

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE— BUDGET ESTIMATES, 31 May 2012**  
**Foreign Affairs Portfolio AusAID**

<b>Q No.</b>	<b>Program: Division or Agency</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Broad topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Proof Hansard, page &amp; hearing date or Written Q</b>	<b>Date rec'd</b>	<b>Date tabled</b>
1		Senator Di Natale	TB in PNG	<p>I understand that tuberculosis treatment at Daru has been greatly upgraded with support from AusAID.</p> <p>1) Are there now sufficient drug-therapies available to treat every case of tuberculosis presenting at Daru Hospital?</p> <p>2) Are there adequate drug-therapies available to treat the Drug Resistant tuberculosis cases presenting at Daru Hospital?</p> <p>3) Are PNG Nationals still travelling to Boigu and Saibai Islands, seeking services for the treatment and management of tuberculosis?</p> <p>4) How will current support to PNG tuberculosis control services in the cross-border Torres Strait areas be sustained?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
2		Senator Di Natale	TB in PNG	<p>1) Given the very high-burden and growing threat that TB poses to our neighbours in PNG and to many other nations in the Asia-Pacific, does AusAID have a specific strategy to tackle TB in our region?</p> <p>2) Has AusAid given any consideration to developing a strategy to tackle TB in our region, given the high disease burden and infectious nature of the disease?</p> <p>3) What is the breakdown of spending of funds that AusAID receives from the Australian Government for TB treatment in PNG?</p> <p>4) Is AusAid aware of any programs (other than the new project in Daru/the South Fly district of PNG) in the Asia-Pacific which specifically target TB control? Please provide details.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

3		Senator Eggleston	TB in PNG	Would you provide a break-up of how much of the \$8 million allocation for TB in Papua New Guinea has been spent to date and on what specific programs?	P.32	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
4		Senator Eggleston	TB in PNG	I understand you have two other vessels up there, which were originally purchased by AusAID but are now non-operational. Is that the case?	P.33	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
5		Senator Kroger	TB in PNG	a. Do you have a breakdown of how many patients are treated through Daru?  b. Do you also have, the breakdown of medical staff there? How many doctors or sisters are there on a full-time basis?	P.34	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
6		Senator Kroger	TB in PNG	a. What have we spent on the Daru Hospital to date? (p.36)  b. What degree of oversight of the \$8 million which is directed through the PNG government towards Daru hospital? (p.36)  c. What assurances you can provide us all with on the way in which that has been directed to this hospital and not diverted in other ways?	P.36	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
7		Senator Boyce	TB in PNG	The Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness recommended that AusAID invest in medical research and AusAID now spends significant resources in tackling TB in PNG.  Regardless of this expenditure my questions go to the medications AusAID is currently supporting.  Is it true that the drugs used in the program have been with us for 50 years or more and require long course of treatment?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

8		Senator Boyce	TB in PNG	Does this make the success of the TB Programs funded by AusAID more problematic given the effectiveness of these medications and having to achieve a long regularity of treatment in a third world environment?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
9		Senator Boyce	TB in PNG	Is it true that the vaccine the Aus AID program is using is 90 years old and does not prevent TB in adults?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
10		Senator Boyce	TB in PNG	Is AusAID aware of new and far more effective drugs and vaccines that will soon be brought to market?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
11		Senator Boyce	TB in PNG	Is AusAID planning to invest in R&D for these new, more effective TB drugs and vaccines in line with Recommendation 23 of the AID Review?  If so, what is the timeframe for this?  If not, why not?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
12		Senator Boyce	TB in PNG	Has AusAID done a cost benefit analysis of the possible impact of the new treatment regimes as compared to the cost and effectiveness of the existing programs?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
13		Senator Kroger	PNG elections	1. How much funding is AusAID providing to support the PNG elections? Please provide a breakdown of this funding.  2. Please provide the breakdown and number of personnel supporting the PNG elections, including the Departments they come from, the estimated time of their deployment and their role whilst supporting the elections.  3. Please provide a list of the physical equipment donated, or on loan, for the PNG elections which AusAID is involved in coordinating. Please include equipment provided by the Australian Defence Force that will be used by AusAID personnel.	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

14		Senator Fawcett	WASH programs in PNG	<p>a. Do the [figures that AusAID record] support the WHO contention that the situation is getting worse in Papua New Guinea?</p> <p>b. Can you tell me how much has been allocated in the budget for WASH initiatives in PNG specifically?</p> <p>c. Can you specifically report as to how much in terms of WASH initiatives is going through NGOs, how much through bilateral funding and how much through large corporate bodies and, if it is possible, any correlation between the effectiveness of those amounts and the outcomes for the communities in PNG?</p>	P.30	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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15		Senator Kroger	Tsunami recovery efforts in Samoa	<p>1. Following the tsunami in Samoa in 2009, AusAID provided funding to rebuild houses for 70 families from seven villages along Samoa's south coast. How much funding was provided for this project?</p> <p>2. How many houses have been constructed?</p> <p>3. What consultation took place with the families about plans to rebuild their houses?</p> <p>4. Please provide statistics as to the occupation rate of the new housing. Also, when does AusAID estimate the construction will be completed and all of the houses occupied?</p> <p>5. What consultation has taken place between AusAID and the Tavano family, who do not wish to return to the site of their old home?</p> <p>6. First Assistant Director-General, Pacific Division, Robert Tranter has reported that families who traditionally lived close to the sea are moving inland. What counselling has AusAID provided to support families who are now afraid to live close to the sea?</p> <p>7. Why are houses being rebuilt in areas close to the sea that families are reluctant to live in?</p> <p>8. What additional funding, if any, will be provided to families who wish to relocate inland?</p>	written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
16		Senator Rhiannon and Senator Kroger	Pacific seasonal worker pilot scheme	<p>In relation to the Pacific seasonal worker pilot scheme- In those recruitment programs that you undertake, are details provided of the conditions and pay that these workers will have in Australia?</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> Take on notice what the assistance entails and what information is supplied to those intending to or considering coming to work here.</p>	p. 31	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

17		Senator Madigan	East Timor	Has AusAID received a proposal to fund a centre for victim identification in Timor Leste?	P.15	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
18		Senator Madigan	Indonesia	Could you please provide me with a list of the madrasahs which receive financial assistance from the Australian government?	p.16	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
19		Senator Kroger	Indonesia	<p>1. What is the legal status under Indonesian law of the 'Project of Love' website (www.proyekcinta.com), which receives AusAID funding?</p> <p>2. Has the website been approved by the Indonesian Government?</p> <p>3. Is it correct that The Indonesian Law Against Pornography and Pornoaction (2006) prohibits "...any writing or audio-visual presentation – including songs, poetry, films, paintings, and photographs that show or suggest sexual relations between persons of the same sex." ?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
20		Senator Madigan	West Papuan provinces	How many Australian officials or persons employed by the Australian embassy have visited Papuan and West Papuan provinces since the signing of the Lombok Treaty in 2006?	p.15	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
21		Senator Rhiannon	Whole of Government ODA	a. How is development of uniform standards in planning and delivering, monitoring and reporting progressing with each agency that delivers ODA detailed on p127 of budget papers?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
22		Senator Fawcett	Burma	<p>1. Can AusAID update the Committee on the situation with the Karen people on the Thai/Burma border?</p> <p>2. What is the Australian Government providing in assistance to these refugees?</p> <p>3. Did the Thai Burma Border Consortium receive funding in the Budget? If so how much has been allocated?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

23		Senator Kroger	Burma	Does the [\$63 million allocated to the Burma program in the 2012-13] include funding for those refugees that are residing in camps on the Thai border?	p.36-7	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
24		Senator Kroger	Cambodian rail project	<p>1. Is AusAID funding the refurbishment of Cambodia's train lines, in conjunction with the Asian Development Bank?</p> <p>2. Is it accurate that AusAID has allocated \$26.5 million for the project, which has been underway for five years?</p> <p>3. Is it correct that Toll Holdings Ltd has a 30-year concession to run Cambodia's train lines?</p> <p>4. What is the status, in terms of the timeline and financing, of the refurbishment project?</p> <p>5. What are the reasons for the delay in the project?</p> <p>6. In a statement in March this year, the Asian Development Bank stated that Toll Holdings had suspended its involvement for one year due to refurbishment delays and that this might slowdown construction even further. Is that correct?</p> <p>7. The project has been criticised due to the relocation of thousands of Cambodians, who have been inadequately resettled. Have these criticisms been raised with AusAID and how did the agency respond?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

25		Senator Rhiannon	Mekong River dams	<p><b>a. When was that meeting held? [When did AusAID contact the Mekong River Commission to clarify the PNPCA process?]</b></p> <p><b>b. Has Australia requested that Laos carry out a transboundary environment impact assessment for this project or any other work relevant to Mekong related dams in or on boundaries of Laos?</b></p>	P.41-2	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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26		Senator Boyce	Addis Ababa Hospital in Ethiopia	<p>My questions relate to the Addis Ababa Hospital in Ethiopia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand the department is aware that there has been a dispute between the Australian board Hamlin Fistula Australia Ltd (HFA) and the Ethiopian board – Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia (HFE), principally on religious grounds.</li> <li>• Is the department aware that this dispute has had no impact on the clinical and surgical services provided by the hospital?</li> <li>• Is the department aware that HFA ceased fundraising efforts and has threatened to discontinue transferring funds to Ethiopia because of the breakdown in the relationship between the Ethiopian and Australian boards?</li> <li>• Given that AusAID provides funding for the Addis Ababa Hospital, what pressure can the department bring to bear on HFA to ensure that funds are transferred to Ethiopia?</li> <li>• Would the department agree, that the continuation of the services that Addis Ababa Hospital in Ethiopia provides is of paramount importance to young Ethiopian women?</li> <li>• Has the department ever attached religious conditions or requirements to its funding allocations as the breakdown between HFA and HFE appears to be the religious bias of the Australian board?</li> <li>• Does the department agree that funding contingent upon religious beliefs would breach Human Rights and other Australian/international laws?</li> <li>• AusAID has said in the past that it considers the dispute between HFA and HFE to be an internal affair. Given the gravity of the dispute and its capacity to affect the health and lives of Ethiopian women, and given Australia’s commitment to the Millennium Development Goals and the fact that the work of this charity is recognised by the Australian Government, and is well respected world wide, is there not a moral and/or social responsibility on the part of the department to ensure that board disputes do not get in the way of the work of Dr Catherine Hamlin AO, her surgical team and all workers and volunteers at the hospital.</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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27		Senator Rhiannon	Africa Practice	<p>Africa Practice is another one of the organisations I read about. They have been engaged by AAPF to do some perception audits, which is an interesting term. Then it goes on to talk about 'promotional literature and media engagement opportunities to raise the AAPF and AusAID's profile in Africa and Australia.'</p> <p>a. What is the aim of these promotional materials?</p> <p>b. How much is the Africa Practice contract worth</p>	P.58	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
28		Senator Rhiannon	Africa Mining Vision	<p>Then there is the Africa Mining Vision with communications consultant, Mark Jeffrey, hired by AusAID and AAPF to coordinate the campaign. How much is Mr Jeffrey's contract worth?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> And the aim and substance of the awareness raising campaign—I would be interested in what the brief Mr Jeffrey has been given for the work that he is undertaking for that money.</p> <p><b>Mr Baxter:</b> Sure; we will give that to you.</p>	p.59	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
29		Senator Fawcett	Afghanistan	<p>1. Given recent announcements by the Australian Government of increasing foreign aid to Afghanistan from \$165m to \$250m in 2015, and the Prime Minister's statements that the aid will be linked to rights for women and girls, what assurances have been put in place to guarantee that this will happen?</p> <p>2. Are there any frameworks or principles in place whereby AusAID will cease funding Afghanistan if this agreement is not honoured?</p> <p>3. If abuses against women were to increase does the Government have a set cut-off point for funding?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

30		Senator Fawcett	Afghanistan-David Savage	<p><b>1. In March this year David Savage sustained injuries as a result of a suicide bomb attack when he was working as an Adviser to AusAID. Was a review announced in light of the attack?</b></p> <p><b>2. If so what is the current status of that review?</b></p> <p><b>3. Given our troop withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2013, can the Government guarantee the safety of our aid workers after that period?</b></p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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31		Senator Milne	Afghanistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia will contribute \$US100 million annually for three years from 2015 as part of an international effort to sustain armed forces in Afghanistan. Is this funding part of ODA or ODA-eligible? Who will deliver this funding?</li> <li>• Does the funding contribute to reaching the Government's ODA target of 0.5% of GNI, which now won't be reached until 2016-17?</li> <li>• Please provide detail about how the trust fund arrangement will work. What reporting back to the Parliament will there be on these funds and how they have been spent?</li> <li>• Please provide an annual breakdown of the security protection costs for AusAID operations in Afghanistan since AusAID established a presence. Who provides this protection?</li> <li>• Please provide a detailed list, location and costs of projects funded by AusAID so far, as well as information on projects currently underway.</li> <li>• What projects have been sanctioned but have yet to start?</li> <li>• From the AusAID database, please provide details of the annual ODA-eligible expenditure in Afghanistan by Other Government Departments so far.</li> <li>• What is the reason for the sharp increase of the budget estimate for Afghanistan in 2011-12 of \$165.1 million to an expected outcome of \$204.1 million?</li> <li>• What is the average annual cost of deploying an A-based (Australian based) AusAID officer to Afghanistan? How many A-based officers are currently deployed in Afghanistan?</li> <li>• How many Australian Civilian Corps volunteers are currently deployed in Afghanistan and what is the average annual cost of deployment?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
32		Senator Kroger	Afghanistan	In Afghanistan, when did the Mala Lia Girls School open?	p.54	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

33		Senator Rhiannon	Afghanistan	In relation to Afghanistan, which programs will the 2012-13 budget go to? I am interested in new projects which are planned, projects which are ongoing and projects which have been finalised. I would like to know what they are and how much has been allocated for them.	P.55	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
34		Senator Kroger	Pakistan-UNICEF schools program	<p>1. An article in the Canberra Times in April reported that AusAID funds were part of an estimated US\$4million stolen from UNICEF schools program in Pakistan. How much AusAID funding was stolen?</p> <p>2. Has the Australian government made attempts to recover the money and/or bring the perpetrators to justice?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
35		Senator Ronaldson	Letter to Shurat HaDin	Did that letter [from AusAID to Shurat HaDin on 28 February] refer to inquiries being made on the back of due diligence of public registers which are available?	P.44	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
36		Senator Kroger	UAWC	You talked about the corporate governance structure, how many boards does the UAWC have?	P.47	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
37		Senator Ronaldson	UAWC	Can you provide [a list of] all organisations who provided written input into the phase 1 inquiry in to the UAWC?	P.48	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
38		Senator Fawcett	NGOs	Can the Government provide a breakdown of all NGO's which will be receiving funding in 2012/13?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

39		Senator Eggleston	Australia civilian corps	<p>a. How many of the people in the Australia civilian corps are public servants? Can you provide a breakdown of that kind? (p.60)</p> <p>b. What are their professional backgrounds in general? (p.60)</p> <p>c. How much are ACC deployees paid and do they get a daily allowance? If so, how much? (p.60)</p>	P.60	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
40		Senator Eggleston	Australia Civilian Corps	<p>a. Can you confirm that the Australia Civilian Corps stayed at the Grand Papua Hotel in Port Moresby when they arrived in PNG? (p.60)</p> <p>b. If so, can you also provide the type of room and whether there was an additional cost to the ACC to access the executive lounge and, if so, the total cost? (p.60)</p>	P.60	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
41		Senator Eggleston	Australia Civilian Corps	In relation to the ACC, what is the cost of administration compared to the cost of deployment? Can you provide ratio figures?	P.61	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
42		Senator Xenophon	Scholarships in East Timor	<p>In relation to Scholarships in East Timor,</p> <p>a. How much does each student cost?</p> <p>b. How is this cost arrived at?</p> <p>c. Can you itemise that cost?</p> <p>d. How does AusAID monitor and enforces the policies of returning students to their home countries?</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> How many East Timorese students would have been undertaking full-time study in the last calendar year? Perhaps you could take this on notice. How many have undertaken part-time or full-time studies, and what is the cost involved?</p>	P.13	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

43		Senator Kroger	Climate change projects	<p>1. How much funding was allocated to climate change initiatives in the financial year 2010-11?</p> <p>2. At additional estimates, AusAID provided information that \$13.8 million was spent on the Indonesia-Australia Carbon Partnership in 2011-12. Could you please provide a further break-down of how these funds were spent? What were the objectives for this funding? What results have been achieved?</p> <p>3. At additional estimates, AusAID provided information that approximately \$1 million was spent on the PNG-Australia Carbon Partnership in 2011-12. Could you please provide a further break-down of how these funds were spent? What were the objectives for this funding? What results have been achieved? Why was considerably less spent on this partnership in 2011-12 compared with the Indonesia partnership?</p> <p>4. What is the estimated expenditure on climate change specific projects in the financial year 2012-13? Could you please provide a breakdown of these projects and how much funding has been allocated to each?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
44		Senator Kroger	Climate Change	I understand [the funding for the Pacific Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning Program] comes out of the AusAID budget.	p.27	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

45		Senator Milne	Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Copenhagen Accord notes developed countries' commitment to providing developing countries with USD \$30 billion of fast-start finance for the 2010-2012 period. Can AusAID confirm that \$219m of Australia's second year fast-start finance will not be spent until June 2013, despite Australia's commitment that it would be spent this year?</li> <li>• Is the fast-start finance additional to the ODA budget? If it is part of the ODA budget, why is it not 'new and additional' funding, separate from Australia's ODA commitment, as agreed by the international community? What is AusAID's interpretation of 'new and additional' funding?</li> <li>• Next year there will be an additional \$300m in the ODA budget despite the extension by a year of reaching the 0.5% target - is the \$219m of the fast-start finance that is still to be spent part of that additional \$300m?</li> <li>• Please specify the breakdown of climate related ODA.</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
46		Senator Rhiannon	Women in rural areas	<p>My question is picking up on the sustainable economic development food security policy document that came out last November. How will AusAID provide this disaggregated data for the public to better understand the impact of AusAID's work on women in rural areas?</p>	p.61	27/7/2012	23/8/2012



47		Senator Rhiannon	Family planning	<p>a. What percentage of the health budget does family planning comprises?</p> <p>b. Are we on track on spending on sexual and reproductive health compared to Australia's commitment under the International Conference on Population and Development? That is where donor countries made a commitment to allocate four per cent of ODA to population activities. Are we on track there?</p> <p>c. Confirm whether any of the family planning programs that AusAID fund promote abstinence or the Billings method be considered as family planning?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice whether any of the programs that you are funding run such programs? (p. 21)</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take that on notice, to ask the question again—I was interested in the evidence base for the decision—about the fact that family planning has not been included in the Comprehensive Aid Policy Framework. What was the evidence base for making that decision, please? (p. 21)</p>	P.20	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
48		Senator Rhiannon	Family planning	In 2012-13, what is Australia's contribution to the Global Program to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security	P22	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
49		Senator Madigan	Maternal and infant health	<p>Maternal and infant death is still a major concern in many developing countries.</p> <p>a. How much money is provided for assistance in pre-natal and post-natal support?</p> <p>b. Please provide details of programs and organisations funded including the amount of money for each grant and details of the projects funded.</p> <p>c. Please provide details of such programs in the Asia</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

50		Senator Madigan	Maternal and infant health	<p>In relation to pre-natal and postnatal care:</p> <p>a. What is the Departments assessment of the level of unmet need in prenatal and post-natal support in the Asia/Pacific area?</p> <p>b. What is the Department's assessment of the additional need to significantly improve outcomes in this area?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
51		Senator Madigan	Reproductive health	<p>What level of support was provided to the International Planned Parenthood Federation? Which specific IPPF programs were supported by AusAID? How many of these programs provided abortion services? What percentage of funds was directed to abortions services?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
52		Senator Madigan	Reproductive health	<p>Please detail all new funding allocations to population/reproductive health programs in the Asia/Pacific region, including the amount of the allocation, which organisation has received the allocation and details on how this funding will be spent.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
53		Senator Rhiannon	Food security	<p>With respect to the G8 L'Aquila pledge on food security,</p> <p>a. How is AusAID tracking our spending against this pledge and can you provide details of the expenditure for the most recent financial year that you have?</p> <p>b. Can you provide the name of the two programs and the details about the money and how it is being handled?</p>	p.61	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
54		Senator Rhiannon	Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights	<p>What input does AusAID have into the government's plans on joining the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights?</p>	p.19	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

55		Senator Eggleston	Consultancies	<p>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.</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
56		Senator Fawcett	Contract to foreign firms	For the contract that have been let to foreign firms, what percentage of the work force involved in the delivery and oversight have been Australian citizens?	P.6	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

57		Senator Eggleston	<p><b>Contractors</b></p> <p><b>For this financial year to date:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>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></li> <li>• <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).</b></li> <li>• <b>Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</b></li> <li>• <b>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 undertaken and the cost).</b></li> <li>• <b>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).</b></li> <li>• <b>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).</b></li> <li>• <b>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).</b></li> <li>• <b>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).</b></li> <li>• <b>Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</b></li> <li>• <b>What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</b></li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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58		Senator Eggleston	Legal costs	<p>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>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>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>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	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
59		Senator Eggleston	Board Appointments	<p>List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

60		Senator Eggleston	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Reviews are being undertaken?</li> <li>• What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded</li> <li>• Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>• When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>• What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</li> <li>• What reviews are planned?</li> <li>• When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
61		Senator Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>• What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

62		Senator Eggleston	Education expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>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	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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63		Senator Eggleston	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3. 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>4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>b) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) The location used</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>7. Please provide <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>b. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location incurred to use the location</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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64		Senator Eggleston	Staffing	<p>How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
65		Senator Eggleston	Staffing	Provide details of what staffing changes have occurred in each department/agency from the 2012-13 Budget. 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	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
66		Senator Eggleston	Staffing	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency in the years this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions.	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
67		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	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
68		Senator Eggleston	Staffing	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
69		Senator Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

70		Senator Eggleston	Information for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Australian Greens? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?</li> <li>• What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each work produced.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>Does the department/agency provide any information and/or undertake any requests for the Independents? If yes, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is such work and/or information requests commissioned?</li> <li>• What work/information requests have been undertaken? Provide details, including who the work/information was for and a copy of each work produced.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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71		Senator Eggleston	Provision of Equipment	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
72		Senator Eggleston	Stationery requirements	<p>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>What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

73		Senator Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>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.</p> <p>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.<sup>7</sup></p> <p>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.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
74		Senator Eggleston	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

75		Senator Eggleston	Freedom of Infomation	<p>Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
76		Senator Kroger	Domestic lobbying	<p>1. How much funding was diverted to raising awareness or lobbying activities within Australia in the financial year 2011-12?</p> <p>2. Are organisations in receipt of AusAID funding allowed to use this funding to lobby for increased funding for AusAID?</p> <p>3. If this is not allowed, how does that reconcile with the vocal and high-profile campaign for an increase in the aid budget to 0.5% of GNI?</p> <p>4. How does AusAID prevent development organisations from using AusAID funding to support this lobbying?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

77		Senator Eggleston	Government Advertising	<p>What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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78		Senator Eggleston	Media Monitoring	<p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>• What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12?</li> <li>• What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>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?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>• What is the estimated budget to provide these same services for the year 2011-12?</li> <li>• What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
79		Senator Eggleston	Social Media	<p>Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

80		Senator Eggleston	Government payments of accounts	<p><b>Media Subscriptions</b>  <b>Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</b>  • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.  • 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)?</b>  • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.  • What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p><b>Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</b>  • If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.  • What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
81		Senator Eggleston	Media Training	<p><b>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3. 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>4. The names of all service providers engaged  For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> </ol> </li> <li>5 The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>b) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The location used</li> <li>ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</li> <li>iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012



82		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	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
83		Senator Madigan	Green Book	Can AusAID please advise of the production schedule for the Statistical Summaries (the 'Green Book') for 2009-10 and 2010-11?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
84		Senator Madigan	Green Book	<p>1. In the absence of any up to date information from the non-publication of the 'Green Book' for 2009-10 and 2010-11:</p> <p>a) Can AusAID details of the level of support from AusAID in the following areas: Population Policy and Administrative Management</p> <p>b) Reproductive Health Care</p> <p>c) Family Planning</p> <p>d) STD Control including HIV/AIDS</p> <p>2. What percentage of this expenditure was directed to agencies that provide abortion services?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
85		Senator Eggleston	Corporate Cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <p>How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio?</p> <p>Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
86		Senator Eggleston	Credit Cards	<p>Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>• How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>• What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>• Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>• What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

87		Senator Eggleston	Discretionary Grants	<p>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>Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
88		Senator Eggleston	Electricity Purchasing	<p>Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.</p> <p>What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
89		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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</li> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

90		Senator Eggleston	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p><b>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</b></p> <p><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.</b></p> <p><b>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</b></p> <p><b>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</b></p> <p><b>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</b></p> <p><b>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</b></p> <p><b>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</b></p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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91		Senator Kroger	Official hospitality	<p>Background: A list of AusAID's official hospitality between July 1, 2011 and 29 February, 2012, was provided following additional estimates.</p> <p>1. On January 4, there was a United Nations function in New York for more than 100 people. The cost was recorded at \$9802. Can you please expand on the purpose of this event?</p> <p>2. Which UN representatives were in attendance?</p> <p>3. Was the function related to Australia's UNSC bid?</p> <p>4. Part of the stated purpose for the function was the ``official launch of Australia's new Humanitarian Action Policy''. What is this policy?</p> <p>5. Is the policy still in place?</p> <p>6. If so, is there a reduced budget for the policy's implementation since cuts were announced in the May budget?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
92		Senator Eggleston	Shredders	<p>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.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
93		Senator Eggleston	Taxi Costs	<p>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.</p> <p>What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

94		Senator Eggleston	Travel Costs	<p><b>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).</b></p> <p><b>For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</b></p> <p><b>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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95		Senator Kroger	Audits of partner organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which NGO partners were audited by AusAID this financial year (2011-12)?</li> <li>2. Which NGO partners does AusAID intend to audit next financial year (2012-13)?</li> <li>3. Which multilateral organisations that receive AusAID funding were audited this financial year (2011-12)?</li> <li>4. Which multilateral organisations that receive AusAID funding does AusAID intend to audit next financial year (2012-13)?</li> <li>5. Which universities that receive AusAID funding were audited this financial year (2012-13)?</li> <li>6. Which universities that receive AusAID funding does AusAID intend to audit next year?</li> <li>7. How does AusAID decide on the program for auditing NGOs, multilateral organisations and universities in the upcoming financial year (2012-13)?</li> <li>8. When does AusAID decide which NGOs, multilateral organisations and universities will be audited in the upcoming financial year (2012-13)?</li> <li>9. When are the NGOs, multilateral organisations and universities that will be audited notified by AusAID?</li> <li>10. Have any NGOs, multilateral organisations and universities refused to participate in an AusAID audit in the past five financial years, including this year (2011-12)? If so, which organisation(s)?</li> <li>11. What would be the consequences of an NGO, multilateral organisation or university refusing to fully co-operate with an AusAID audit?</li> <li>12. When the audit reports are completed, who is this most senior officer within AusAID who receives and reads them?</li> <li>13. Are the audit reports publicly available?</li> </ol>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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96		Senator Kroger	Independent Evaluation Committee	<p>1. What are the remuneration rates for each of the Independent Evaluation Committee's three members?</p> <p>2. What is the budget for the Independent Evaluation Committee for the financial year 2012-13?</p> <p>3. Have key performance indicators been determined for the Independent Evaluation Committee? How will the effectiveness of the committee be assessed?</p> <p>4. How will the committee report its findings and to who? Will these findings be publicly available?</p> <p>5. Will the committee review programs managed by the Department of Climate Change and funded from AusAID appropriations?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
97		Senator Kroger	Independent Evaluation Committee	<p>a. Could you advise when you made that appointment decision of Mr Jim Adams, to the Independent Evaluation Committee?</p> <p>b. What are remuneration packages of the board of the Independent Evaluation Committee?</p>	pp. 16, 18	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
98		Senator Rhiannon	Education Budget	<p>a. 12/13 budget papers refer to estimated spending in 2012-13 of \$630 million for education, and \$350 million for scholarships. Therefore, is total aid for education in 2012-13 equal to \$980 million?</p> <p>b. What proportion of education aid in 2012-13 is for basic education?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

99		Senator Rhiannon	Reproductive Health	<p>a. The theme of the 2012 United Nations Commission on Population and Development was ‘Adolescents and Youth’. Australia’s statement to the Commission in April 2012 , said that “Australia recognises that young people in developing countries face a disproportionate burden of poor sexual and reproductive outcomes... It is critical that adolescents receive reliable and age appropriate information related to sex, sexuality and gender. Without access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and services, young people—especially girls—are more vulnerable to reproductive and sexual health problems”. What does AusAID intend to do about implementing these commitments?</p> <p>b. How is AusAID addressing the sexual and reproductive health and rights needs of young people?</p> <p>c. Does AusAID believe that UNFPA is committed to implementing the ICPD (International Conference on Population and Development) Programme of Action in full, or is it becoming more conservative in its approaches?</p> <p>d. Given that almost 70,000 women die every year from unsafe abortion, and that this represents a major and increasing cause of overall maternal mortality, is AusAID concerned that the ICPD does not acknowledge the need to ensure safe and legal abortion?</p> <p>e. Is AusAID concerned that the UNFPA does not appear to be advocating for safe abortion to be part of the ICPD? For example, I note that the recently appointed deputy Executive Director of the UNFPA, Kate Gilmore, has previously stated when she was Amnesty Director (in this interview) that “it is certainly not the case that Amnesty International is arguing here for a right to abortion, even for the victim of rape.” I believe that Amnesty has now changed its position, however Ms Gilmore does not appear to have ever spoken publicly about the importance of safe and legal abortion.</p> <p>f. Will AusAID advocate that safe and legal abortion is included in the agenda for ICPD beyond 2014?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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100		Senator Rhiannon	TB and HIV	<p>a. Many of the examples given of AusAID funded projects which integrate TB/HIV testing only mention testing TB patients for HIV (Burma 3 Diseases Fund being the exception). In AusAID's bilateral programs particularly, what percentage of HIV patients are being tested for TB, as is the recommendation of the World Health Organisation?</p> <p>b. Given that TB is arguable a greater health burden in the Asia-Pacific region than HIV/AIDS, would AusAID consider developing a strategy to tackle TB and MDR-TB similar to the HIV strategy mentioned 'Intensifying the Response: Halting the spread of HIV'?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
101		Senator Rhiannon	Financial Services for the Poor	<p>a. What is the estimated value of aid for microfinance and financial inclusion in 2011-12 and 2012-13?</p> <p>b. Has the Government started a review of implementation and impacts of its strategy, Financial Services for the Poor?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
102		Senator Rhiannon	Comprehensive aid policy framework	<p>Comprehensive aid policy framework: How is AusAID ensuring, through its results framework and other policies, support for rights-based approaches to development, particularly given the strong evidence of success that rights-based development has achieved in improving women's access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as helping to reduce child marriage, get girls into school etc?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
103		Senator Rhiannon	Food security	<p>The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Olivier DeSchutter, has been a vocal advocate for the role of agroecology, whose low input, low cost, and high knowledge approach is arguably advantageous to sustainable production increases by smallholders.</p> <p>a. What is AusAID doing to support research into Agroecological methods?</p> <p>b. How is AusAID supporting smallholder farmers to employ agroecological techniques as recommended by the UN Special Rapporteur amongst others?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

104		Senator Rhiannon	Budget Africa and Latin America	<p>In the budget papers Africa and Latin America are treated by regions, not broken down by country</p> <p>Can you please provide the per country breakdown of aid funding for Africa and Latin America?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
105		Senator Rhiannon	Mining for Development Initiative: Australian Africa Partnerships Facility	<p>The Australian Africa Partnerships Facility describes itself as "facilitating relationships and development cooperation between the Australian and African governments and institutions". Apart from Cardno who have been contracted to manage the Facility, will any other Australian mining or associated companies derive financial benefit from the AAFP?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
106		Senator Rhiannon	Violence against women	<p>In the budget statement on international development assistance for 12/13, the statement states that cross regional programs on gender focus on women's economic empowerment, women's leadership and peace building and ending violence against women. It states that its focus will be in countries with the most severe gender gaps and constraints, mostly in Asia and Pacific. Aust investment will among other objectives increase the number of women survivors of violence receiving support services such as counselling.</p> <p>a. What is the total allocation to ending violence against women in Asia and Pacific?</p> <p>b. Can the government provide the breakdown of violence against women by country?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

107		Senator Rhiannon	Mining for Development	<p>1. A project mentioned on AusAID's Mining for Development Initiative web page is "research with the Minerals Council of Australia to examine the extent to which mining land use agreements facilitate sustainable development outcomes for women and their households"</p> <p>On what basis is the Mineral Council of Australia chosen for this project?</p> <p>a. What experience does the MCA have in implementing projects related to sustainable development outcomes for women and their households?</p> <p>2. Did AusAID put this project out to tender or seek other joint partners?</p> <p>3. Did AusAID consider any research institutes or other organisations that focus more directly on empowering women and the impact of mining on women's livelihoods and food security?</p> <p>4. What is the scope and budget for this project?</p> <p>5. How much money is flowing to the MCA through this project?</p> <p>6. Did AusAID or MCA initiate this project?</p> <p>7. Can AusAID table the project documentation and any contracts related to this project?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
108		Senator Kroger	UN Women	<p>a) When next year will Australia take up a seat on the UN Women executive board?</p> <p>b) How did we secure that seat?</p> <p>c) What are the costs associated with occupying that seat?</p> <p>d) Who will be Australia's representative?</p> <p>e) What issues does Australia intend to pursue through the board?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

109		Senator Rhiannon	NGO funding	<p>What is the budget for NGO funding in recent years and estimates for the coming 4 years under the following categories:</p> <p>a. ANCP</p> <p>b. Country programs</p> <p>c. Other funding</p> <p>d. Emergency funding</p> <p>e. Volunteer programs</p> <p>f. Community engagement and development research</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
110		Senator Rhiannon	TB in PNG	<p>The upgrades at Daru Hospital appear to be first rate. However, a significant gap still remains in accessibility to services for those in the remote villages.</p> <p>a. What is AusAID doing to identify the needs of the population in remote villages and provide a service they can access?</p> <p>b. How will AusAID ensure that TB is being appropriately monitored in remote villages, and that patients are receiving adequate follow up from clinic staff?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
111		Senator Rhiannon	Annual fieldworkers workshop of the Vanuatu Cultural Centre	<p>a. Why has AusAID stopped stand-alone funding for the annual fieldworkers workshop of the Vanuatu Cultural Centre, instead preferring that the funding has to come from the Mama Graon project?</p> <p>b. Is AusAID aware that refusal to provide stand-alone funding has meant that the workshop could not be held last year for the first time in 30 years?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

112		Senator Rhiannon	Climate Change funding	<p>In the Fifth National Communication under the UNFCCC submitted on 2 February 2010, the Australian government cited a range of activities as meeting its financial obligations under the Convention. A number of these activities are also listed as part of Australian ODA in Budget Statements.</p> <p>a. Does the government acknowledge that this is double counting of ODA as this money is also meeting UNFCCC obligations?</p> <p>b. Is there any intention for Australian aid-funded REDD projects to provide carbon offset credits that can be used by Australian companies either voluntarily or as part of compliance requirements in an Australian emissions trading scheme?</p> <p>c. Does the Australian government intend to gain income from the sale of REDD carbon offset credits on international carbon markets?</p> <p>d. Is there any intention that the institutions developed as part of the REDD pilot programs will contribute to the production of carbon credits for the emissions reduction requirements of Australian companies or the Australian government?</p>	Written	30/7/2012	23/8/2012
113		Senator Rhiannon	The Green Economy	The upcoming Rio+20 summit on sustainable development has a focus on the “Green Economy”. What is the Australian Government/AusAID’s understanding of ‘The Green Economy’, as it applies to development?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
114		Senator Rhiannon	Asian Development Bank	There is a big increase in funding to the ADB. The 2012/13 budget allocated an additional \$83.1 million to the ADB through their concessional lending arm the Asian Development Fund (ADF). Treasury says a proportion of this funding is “conditional on the Asian Development Bank (ADB) implementing operational and management reforms”. What reforms are AusAID requiring of the ADB?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
115		Senator Rhiannon	Multilateral Funding	Could AusAID please provide the planned core and non-core funding for each multilateral for the coming year? For the previous year (11/12)	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
116		Senator Rhiannon		Does the Australian Defence Force every contract out security for AusAID workers to private operators or would that be AusAID’s decision?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

117		Senator Rhiannon	Afghanistan	<p>1. Which programs in Afghanistan, funded by ODA, have been evaluated by the International Security Assistance force</p> <p>a. Has the Tarin Kot Boys School been evaluated? What were the findings?</p> <p>b. Has the Tarin Kot Hospital been evaluated? What were the findings?</p> <p>c. Has the Dorofshan Basic Health Centre or the Miribad Basic Health Centre been evaluated? What were the findings?</p> <p>2. Can these evaluations be made public? If not, on what basis are they kept confidential?</p>	Written	30/7/2012	23/8/2012
118		Senator Rhiannon	Afghanistan – Violence Against Women work	<p>a. The Government recently announced \$300m per year for 3 years from 2015 in development assistance to Afghanistan What role will AusAID play in building protection for women in Afghanistan?</p> <p>b. Violence is an ongoing cause and symptom of exclusion and oppression of women and denial of women’s rights in Afghanistan – will AusAID be contributing to specific programmes designed to address violence against women?</p> <p>c. Specifically, does AusAID plan to invest any of the proposed \$300m per year the PM announced on supporting implementation of the Afghan governments National Action Plan on UNSC resolution 1325?</p>	Written	31/7/2012	23/8/2012
119		Senator Rhiannon	Aliceghan	<p>Can you please provide background information on the Aliceghan housing project in Afghanistan?</p> <p>a. What is the status of this project?</p> <p>b. What has been the total cost of the project as compared to the project estimate</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

120		Senator Rhiannon	Mekong River Dams	<p>In AusAID answers to questions Senator Rhiannon put on notice in February 2012 session of estimates, AusAID notes: “Australian Government intends to review the effectiveness of the PNPCA process and has commenced discussions with the MRC Secretariat, representatives from MRC member governments, and civil society representatives regarding the best way to undertake such a review.”</p> <p>a. Can you please provide an update on the status of the intended review of PNPCA process? Have the objectives, timeframe, scope and process of the review been decided upon? And if so when will they be made publicly available?</p> <p>b. In what ways will the PNPCA review process provide an opportunity for the participation of local civil society and interested stakeholders? Can you please elaborate which civil society representatives have been consulted to date?</p> <p>c. What measures will be taken to help ensure that the review findings will contribute to improving the PNPCA process?</p> <p>d. Will the findings of the PNPCA review be made publicly available?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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121		Senator Rhiannon	Mekong River Dams	<p>In AusAID answers to questions Senator Rhiannon put on notice in February 2012 session of estimates, AusAID notes: that PNPCA helped facilitate more inclusive deliberations; but Aust govt believes that process could be strengthened in several areas e.g. “more timely and full dissemination of environmental and social impact assessments; more extensive public consultation processes; and an enhanced level of transparency of the process as a whole”</p> <p>a. In addition to review of PNPCA process, what measures is the Australian Government taking or plan to take to support the strengthening of PNPCA process? That is, what steps are being taken to help ensure that PNPCA will include:</p> <p>b. More timely and full dissemination of environmental and social impact assessments</p> <p>c. More extensive public consultation processes within the host country and in neighbouring countries.</p> <p>d. Enhanced level of transparency of the process</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
122			Mekong River Dams	<p>The 2012-13 aid budget notes that “A new phase of assistance to the Mekong River Commission will continue to strengthen the capacity of this organisation during a crucial time. This will include helping discussions over the development of the mainstream of Mekong River, and particularly discussions of hydropower dams.” (p.55-56):</p> <p>Can you outline how much Australia will contribute as part of “new phase of assistance to the Mekong River Commission [MRC]”; and to which MRC programs and activities Australia will contribute.</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012



123		Senator Rhiannon	Mekong River Dams	<p>Australian Mekong Water Resources Development Cooperation Report 2010 (p.7) notes that “AusAID has negotiated a funding agreement for \$5.5 million with the CPWF to augment its Mekong program with fellowships, more research and scaled-up policy engagement activities.”</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of existing and planned activities, including amounts, which is being supported through \$5.5 million AusAID-CWPF funding agreement?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
124		Senator Rhiannon	Xayaburi Dam	<p>a. Has Australia considered commissioning a transboundary environmental impact assessment on the Xayaburi Dam?</p> <p>b. Has Australia considered assisting the MRC member countries to organize further public consultation on the Xayaburi Dam, either through financial support or technical assistance, especially as Australia has admitted to concern regarding the lack of transparency and inclusiveness of decision-making over water resources in the region?</p> <p>c. Given the experience with the Xayaburi Dam, how will Australia ensure that a review, and necessary reform, of the MRC’s PNPCA process takes place before any other mainstream dams initiate these procedures?</p> <p>d. If the process is not reformed, will Australia continue to fund the MRC’s PNPCA process?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
125		Senator Rhiannon	Xayaburi Dam	<p>At the December 2011 ministerial meeting of the Mekong River Commission, the governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam agreed to conduct “further study” on the impacts of the proposed Mekong Mainstream Dams.</p> <p>a. Has Australia given any further consideration into funding the MRC’s Mekong mainstream dams study?</p> <p>b. If so, under what conditions will Australia provide financial and technical support for the study?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
126		Senator Rhiannon	Xayaburi Dam	<p>In April, 2012 the Xayaburi Dam’s main builder, Ch. Karnchang, announced that construction on the Xayaburi Dam had commenced. Rapid blasting is believed to start next month. As these construction activities could potentially harm the sustainability of the Mekong River, has Australia been monitoring construction activities?</p> <p>b. Has Australia requested clarification from Laos regarding what construction activities have been permitted at the dam site?</p> <p>c. Has the MRC agreed to what degree of harm to the Mekong River is allowed to undergo before it’s clear that the 1995 Mekong Agreement has been violated?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

127		Senator Rhiannon	Green Book	<p>AusAID's statistical Summary (the 'Green Book') is supposed to be an annual publication.</p> <p>a. What is the publication schedule for statistical information 2009/10 and 2010/11?</p> <p>b. What is the reason for delay?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
128		Senator Rhiannon	Whole of Government ODA	<p>a. How have these [whole of government] agencies aligned with the new aid purpose to elevate helping people overcome poverty above serving Australia's national interest?</p> <p>b. Could AusAID please provide specific numbers of aid going to other government departments?</p> <p>c. For other government departments, could AusAID please provide the funding figures for each country rather than just a total for other government departments under each country?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
129		Senator Rhiannon	Delay of 0.5% by 2015:	<p>a. What is the new scale up of aid per year? Please provide the per year aid commitments.</p> <p>b. The GNI ratio is difficult to track. Bob Carr's media release on budget said there would be an extra \$315 million allocated for this year. Is this new money or is it just a numerical anomaly because of the increase in GNI?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
130		Senator Rhiannon	Budget	Could AusAID please provide the numbers for each of the bars in diagram 4 on p107 of the budget statement by Senator Bob Carr of 8 May 2012?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
131		Senator Rhiannon	Budget	Could AusAID please provide the planned share of AusAID funding for each strategic goal up to 15/16?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
132		Senator Rhiannon	Budget	Could AusAID please provide the planned sectoral spending totals for the budget year for each country, similar to what AusAID provides for the new country web pages?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

133		Senator Rhiannon	Budget	Could AusAID please provide the planned funding totals for each country for each of the next four years?	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
134		Senator Rhiannon	Parallel financing	<p>a. Is any data available for the 2011/12 year on parallel financing?</p> <p>b. Which of the AusAID projects fall into the parallel financing category?</p> <p>c. If no specific information is able to be given, why and are there any plans to provide more specific information on parallel financing?</p>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
135		Senator Rhiannon	Africa Mining Vision	<p><b>Ms Rauter:</b> Are you asking for a copy of the Africa Mining Vision?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes. The link on the AusAID website is broken.</p> <p><b>Ms Rauter:</b> Yes, we can provide a copy of that.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you outline the relationship between AusAID, AAPF and Cardno, which I understand is the company that has been contracted to undertake work in this area?</p> <p><b>Ms Rauter:</b> Cardno is our managing contractor for the Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility, so Cardno arranges for us or tenders for the study tours or capacity building or technical assistance that we provide under that facility.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you provide the contract document between Cardno and AusAID? I just could not find it on the AusTender website.</p> <p><b>Ms Rauter:</b> Yes, we can provide that.</p>	p. 58	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
136		Senator Rhiannon	Aid effectiveness mechanisms	<p>1. The budget is funding a number of new and existing ‘aid effectiveness’ institutions, including the Annual Review of Aid Effectiveness, Independent Evaluation Committee and the Office of Development Effectiveness as part of its “An Effective Aid Program for Australia” work. However, in the budget papers there is no new funding for these bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where has funding for aid effectiveness been diverted from?</li> <li>• Will people in donor countries - or the civil society orgs that represent them - have access to the accountability or other aid effectiveness mechanisms?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012

137		Senator Rhiannon	Budget	<p>There are inconsistent figures in the budget papers for the reporting of humanitarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is humanitarian aid spending in 12/13 and over the next 4 years?</li> </ul>	Written	27/7/2012	23/8/2012
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