the hardships they have experienced. This compensation should also take account of Navy's failure of duty of care toward the senior sailors during the difficult months after they were removed from the ship especially as they were being pilloried in the media for something they did not do. The committee believes that it is particularly important for Navy to put every effort into helping the sailors to resume their careers and to rise above the experiences of the last two years.</i></p> <p>Why has the CN refused to reimburse the three senior sailors for their legal fees in having to pursue the RAN for some just compensation as directed by the COI?</p>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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145.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Success	Why did the RAN not pay the fair and appropriate compensation that was directed by the COI without resorting to what is seen to be the most minimal option and which resulted in the three senior sailors having to engage legal counsel to get what had been directed to be paid to them?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
146.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Success	Will the CN now reimburse the three sailors the cost of their legal representation? If not, why not?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
147.	Navy icw COO (HDL)	Senator Johnston	Success	The three senior sailors certainly have the perception that the COI Reports 1 and 2 contained bias and were damaging to their reputations. What independent review has been conducted of Parts 1 and 2 of the COI Report? If not, why not?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
148.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Success	In the interests of fairness and equity will you undertake a completely independent review of the COI findings?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
149.	CDG icw DMO –	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not the case that a self propelled artillery capability was set out very clearly in the 2009 White Paper? What has changed in three years to indicate that this is no longer a required capability for the ADF?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
150.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	The requirement for self propelled artillery was explicitly identified in the 2009 Defence White Paper at page 77. <i>Fire Support</i> <i>9.45 The Government has decided to further enhance the direct and indirect combat power available to the Army's combined-arms teams. The Government will proceed with the acquisition of new 155mm artillery systems, both self-propelled and towed type, able to fire precision munitions at very long ranges, and high rates of fire. These systems will comprise a deployable capability of two batteries of self-propelled guns and four batteries of towed guns. The towed guns will be able to be moved by helicopter and transport aircraft.</i> Is it not the case that successive revisions of the Defence Capability Plan (DCP) affirmed the acquisition of self propelled howitzers under Land 17 Phase 1C?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
151.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	(a) What was the timeline in the decision making process to amend the DCP to not include the SPH as a required capability? (b) Who directed that the SPH be excluded from the DCP as a required capability?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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				(c) When was this decision finally made?			
152.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	At page 213 of the 2011 DCP it was stated: <i>Phase 1C will acquire two batteries of 155mm, 52 Calibre Self Propelled Howitzers. The 1C solution will provide weight of fire, range and tactical manoeuvre to support the Mechanised Units of the 1st Brigade. The project is currently undergoing tender evaluation in order to inform the Government decision making process.</i> Is it not the case that Plan Beersheba was conceived on the basis of the Commonwealth acquiring a self-propelled artillery capability?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
153.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not the case that a Defence Department recommendation to proceed with the acquisition had been prepared for the Minister to take to NSC earlier this year? Can you provide that documentation?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
154.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	The decision to cancel self propelled artillery came under considerable criticism. What is your response to the Director of the Institute of International Security and Development at the University of NSW, Prof. Alan Dupont who wrote in "The Australian" on 7 May 2012:  <i>An even more telling indictment of the government's perfunctory approach to defence is the apparent unwillingness, or inability, to match funding with declared strategic aims.</i>  <i>Major changes to approved equipment and personnel changes, including the location of Australian Defence Force units and supporting infrastructure, should not be made without a considered evaluation of the strategic reasons for, and consequences of, these changes.</i>  <i>But the government has ignored this logic with its decision to axe modern artillery and commission a major force posture review. Since the artillery was an approved purchase, what were the operational and strategic factors which justified its cancellation ahead of other capabilities that might equally have been eliminated? The suspicion is that there weren't any, and that Army was simply told to find savings of \$225 million.</i>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
155.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What is your response to The Australian's report on 5 May that the former Chief of Army and now director of the Canberra University's National Security Institute, Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, that the decision to scrap self-propelled artillery was ill-conceived because there was higher	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12

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				likelihood of the self-propelled guns being used than the F-35 Joint Strike Fighters? He was reported as saying: <i>I'm not sure they've picked the right capability to reduce. There is a clear potential we might need artillery in a future conflict, but I'm not convinced we need 100 JSFs, By scrapping two fighters, from the planned order of up to 100, the army could have its self-propelled guns.</i>			
156.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What is your response the Foreign Editor of The Australian, Greg Sheridan who wrote in The Weekend Australian 12 May 2012: <i>The army has suffered many cuts to capability. The decision not to acquire self-propelled artillery is a sign that the government will make the army weaker and of less weight.</i>	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
157.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not the case that self propelled artillery would have provided Army with a marked lift in capability. For example, the range of a self-propelled gun is nearly double that of a towed gun. How does the Government intend to make up for this loss of potential capability?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
158.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not the case that self propelled artillery offered a level of protection for troops that is simply not afforded by towed artillery? What alternative arrangements are being provided to afford such a level of protection?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
159.	Army icw CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	The Land 17 Invitation to Register (ITR) documents released by the Commonwealth included an assessment that stated:  <i>The current field artillery system is sufficiently protected in the light force environment. The mechanised forces artillery has insufficient physical protection and range to survive the threat of indirect fire and small arms fire likely to be encountered in mechanised operations.</i>  How will Army cover this clear gap in mobility, protection levels and range to support operations involving other protected, mobile platforms such as M1A1, M113 and ASLAV?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
160.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Isn't the issue in having SPH as a capability concerned with the indirect fire capability that the ADF needs to provide commensurate mobility and protection as the manoeuvre force?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
161.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Towed guns would not be able to support mechanised operations as they are reliant on vehicles (which have less mobility and may not be able to manoeuvre in such terrain) or dedicated airlift assets. This can only be achieved by self propelled guns that can move over the same terrain and with the same mobility as the mechanised/protected platforms. It seems that this decision is a step away from mechanised/protected forces and back towards light infantry operations. Is the case or	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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				was the cancellation of procuring the capability purely a budget consideration?			
162.	Army –	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	In light of all these facts, as well as the White Paper and DCP requirements for self propelled artillery what strategic guidance was received to justify the cancellation of the project?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
163.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	On Sky News on 15 May the Minister said there were issues associated with an 80 tonne weight of the platform and issues associated with ammunition. He said: <i>There were issues with the self-propelled howitzer, including the type of ammunition that we could use, but also it's 80 tonnes and it can't be moved other than by its own propulsion.</i>  (a) How did the Minister arrive at this figure when it is well documented that the weight of a SPH is not 80t but 50t? (b) Will the Minister now publicly admit he was wrong and acknowledge the correct weight of the SPH?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
164.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	The Minister also made the statement that the SPH : <i>can't be moved other than by its own propulsion.</i> Is it not the case that the SPH is a self propelled and can when required be transported by low loader vehicles, by C-17 and presumably by the LHD?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
165.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	The Minister further said: <i>There were issues with the self-propelled howitzer, including the type of ammunition that we could use.</i> On what basis did he make this claim as my understanding is that there is no ammunition issue with the AS-9?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
166.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Isn't it the case that the AS-9 has a longer barrel than the M777 and M109 and that the increased length (52 Calibres versus 39 Calibres) allows longer range and needs ammunition capable of withstanding the higher launch pressures?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
167.	DMO ICW CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	The RFT specified that long ranges had to be achieved using a projectile that is not designed for long range and has not been tested for long range. What has this to do with the capability of the SPH?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
168.	DMO ICW CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Couldn't this long range requirement be achieved using ammunition designed for long ranges, in the case of the SPH a Korean round in service with the ROK which has received all certifications required by the Korean Defence Acquisition Procurement Administration (DAPA) and their Agency for Defense Development (ADD)?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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169.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Tenders for Land 17 Phase 1C first closed in April 2008. What have been the costs to the Commonwealth in relation to the solicitation and evaluation of the self propelled element Land 17?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
170.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What have been the costs of the Offer Definition and Refinement process relating to this project (Land 17 Phase 1C)?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
171.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	How many separate trips have taken place by Commonwealth officials to the Republic of Korea in relation to this project (Land 17 Phase 1C) since April 2008, how many personnel have been involved, and what have been the associated costs?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
172.	MPR	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not the case that discussions between Australian Defence officials and Korea were even taking place in Korea in the weeks prior to the budget? What was the nature of these discussions?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
173.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What costs were borne by the Commonwealth in bringing a Korean K9 out to Australia in 2010 for a live fire activity?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
174.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	How did the Government arrive at its estimate for savings over the forward estimates of \$225 million?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
175.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	How many additional towed guns are now being sought by the Commonwealth?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
176.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What whole of life assessments have been prepared relating to the costs of operating self propelled artillery as against towed guns? Can you provide such assessments?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
177.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What briefs have been prepared for the Defence Ministers since the budget outlining any additional costs associated with cancelling the self propelled artillery? Can these be provided?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
178.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What provision has been made for the additional manpower associated with acquiring further towed guns to meet the level of capability anticipated to be achieved by the self-propelled guns?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
179.	Army	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What provision has been made for the additional trucks to tow the additional towed guns?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
180.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Did the Commonwealth seek to engage with the manufacturer of the towed guns prior to the budget to obtain a price for additional guns?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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181.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it the case that the unit costs of any additional towed guns will be higher than for those already acquired under Land 17?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
182.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it the case that the production line is in ramp down and that the Commonwealth will be forced to bear additional costs associated with restarting the production including long lead item ordering and costs associated with a relatively small order size?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
183.	MPR	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What has been the level of Korean Government involvement in activities associated with Land 17 since April 2008 and up to May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2012?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
184.	MPR	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	What has been the level of Korean Government involvement in activities associated with Land 17 since May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2012?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
185.	OSCDF (IP) icw DMO	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not the case that the Korean Government and their Embassy in Canberra has been supportive of promoting the Samsung Techwin capability for a number of years?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
186.	MPR	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not true that the Korean Defence Acquisition Procurement Administration (DAPA) has been very active including being involved in the live fire activities both in Korea and when the gun was brought out in 2010?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
187.	Army icw OSCDF (IP)	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Is it not true that the Deputy Chief of Army visited a Korean Army artillery unit one week prior to the cancellation of the project?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
188.	OSCDF (IP)	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	During Question Time in the Senate I asked the Foreign Minister whether he anticipated any fallout from Korea to which he replied that he anticipated none. Has this proven to be the case?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
189.	MPR	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	(a) Can you confirm that the Korean Ambassador requested and was granted a meeting with Minister Clare in which he expressed the Korean Government's disappointment at the decision? (b) What was the Minister's response?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
190.	OSCDF (IP)	Senator Johnston	Self Propelled Howitzer	Are you aware that the Governments of Australia and the Republic of Korea signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Co-operation on 14 December 2011? The MOU sought to enhance the Australia-Republic of Korea defence relationship in four key areas: strategic dialogue, information sharing, exercises and defence industry. How does this decision advance the cause of that	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12



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				Memorandum of Understanding?			
191.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Submarine Sustainment	Which division/group/person/s in DOD is responsible for developing and generating the forward estimates for submarine sustainment?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
192.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Submarine Sustainment	From information that you have supplied in previous QON answers the forward estimates FY11/12 show that sustainment costs for Collins went up from \$349m to \$497m. Please provide a detailed explanation for the difference between the estimate in February 2011 and the actual spend for FY 11/12?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
193.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Submarine Sustainment	You provided an answer in a QON – February 2012 that the forward estimates FY12/13 sustainment costs for Collins would be \$402m. This answer was received immediately prior to the publication of the 2012/2013 Budget Papers. However, in the 2012/13 Budget Papers that were published only a few days later this figure had jumped to \$516m. Please provide a detailed explanation for the difference between the estimate in February 2012 and the budget papers?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
194.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	In relation to Collins Class submarines, please provide forward estimates out to 2015/16 for the following: (a) Sustainment Costs; (b) Operating Costs; (c) Approved Major Capital Investment program and minor projects; (d) Anticipated depreciation costs.	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
195.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	You indicated in 2012 that approximately 31% of Navy's sustainment spend is spent on the Collins fleet. With the 2012/13 Budget Papers showing a significant increase in the budget allocation to submarines please provide the percentage of the Navy's sustainment budget that will be spent on the Collins fleet in 2012/13?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
196.	DMO	Senator Johnston	ASC	How much has been paid to ASC by Defence in each of the past four years with respect to the submarine through life support contract?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
197.	DMO	Senator Johnston	ISSC Budget	Please provide the projected ISSC budget for the next four financial years.	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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198.	DMO	Senator Johnston	ISSC	In respect to the ISSC it was said by Defence officials at the Estimates hearing that as a transition mechanism the ASC would not be exposed to a performance based contract or significant risk in the first two years of the new contract and that it wouldn't be until the third year that ASC would have to fully accept a performance based contract. Can you explain how this equates to the government receiving value for money in this new contract regime?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
199.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	Mr King stated at estimate hearings, <i>The other pieces of investment that are also equally important, which never came home to us in the early days, relate to what it means to be the parent navy. I know we say it regularly, but to be a parent navy of any ship is quite a burden; to be the parent navy of one of the world's most advanced conventional submarines is a very serious matter.</i> It was further stated, <i>This parent navy issue is a huge issue for costs, but what we can say from all that is that, over the last little while we are finally seeing quite a significant up-tick in material-ready days.</i>  What is an estimate of the “burden” or “cost” penalty of being a parent navy with respect to sustainment, operating and/or Approved Major Capital Investment program and minor projects costs?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
200.	DMO icw Navy	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	The Rizzo Review suggested that one thing that needed to happen with Material Sustainment Agreements was that <i>consequences [be] defined for non delivery against measurable performance indicators.</i>  Please provide an update with respect to the re-writing of the Collins Material Sustainment Agreement between the Navy and the DMO.	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
201.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	Please provide examples of consequences defined for non delivery against measurable performance indicators in this agreement.	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
202.	DSTO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	You have previously advised: that <i>Defence (through DSTO) has recently increased the priority of the APB program and is working closely with United States counterparts to improve the opportunity for Australian industry to participate in the program.</i>  What targets, milestones and timetables has DSTO set themselves?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
203.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	(a) When does the current Technical Assistance Agreement expire? (b) In relation to the AN/BYG-1: What is the latest Technical Insertion (e.g. TI 06) fitted and accepted onto a Collins Class submarine?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				(c) When was IOC for the latest Technical Insertion? (d) How long did the actual physical installation take? (e) What was the time frame between the latest Technical Insertion being fitted to and accepted into a US submarine and the fitting to and accepted on an Australian submarine? (f) What has been the total cost of inserting the latest Technical Insertion into the Collins Class submarine?			
204.	MPR	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	You have responded to QON 131 of February saying you are seeking to obtain the NAVSEA presentation to Australian Defence industry that took place on 05 September 2003. Please provide an update on when this presentation is likely to be received, noting it is being actioned as a matter of priority?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
205.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	(a) What is the latest Advanced Processor Build (e.g. APB 07) integrated and accepted onto a Collins Class submarine? (b) Does the US deliver the Advanced Processor Build as source code or as executables? (c) When was IOC for the latest Advanced Processor Build? (d) How long did the integration take (e.g. initial receipt of software from the US to IOC onboard a Collins Class submarines)? (e) What was the time frame between the latest Advanced Processor Build being fitted to and accepted into a US submarine and the integration into and accepted on an Australian submarine? (f) What has been the total cost of inserting the latest Advanced Processor Build into the Collins Class?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
206.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	(a) How many DMO and contractor personnel are assigned to the Collins Class Combat System sustainment? (b) How many AN/BQG-1 baseline variants are deployed on Australian submarines? (c) When will all Collins Class be fitted with the AN/BYG-1 Combat System? (d) What has been the total project and sustainment cost (including payments to the US Government) for the AN/BYG-1 to date.	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
207.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	RADM Moffitt said at Estimates <i>"Their advice to us is that US IP related combat systems and weapons are not US Navy IP; they are IP jointly owned by the United States government and the</i>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p><i>Australian government so we need to treat it as our own."</i></p> <p>Noting that Australia has IP rights with respect to these systems, what restrictions are imposed on Australian Technical Assistance Agreement companies having access to design information and source code?</p>			
208.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	What are the Navigation Data Book total sea miles travelled, each year, for each Collins Class submarine in the period December 2007 to May 2012?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
209.	DMO	Senator Johnston	ASC Defence Contracts	<p>Section 7.26 of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines states:</p> <p><i>To enhance transparency, agencies must make available on request, the names of any sub-contractor engaged by a contractor in respect of a Commonwealth contract for procurement.</i></p> <p><i>a. Agencies must require contractors to agree to the public disclosure of the names of any sub-contractors engaged to perform services in relation to a Commonwealth contract for procurement.</i></p> <p><i>b. Contractors must be required to inform relevant sub-contractors that the sub-contractor's participation in fulfilling a Commonwealth contract for procurement may be publicly disclosed.</i></p> <p>Please provide the specific details that confirm that Department of Defence contracts with ASC comply with this guideline?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
210.	DSG	Ian Macdonald	Darwin Defence Housing	<p>We draw your attention to answers to written question (QON 24) from Additional Estimates, February, 2012.</p> <p>The department has provided advice in the stated answer to the effect that under a current Memorandum Of Understanding DHA has been engaged to administer progressive removal and disposal of the surplus houses (QON24(c)), and that approx 100 new houses will be built on 8.7ha of land (QON24(d)).</p> <p>The department has also advised (at QON24(h)) that the houses on RAAF Darwin are below standard for habitation by Defence personnel but that (at QON24(i)) Defence personnel and their</p>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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				families continue to reside in these houses.  (a) How many of the 230 uninhabitable dwellings will be removed from RAAF Darwin? How many of the remaining 164 dwellings will be removed? How many of the remaining 164 dwellings will be remediated? (b) Will Defence personnel currently residing in dwellings identified as sub-standard be provided alternative accommodations? (c) What will be the cost to defence of providing temporary alternative housing off-base to replace the dwellings on base that are being removed? (d) What is the estimated cost of construction of the 100 new dwellings identified at QON 24(d)? (e) How does this figure compare to the remediation costs per house specified at 24(h) of \$50,000 per dwelling?			
211.	I&S icw DMO	Senator Johnston	Mr Gould	(a) Mr Gould will undoubtedly need access to highly sensitive, almost certainly AUSTEO, information in relation to both Collins and Future Submarine? (b) When will Mr Gould have appropriate security clearances to access such information? (c) At what level will Mr Gould's security clearance be assessed and possibly granted? (d) What processes have been put in place to ensure that Mr Gould will not have access to AUSTEO information prior to his granting of a fully vetted Top Secret Security Clearance?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
212.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	(a) What has been the cost of the design, planning, development, installation and test for diesel remediation work (i.e. fly wheel reinstallation) for the first submarine that will be modified? (b) What are the recurring costs for modification of the remaining submarines? (c) When is it expected that the first boat will go to sea with the remediation work completed? (d) When is it expected that the sixth submarine will be fitted with the fly wheel?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
213.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	At Estimates Air Vice Marshal Deeble stated: <i>We have looked at the vibration issues associated with the removal of the flywheel in the first case and we believe that we can handle that within the weight margins within the submarine, that it would significantly reduce the vibration in the Hedemora diesel and that it was worth doing. Waller will be the first boat to have the flywheel reinstalled and we are also doing some work with the governor, which will reduce the temperature</i>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p><i>in the cylinders associated with the Hedemora. We believe that those two things together will have a significant pay-off for us. We will have a cooler motor and one with less vibration.</i></p> <p>(a) Are there any IP issues in having the flywheel re-installed?</p> <p>(b) Has the Original Manufacturer of the fly-wheel been engaged to provide the flywheel? If not, why not?</p> <p>(c) What guarantee can be provided that the fitting of the planned fly-wheel on each of the submarines will reduce vibration in the Hedemora diesel?</p> <p>(d) What expert analysis has been provided to Defence that indicates that this remediation activity will succeed?</p> <p>(e) Please provide a copy of this advice?</p>			
214.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Collins Class Submarines	<p>At Estimates Air Vice Marshal Deeble also stated: <i>In conjunction with that, we are also looking at putting what we call a sun-roof into Collins when it undertakes its full-cycle docking. That will allow us to remove the diesels and the generators and will allow us to work more effectively and efficiently on those motors.</i></p> <p>(a) How many other operational submarines have such a sun-roof?</p> <p>(b) What is the anticipated design, planning, development, installation and test cost of such a modification?</p> <p>(c) Noting it would no doubt be a FCD activity, in what year would such a sun roof be fitted to the submarine?</p> <p>(d) Does anyone in the Australian Submarine Corporation have the qualifications to sign off on such a modification to the design?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
215.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Mine Warfare	<p>In an answer to questions on notice (Q96) about mine warfare you advised me that: <i>In order to protect Australian export ports and their trade route approaches and allow for quicker and more efficient clearance of mines the RAN conducts seabed sonar surveys of Australia's ports and maintains a mine warfare capability at an optimal level to protect Australia's ports from mining should the need arise. In a separate answer (QON 100) you then said: Areas to be surveyed are selected in order of priority based on a variety of criteria including volume and value of commodities passing through ports, military bases and population. They are then weighted in the context of the strategic government direction and military concepts of the day and against when the port was last surveyed, possibly requiring resurvey. The scheduling of mine countermeasures route survey is prioritised along with other readiness requirements and the availability of Mine Hunter</i></p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p><i>Coastal vessels to conduct the task.</i> By value, the seaports of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane rate the highest.</p> <p>When was the last time a detailed mine warfare route survey was conducted on each of these ports?</p>			
216.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Mine Warfare	By weight, the top five seaports are Newcastle (NSW), Hay Point (QLD), Port Headland (WA), Gladstone (QLD) and Port Walcott (WA). When was the last time a detailed mine warfare route survey was conducted on each of these ports?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
217.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Mine Warfare	Major Naval Ports include Sydney, Cairns, Darwin and HMAS Stirling. When was the last time a detailed mine warfare route survey was carried out on each of these ports?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
218.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Mine Countermeasures Route Survey Data	<p>In answers to questions on notice 96 you stated, <i>Since 2007, 78 hours of mine countermeasures route survey data has been recorded by Minehunter Coastal vessels in Australian ports that accommodate naval vessels. This includes most recently the survey of Moreton Bay conducted by HMAS Huon as part of Operation QLD FLOOD ASSIST in January 2011.</i></p> <p>(a) How much of the 78 hours of route survey conducted since 2007 was conducted during Operation QLD FLOOD ASSIST?</p> <p>(b) Noting news reports of this activity suggested the HMAS Huon was looking for debris, how much detailed route survey data was collected for integration into the RAN's mine warfare route survey database.</p> <p>(c) Noting the lack of currency in mine warfare route survey, was the ships company supplemented by senior RAN personnel or civilian sea riders for QLD FLOOD ASSIST, and if so, please provide details?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
219.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Minehunters	<p>(a) Noting the lack of progress with respect to detailed mine warfare route surveys, is there not a case to be made for re-introduction of the two laid up Minehunters?</p> <p>(b) What is the current (depreciated) value of the two laid up mine hunters?</p> <p>(c) Are the laid up mine hunters being used as a source for spare parts for the at-sea vessels? If so, to what extent?</p> <p>(d) What is the realistic likelihood that these vessels could ever be bought back to life?</p> <p>(e) Why would it take 60 months to bring these two relatively new mine-hunters back into service?</p> <p>(f) If an emergency arose, how quickly could these two mine-hunters be brought back to fully operational status?</p> <p>(g) What planning has the RAN done to ensure that these two mine-hunters could be adequately</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				manned in an emergency? (h) What planning has the RAN done to ensure that all mine-hunters could be adequately manned in an emergency?			
220.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines	<p>In a previous answer you advised: <i>Forward operating concepts are, and have always been, fundamental to Australian submarine operations. The Future Submarine project is analysing the impact on range and 'patrol presence' achievable by exploiting sovereign and allied ports for refuelling and re-supply activities, in order to present the full potential of the range of options for Government.</i></p> <p>In Estimates, RADM Moffitt advised: <i>that the US Company SPA was comparing the performance of some concept submarines of generic performance characteristics against a variety of generic operating concepts in a scenario.</i></p> <p>Which sovereign bases have SPA been directed to use in their scenarios?</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
221.	Navy	Senator Johnston	Submarines	<p>(a) How long does it take for a submarine to go from the planned location of the potential submarine base in Brisbane to the nearest suitable diving area?</p> <p>(b) How long does it take for a submarine to go from the submarine base at HMAS Stirling to the nearest suitable diving area?</p>	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
222.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines	<p>The media release on future submarine study work indicates that the studies announced are <u>different</u> to the RFI already released. It is presumed that additional studies will be conducted with DCNS/HDW and Navantia in relation to Australian specific modifications and with Kockums in relation to a <i>Son of Collins</i>.</p> <p>(a) Is this correct?</p> <p>(b) Broadly, what sort of effort will be demanded and what sort of costs are likely to be associated with each of these studies?</p> <p>(c) The media release further suggests that an expert submarine firm will be engaged to conduct cost and capability trade-off analysis of all options? Will this be an Australian Company? If not, why not?</p> <p>(d) What criteria will be used to select this "expert submarine firm"?</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
223.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Submarines	Mr King stated at Estimates: <i>It would not surprise you that the US would not be too comfortable with us passing that technology around to any old company and having them use it to further their</i>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12



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				<p><i>market interests in a place where the US would not be interested.</i></p> <p>Noting this: How has the issue of European companies revealing all of their skills, knowledge and intellectual property to an expert submarine firm been managed?</p>			
224.	DMO icw DSTO	Senator Johnston	DSTO Advice on New Submarines	We have been spending a lot of money on getting DSTO advice and analysis on new submarine issues. Why wasn't DSTO selected for this cost and capability trade-off analysis task?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
225.	DMO icw DSTO	Senator Johnston	DSTO studies on Submarines	<p>(a) In relation to the studies that will be conducted by DSTO on 1) propulsion and Energy Storage, 2) Signatures and stealth performance, 3) combat systems and 4) hydrodynamics, propellers and pump jets. Is the intention to gain a better understanding to simply support decisions facing government, to identify areas for future specialisation or any thing else?</p> <p>(b) How will Defence approach these studies and specifically, how will it leverage off the work that has already been conducted by commercial entities, government entities and militaries already immersed in the domain - such as the French's use of pump jets ... as discussed during Estimates?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
226.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines	<p>(a) The media release on future submarine study work suggests that a decision will be made on design and test facilities for future submarines, including a land based test site.</p> <p>(b) Will the Land Based Test Site (LBTS) studies relate to the propulsion system?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
227.	DMO	Senator Johnston	SPECIFY Study	<p>(a) What input to the decision making process will be made from what is found in the SPECIFY study?</p> <p>(b) Noting the description of the reports outcome by RADM Moffitt at Estimates: To be clear, what they are doing is equipping us with the sorts of questions we need to answer if in theory we want to build a land based test site. They are providing us with the things to think about. Please provide the SPECIFY report to the committee.</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
228.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines	Noting two of the future submarine options under consideration for future submarines are off the shelf, can Defence advise as to how many other <u>users</u> (i.e. non designers) of Off the Shelf Submarines go to the effort of building a propulsion Land Based Test Site?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
229.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines	Without government direction as to the submarine solution, how can a decision to proceed with an Land Based Test Site be made on this before Government gets the opportunity to determine which of the four options it will proceed with, and which solution within these options?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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230.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines	What sort of decision will be made in relation to the Land Based Test Site – is Defence looking at some form of procurement contract or a binding agreement?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
231.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines and Combat Systems	(a) The list of options before Government includes a MOTS submarine modified to incorporate Australia's specific combat system and weapon requirement. All submarines have combat systems and weapons. Can you indicate the sorts of combat system requirements that might be considered Australian specific? (b) Will full consideration be given to an Australian designed combat system solution? If not, why not?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
232.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Future Submarines and Combat Systems	It is noted that the timeline indicates you intend to make some form of decision on the combat system, torpedoes, sensors and other weapons systems. With respect to integration cost and risk, how is it possible to select the combat system prior to selecting the type of submarine to be built?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
233.	DMO	Senator Johnston	SEA 1000	(a) What decisions on the combat system, torpedoes, sensors and other weapons systems for SEA 1000 will be made by Government in 2013? (b) Is Defence looking at some form of procurement contract or binding agreement in relation to the combat system, torpedoes, sensors and other weapons systems in relation to SEA 1000?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
234.	CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	(a) How much in Defence expenditure has been cut in 2012/13 and for the F/E? (b) How much in Defence expenditure has been deferred in 2012/13 and for the F/E? (c) How much in Defence expenditure has been met as 'absorbed measures' in 2012 and for the F/E /13? (d) What are the reasons for these cuts? (e) Were the cuts made as a Ministerial directive? (f) If not a Ministerial directive, what was the process and who signed off on them?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
235.	CFO	Senator Johnston	GDP	Why has the share of GDP, 1.56% being spent on Defence fallen to its lowest level in 74 years?	Written	10/11/12	11/10/12
236.	CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	Why will you allow Defence expenditure to fall further in 2013/14 to the lowest level since 1937, 1.49%? What possible benefit stems from this decision to provide Australia with a credible defence capability?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
237.	CDG icw CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	With the \$5.5 billion to be cut from Defence over the F/E it would appear that \$3 billion of this amount relates to military equipment purchases. Please provide a year by year over the F/E	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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				breakdown of specifically the military equipment that won't be purchased as part of this \$3b cut?			
238.	DSG icw CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	With the \$5.5 billion to be cut from Defence over the F/E it would appear that \$1.2 billion of this amount relates to facilities construction. Please provide a year by year over the F/E breakdown of specifically the facilities that won't be constructed as part of this \$1.2b cut?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
239.	CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	With the \$5.5 billion to be cut from Defence over the F/E it would appear that \$438 million of this amount relates to 'administrative belt tightening'. Please provide a year by year over the F/E breakdown of specifically the 'administrative belt tightening' as part of this \$438m cut?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
240.	PSP icw CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	With the \$5.5 billion to be cut from Defence over the F/E it would appear that \$360 of this amount relates to cutting civilian staffing number. Please provide a year by year over the F/E breakdown of specifically the civilian staff that will be sacked as part of this \$360m cut?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
241.	DSG	Senator Johnston	Relocation of Army Units from Moorebank to Holsworthy	Please provide a comprehensive plan of how \$332 million is to be spent on the relocation of Army units from Moorebank to Holsworthy—so as to make way for the Intermodal Transport Hub?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
242.	DSG	Senator Johnston	Holsworthy	How much in additional expenditure over the F/E will there be in establishing the new infrastructure at Holsworthy?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
243.	DSG	Senator Johnston	Intermodal Transport Hub	(a) Why is it necessary to have a government built Intermodal Transport Hub on the Moorebank site and then have the massive expense of shifting army units from Holsworthy? (b) What will Defence's total cost be in moving to Holsworthy?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
244.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Defence White Paper	What is the current dollar value of the 2009 Defence White Paper funded and unfunded capabilities?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
245.	SRMO	Senator Johnston	SRP	ASPI Cost of Defence 2012 -13 states: <i>One might suspect that the \$20 billion Strategic Reform Program (SRP) exacerbated the situation this time around. In a sense that must be the case, as many of the cost pressures represent the failure of the SRP to contain costs. But there's more to it than that—for at least the first few years the SRP savings were claimed against implausibly high 'business as usual' baselines, meaning that the 'savings' had more to do with accounting than efficiency. Consistent with this, advice from Defence is that they are on course to fully deliver \$1.3 billion of savings this financial year. Yet they also report that they have \$2.9 billion of unfunded cost pressures across the next four years.</i>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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				(a) How are \$1.3 billion of savings going to be made in the SRP this year? (b) What are the \$2.9b of unfunded cost pressures across the next four years?			
246.	SRMO	Senator Johnston	SRP savings	Are the 'claimed' savings made under the SRP returned directly and immediately to Defence to fund military capabilities as was stated in the 2009 Defence White Paper? If not ,why not?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
247.	CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	(a) Why has the promise of 3% real growth in defence expenditure not been kept? (b) Who made the decision to break this promise?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
248.	CFO	Senator Johnston	Defence Expenditure	Why has Defence given back \$1.6 billion to Treasury over the past three years?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
249.	CFO	Senator Johnston	ASPI Cost of Defence	ASPI Cost of Defence 2012 -13 states: <i>The plans set out in 2009 are in disarray; investment is badly stalled, and the defence budget is an unsustainable mess.</i> Who has been held accountable for this high level of financial mismanagement and why was it allowed to happen?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
250.	PSP	Senator Johnston	Staffing	(a) As at 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2012 how many civilian public servants are employed at EL1 and above? (b) What percentage of the civilian work force does this equate to? (c) What is the average total cost of employing civilian public servants at below the EL1 level? (d) What is the average total cost of employing civilian public servants at above the EL1 level? (e) How many civilian public servants are employed at SES levels? (f) What is the average total cost of employing civilian public servants at the SES level? (g) What increase has there been in civilian public servants at EL1 and above since 2007/08 – number and percentage increase? (h) What increase has there been in civilian public servants at SES levels and above since 2007/08 – number and percentage increase?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
251.	CDG	Senator Johnston	First Pass Approvals	(a)How many First Pass approvals have been made for each of the past four financial years? (b)What has been the total value of these approvals for each of the past four financial years? (c)How much has been actually been expended on each of these approvals for each of the past four financial years? (d)When are each of the projects that have reached First Pass Approval status in 2001/12 going to be ready for Second Pass approval?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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252.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Second Pass Approvals	(a) How many Second Pass approvals have been made for each of the past four financial years? (b) What has been the total value of these approvals for each of the past four financial years? (c) How much has been actually been expended on each of these approvals for each of the past four financial years? (d) Which of the First Pass approvals over the past four financial years have reached Second Pass approval stage? (e) How much has actually been spent on each of the projects that have been approved at the Second Pass level over the past four financial years?	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12
253.	DMO	Senator Johnston	Defence Procurement Guidelines	Where in the Defence Procurement Guidelines does it say that First Pass approval is not required for projects that have appeared for the first time as Second Pass Approvals?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
254.	CDG	Senator Johnston	C-17 and C-27J Second Pass Approvals	(a) Why are the C-17 and C-27J projects appearing as Second Pass Approvals without going through the required First Pass process? (b) When is the C-27J project going to be fully operational? (c) What expenditure is scheduled for the C-27J project over the F/E?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
255.	CDG	Senator Johnston	Land 116 Ph 3.2	(a) For the LAND 116 – Ph 3.2 Project what was the approval process? (b) How much is to be spent on this project in 2012/13 and 2013/14?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
256.	CDG	Senator Johnston	AIR 5349 Ph 3	(a) For the AIR 5349 – Ph 3 Project what was the approval process? (b) How much is to be spent on this project in 2012/13 and 2013/14?	Written	4/10/12	11/10/12
257.	CDG	Senator Johnston	SEA 1000 Ph 1 & 2	(a) For the SEA 1000 – Ph 1 and 2 Project what was the approval process? (b) How much is to be spent on this project in 2012/13 and 2013/14? (c) Itemise specifically what will be spent on the SEA 1000 Project in 2012/13 and 2013/14? (d) Why has Defence delayed making a First Pass Approval for the SEA 1000 project until late 2013, early 2014?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
258.	CFO	Senator Johnston	Acquiring and Sustaining Military Capabilities	(a) How much is planned to be spent on acquiring military capabilities in 2012/13? (b) How much is planned to be spent on acquiring military capabilities in 2013/14? (c) How much is planned to be spent on sustaining military capabilities in 2012/13? (d) How much is planned to be spent on sustaining military capabilities in 2013/14?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
259.	DMO	Senator Johnston	JSF	(a) Please provide a schedule of actual payments for the JSF up to 31 May 2012? (b) Why has Defence delayed the purchase of the JSF? (c) What is the scheduled time line for the delivery of the 100 JSF as committed to in the 2009	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12

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				<p>Defence White paper?</p> <p>(d) What is the scheduled time line for the expenditure on the 100 JSF as committed to in the 2009 Defence White paper?</p> <p>(e) The delay in purchasing the JSF presents Australia with an impending Capability Gap in our air defences as they relate to fighter aircraft. What is Defence doing to mitigate against this impending Capability Gap?</p>			
260.	DMO	Senator Johnston	AWD	<p>(a) Does the government intend to proceed with the acquiring of a fourth AWD? If not, why not?</p> <p>(b) What plans does the government have to provide continuing employment opportunities for the highly skilled workers involved in the AWD project after the completion of the third AWD?</p>	Written	12/10/12	
261.	CDG	Senator Johnston	DCP	<p>(a) Why does the government continue to produce a DCP that only has bands that are stated in the hundreds of millions of dollars?</p> <p>(b) Why won't the government produce quarterly DCP with specific details on the type of purchase that is planned to be followed in procuring a specific military capability?</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
262.	DMO icw Navy	Senator Johnston	Disposal of HMAS Kanimbla and HMAS Manoora	<p>(a) What is the process in disposing of HMAS Kanimbla and HMAS Manoora?</p> <p>(b) Who is managing this process?</p> <p>(c) When is the final decision expected to be made on the disposal of these vessels?</p> <p>(d) Will a fully transparent announcement be made when the decision is made of how and when the vessels will be disposed?</p>	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
263.	DMO icw Navy	Senator Johnston	HMAS Tobruk	<p>(a) When is HMAS Tobruk due for de-commissioning?</p> <p>(b) How much has been spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Tobruk since November 2007?</p> <p>(c) How much is planned to be spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Tobruk up until its date of de-commissioning?</p> <p>(d) How many days has HMAS Tobruk been fully operational and engaged in meaningful patrols and assistance work since January 2011?</p> <p>(e) Could you express this as a percentage of full operational availability?</p> <p>(f) What progress and what work has been completed in identifying a replacement vessel for HMAS Tobruk?</p> <p>(g) Have RFI's been sent to prospective entities that would be capable of supplying a suitable replacement vessel for HMAS Tobruk? If yes, please provide the details?</p>	Written	5/10/12	11/10/12

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264.	DMO icw Navy	Senator Johnston	HMAS Success	(a) How many days has HMAS Success been fully operational and engaged in meaningful patrols and assistance work since leaving the Singaporean dockyard following the completion of the double skinning work? (b) Could you express this as a percentage of full operational availability? (c) What progress and what work has been completed in identifying a replacement vessel for HMAS Success? (d) Have RFI's been sent to prospective entities that would be capable of supplying a suitable replacement vessel for HMAS Success? If yes, please provide the details? (e) When is HMAS Success due for de-commissioning? (f) How much has been spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Success between November 2007 and June 2011? (g) How much has been spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Success between June 2011 and June 2012? (h) How much is planned to be spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Success up until its date of de-commissioning?	Written	12/10/12	
265.	DMO icw Navy	Senator Johnston	HMAS Choules	(a) How much has been spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Choules from the date of its purchase until June 2012? (b) How many days has HMAS Choules been fully operational and engaged in meaningful patrols and assistance work since being commissioned into service? (c) Could you express this as a percentage of full operational availability?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
266.	DMO icw Navy	Senator Johnston	HMAS Sirius	(a) How much has been spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Sirius between November 2007 and June 2011? (b) How much has been spent on repairing, maintaining and upgrading HMAS Sirius between June 2011 and June 2012? (c) How many days has HMAS Sirius been fully operational and engaged in meaningful patrols and assistance work since being commissioned into service? (d) Could you express this as a percentage of full operational availability?	Written	3/10/12	11/10/12
267.	VCDF (HQJOC)	Senator Johnston	RIMPAC 2012	(a) Which amphibious ships will be participating in RIMPAC 2012? (b) If no participants, why not? (c) Which RAN ships will be participating in RIMPAC 2012? (d) What will Australia's participation in RIMPAC 2012 entail? Please provide a full and comprehensive description of our participation?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12

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268.	DSG	Senator Macdonald	Darwin Defence Housing	We draw your attention to answers to written question (QON 10) from Additional Estimates, February, 2012. The department has provided advice in the stated answer to the effect that there are 230 houses at RAAF Darwin that are currently uninhabited and not available for habitation. (a) Can you identify the decision-making process and/or operational/logistical factors that led to 230 dwellings being allowed to fall into such disrepair as to make them uninhabitable? (b) Can you detail the current plan to remediate these buildings to render them inhabitable? (c) Can you detail the cost that has been assessed/estimated for this remediation?	Written	28/9/12	11/10/12
269.	PSP	Senator Macdonald	Delta Company 6 RAR	Can you provide me with any detail as to the process that was undertaken to determine the eligibility of Delta Company 6 RAR for the Republic of Vietnam Medal? I want to know how Delta Company received the award?	29 May 2012 Page 64	5/10/12	11/10/12
270.	Army	Senator Fawcett	M113	The ANAO reports says that key Capability aspirations sought for the M113 upgrade were only part achieved, are yet to be achieved or are unachievable. Would you care to comment on which parts of the desired capability outcomes are unachievable or are yet to be achieved?	28 May 2012 Page 111	3/10/12	11/10/12
271.	CDG	Senator Fawcett	Qualifications of Staff	Can you provide me the various professional qualifications of the staff and the mandated training requirements?	29 May 2012 pp. 66-67	3/10/12	11/10/12