Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—BUDGET ESTIMATES, 6 June 2013

AusAID

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1.	AusAID	Kroger	Bullying – staff relocated	Mr Baxter: In the current financial year, there have been 15 cases where people have made a complaint in relation to bullying and harassment. Of those 15, 11 cases have been resolved informally. That may be, for instance, a case where somebody's communication style has been seen as overbearing by a group of staff. When that issue has been brought to the officer's attention, they have quickly changed their behaviour in response to that. As I said in my statement, best practice in the Public Service is, in the first instance, to seek to resolve these cases informally through dialogue in the workplace. We have a network of what are known as workplace harassment officers in every division in the organisation. We have information available to all staff on our intranet on how to deal with claims of bullying and harassment, including both the informal and formal steps that staff are able to avail themselves of. As at this year, there have only been, as I mentioned in my opening statement, four cases accepted by Comcare relating to bullying and harassment. They are cases that have gone through a formal process since 2007, which is, of course, less than one per year. Senator KROGER: You say that issues could be resolved informally. Does that include relocation of the individual who has made the complaint in relation to bullying? Mr Baxter: It can include a range of things, but I am sure that is one of the options considered. Senator KROGER: Of those 11 cases, were any of those relocated to other offices?	61 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
2.	AusAID	Kroger	Bullying – staff levels	Senator KROGER: Thank you very much. Also take on notice what action has been taken against each of those individuals. Of the 15 complaints, are they against an officer at that level? What action has been taken against those officers? For instance, were they demoted, dismissed or counselled—whatever the action was? Mr Baxter: Sure. I should emphasise that while informal resolution is the preferred and recommended first step, that is only the case if the staff member who has raised the concern agrees with that.	62 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
3.	AusAID	Kroger	Staff- separation rates	Senator KROGER: Can you confirm for me that according to the AusAID workforce plan phase 2 published on the AusAID website it is only in the last year, 2011-12, that separation rates have fallen below the APS average? Is it not the case	63 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

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4.	AusAID	Kroger	Staff- diplomatic posting experience	that, in 2010-11, approximately 70 per cent of departing staff had been in the agency for less than three years? Mr Baxter: That sounds right. I would have to take that on notice to look at the figures. I think our overall separation rate is something that we are very pleased with. It verifies the results of our survey about high levels of job satisfaction within the agency. Senator KROGER: What proportion of senior managers, then, in AusAID have diplomatic posting experience? You talk about— Mr Baxter: Diplomatic posting experience or experience with AusAID? Senator KROGER: Experience in AusAID in posts overseas? Mr Baxter: I would have to take that on notice. I could not tell you off the top of my head.	65 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
5.	AusAID	Kroger	Posting experience	Senator KROGER: What proportion of senior managers at AusAID's posts overseas have had prior postings in junior roles? How many would go to a senior post overseas from here as opposed to being promoted up from a junior? Mr Baxter: A number of them would, but I would have to take that on notice. Senator KROGER: Could you give me that breakdown. Mr Baxter: Obviously that is related to the background of individual officers.	65 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
6.	AusAID	Kroger	ARF- employment of O based staff	Mr Baxter: We rated every adviser position in the world jointly with the governments that we are providing them to as high, medium and low. We discontinued the low. We made assessments of the medium. Then we set ourselves targets in terms of the reduction. We need to, of course, monitor very carefully that we are actually achieving those targets. Senator KROGER: Sure. So since the commencement of the ARF, how many expats, people employed overseas, have been employed on AusAID programs at an o-based staff level? Mr Baxter: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that with me. Senator KROGER: If you would. Mr Baxter: Certainly. Senator KROGER: I will put these on notice as well. I am interested in how many of them, if any—you mentioned a few before—would be remunerated at a higher level than what the ARF prescribes. You can see where I am coming from. A few years back, the issue was that we had a huge number of contractors on extraordinary packages— Mr Baxter: Absolutely. Senator KROGER: that were being remunerated in excess of what they should have been. Because of the scrutiny of that, you rightly instituted an ARF which	68 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				provided strict guidelines. I am interested in whether there has been a change in direction in terms of the employment and engagement of people in postings overseas but at higher levels to compensate for that.			
7.	AusAID	Eggleston	Staff – injured overseas	Senator EGGLESTON: I have one overview question in volunteer and community programs. I understand that 35 AusAID staff, including five ACC employees, suffered injuries overseas between 1 December 2007 and 2013. Four staff were medically evacuated to Australia at a total of \$611,792, including associated family member costs. Of the four staff who were medically evacuated to Australia between December 2007 and 2013, what country were they working in? Mr Baxter: Are you referring specifically to volunteers? Senator EGGLESTON: I only have them as employees, which suggests they might be your staff who were deployed to an area. Mr Baxter: As you would understand, we have a significant number of staff who are deployed overseas. There have been medical emergencies that have required staff to be medivaced. By definition, if you look at the disposition of our posts, they are usually in countries where medical facilities are significantly below the standard of care that people can expect in Australia if they have a medical emergency. As an example, I am aware of a staff member who was medically evacuated from East Timor in the last 12 months for a very serious medical problem. They were evacuated to Darwin. These problems have occurred in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We did answer a question on notice after the last estimates that I think was similar to this, but I would have to check our personnel records and get back to you with the details on notice. Senator EGGLESTON: Regrettably, I do not know what country they were in, but the questions were: what was the cause and extent of their injuries? When did the injuries occur? Mr Baxter: As I say, there is a variety of circumstances. Certainly in my period of time in AusAID, most of the cases have related to medical emergencies rather than accidents, though we have had a couple of accidents. We can get you the details of those four staff who were evacuated.	68 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
8.	AusAID	Eggleston	cost of advisers that	Senator KROGER: My question actually is—I was using that as an example because I realise we had talked about it in a different context once before—broader	69 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
			are deployed from multiple	than that. Are you able to give me a total figure of the cost of advisers that are deployed from multiple departments or agencies within Australia overseas? Is there			
			departments or agencies	one place I can go to get the cost of advisers that may have been not only sent by you but the department of health or wherever? Is that accounted for in each department? Is there not an oversight figure?			

				Mr Baxter: If you are asking about the personnel costs for deploying those people, they would be drawn from a range of sources. It would be dependent upon which particular organisation— Senator KROGER: The arrangement of the program. Mr Baxter: or program. Sometimes a good example is Indonesia. An officer from another public sector organisation may be seconded to AusAID for a period of a posting. Recently we had an officer from Geoscience Australia working in our joint disaster management facility in Jakarta because he had particular expertise that we needed. We were able to borrow him. He appeared on our books but was an officer of another organisation. But we can look at getting you that figure on notice.			
9.	AusAID	Madigan	Papua – increase in funding	Senator MADIGAN: That is not the question I asked. Has there been an increase to Papua in light of the increased aid to Indonesia announced in the budget? Mr Baxter: I would have to ask my colleague, Mr Brazier, to answer that. Mr Brazier: The size of our programs in the Papuan provinces was \$18.5 million in 2011-12. In line with the broader increase to the Indonesia bilateral program, there is likely to be an increase to the assistance reaching the Papuan provinces, but I would have to take on notice the exact figure.	70 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
10.	AusAID	Xenophon	Papua – causes of HIV	Senator XENOPHON: On notice, further to Senator Madigan's very pertinent line of questioning, will you be able to tell us whether there has been an assessment of the causes of why HIV is so prevalent in West Papua? Mr Brazier: I can confidently say that such an assessment would have taken place. I will take that on notice.	71 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
11.	AusAID	Xenophon	Papua – Factors relating to increase in HIV rates	Senator XENOPHON: So you are saying that is the cause in Papua for a greater rate of HIV infection than other parts of Indonesia? Mr Gilling: It is an incredibly complex system. High levels of men having sex with men and growing levels of exposure are one of the drivers of the growth in HIV, yes. Senator XENOPHON: In Papua? Mr Gilling: I have not seen specific studies on Papua. This was across the region. But I have heard it referred to in relation to Papua. Senator XENOPHON: In Papua, as Senator Madigan pointed out, the rates of HIV are dramatically higher. Are there any other factors? Further to my questions to Mr Brazier, were there any assessments that— Mr Gilling: I want to add one other thing. To the extent that it is consistent with Papua New Guinea as well, high rates of sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted infections predispose individuals to HIV infection. So there are a range of issues. But, in relation to Papua and the research that was undertaken to back up our program, I am afraid I do not have that detailed information to hand.	71 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				CHAIR: Mr Gilling, you can take some of that on notice and perhaps provide additional information to the committee.			
12.	AusAID	Madigan	Papuan provinces – health and education stats	Senator MADIGAN: Could you take on notice and provide the committee with what health and education statistics are available for the Papuan provinces? I would also like to know how much money is given to funding madrassas in Indonesia. Mr Brazier: I think the question you are asking relates to Islamic schools. Our education program in Indonesia is nationwide and supports the state system as well as private schools there. Islamic schools make up around 20 per cent of all schools in Indonesia. They provide a very important service to the country. The vast majority of Islamic schools in Indonesia teach the mainstream national curriculum. Our support for the Indonesian education sector is aimed at ensuring that the education offered by Islamic schools is in line with the mainstream national curriculum. Islamic schools that receive AusAID support for such things as extensions or the construction of classrooms are fully accredited. We ensure that they all are teaching this mainstream national curriculum and have no connections to any sort of agendas outside that mainstream. As for the specific figure for money flowing to the Islamic schools sector, I have to take that on notice.	71-72 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
13.	AusAID	Madigan	Papua – Human rights NGO funding	Senator MADIGAN: Does AusAID fund any human rights NGOs in Papua? Which ones are they? Mr Brazier: I will have to take on notice the specific question of whether we are funding at the moment human rights NGOs in Papua. I note that AusAID has for a number of years supported the national commission on human rights in Indonesia, which has taken an active interest in human rights issues across the nation, including in the Papuan provinces.	72 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
14.	AusAID	Madigan	East Timor Civil Service Commission – funding	Senator MADIGAN: How much funding, if any, has AusAID given to the East Timor Civil Service Commission? Mr Brazier: I will take that on notice. I know that we have supported them, but I am not sure of the sum involved. Senator MADIGAN: How much money, if any, is Australia spending to help East Timor set up its national audit court? Mr Brazier: The national audit court? Senator MADIGAN: Yes. Mr Brazier: Again, I will have to take that on notice. I know that the national audit court is slated to come into being in the near future, but I will have to take on notice the extent to which Austrade has supported that. Senator MADIGAN: I want to return to the Civil Service Commission. In 2010, the commission suspended, I believe, 363 officers who had not bothered, I believe, to	73 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				show up for work. Would you be able to take on notice if AusAID had taken any steps to recover the money that was wasted on that? Mr Brazier: Yes. I will take that on notice.			
15.	AusAID	Xenophon	Scholarships – post completion employment	Senator XENOPHON: It has been brought to my attention that one of these scholars was employed by AusAID at the Australian Defence Force School of Languages in Victoria in contravention of the policy that people should go back to their nations within that period. Are you familiar with that? Ms McKinnon: I am not aware of that case. As far as we are aware, 100 per cent of scholars return home at the end of their study. There are opportunities for Australian awardees to do work experience in relevant institutions—government or NGOs—while they are here. It may have been that, but I am not aware of an East Timorese scholar seeking to change his visa status, which is what that effectively does. Senator XENOPHON: Can you take that on notice? I want to try to confirm what the case is. The information that was given to me was quite specific that this person was actually employed by AusAID at the Australian Defence Force School of Languages. I am not sure which campus it is in Victoria.	74-75 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
16.	AusAID	Kroger	OECD DAC statistical reporting directives	Mr Wood: In short, the reporting directives we use come from the OECD development assistance committee. They are what we refer to as the DAC statistical reporting directives. They set out for all agencies across all areas of official development assistance what can and cannot be counted as official development assistance. We provide extracts of that and we provide relevant parts of that to all government agencies. We send the survey out along with something like a 50-page guidance booklet on what is covered under those OECD DAC statistical reporting directives. Senator KROGER: Are you able to table that six-monthly survey? Mr Wood: I have an example of the next one to go out, which we are sending out at the moment. I do not have the historical ones, but I am able to provide information on the current guidance material. Mr Baxter: We could provide you with the previous survey on notice.	81 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
17.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Mining for development- training	Mr Baxter: We can certainly point to a significant number of results in terms of the number of officials that have received training in different areas of the extractive industries under the initiative. One example is that we are currently training 1,000 mine inspectors from Indonesia. That is a really practical example of where the initiative will improve occupational health and safety standards. We have provided training to officials in areas of regulation relating to the environment and other areas. So there is a whole range of results that we have already achieved through the program.	82 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

18.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Mining for	Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice what you are doing in terms of how it sits with the MDGs, please? Mr Baxter: Absolutely. The fundamental point is that people lift themselves out of poverty when they get a job. If mining sectors in developing countries are run properly, the prospects of people gaining employment and using governments using revenue to create jobs obviously is increased. Senator RHIANNON: How much was spent on the mining for development	82 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
20.	11400112	2000000	development – conference costs	conference in Sydney? Mr Baxter: As the conference has only just been completed, we do not have all of that information. But I am happy to take it on notice.	02 (01 110 133)		
19.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Mining for development conference – travel costs	Senator RHIANNON: Continuing with the mining for development questions, were travel fees to the Mining for Development Conference for international civil society organisation delegates covered by AusAID? Mr Gilling: Not all of the 600 attendants were covered, but some of them were. We had a small budget to accommodate support for people who might otherwise find it difficult to get to the conference, and some of the civil society representatives were indeed supported. Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice how much was allocated and who was funded? Senator RHIANNON: And what organisation they were from. I understand that \$2 million may have been allocated to Revenue Watch. Is that the case? What process did they go through to win this \$2 million?	82 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
20.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Mining for development - CSOs	Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Has the \$22 million that I understand has been earmarked for the CSOs been open for grants? Mr Gilling: It is not open for grants, no. It is an earmarked indication, as you rightly say. The Prime Minister announced that intention. The Revenue Watch spending would have come out of that. I think we are still in the process of planning for how we might spend that, but it is certainly not a question of putting the intention out to the community to say, 'This is a grant, and please come one, come all.' Senator RHIANNON: So that was the \$22 million the Prime Minister announced when the initiative was first announced. Have any moneys been allocated apart from the \$1.3 million? Mr Gilling: It is one of these issues where it can be hard to draw a hard and fast line. Some of the work of the EITI and, indeed, some of the training activities are going to NGOs. I would have to take on notice the exact amount, but we have not issued any large grants beyond Revenue Watch. Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice what allocations have come out of	83 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				the \$22 million, who they have gone to and what for.			
21.	AusAID	Rhiannon	direct benefit	Senator RHIANNON: Thank you.	83 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
			to	On your website you have an infographic that has a bit of the pie chart of direct			
			communities –	benefit to communities. I think it comes in at about \$39 million. From the summary			
			breakdown	information it looks like this was just through the public sector linkages program and			
				that there has not been much local CSO support for the existing projects working on			
				mining related activities or in mine affected communities. I am trying to determine			
				what that \$39 million goes to when you say it is of direct benefit to communities.			
				Mr Gilling: I am afraid I do not have the break-down with me. I can take that on			
				notice. As I said earlier, I think you need to be cognisant of the fact that it is hard to			
				draw a line between a range of the activities we are doing. At the end of the day,			
				what the initiative is aiming to do is strengthen the impact of mining investments			
				that already exist for the poor of the countries we are working in. I think that, to			
				some extent, we are talking about a much broader engagement with the poor than			
				you are suggesting.			
22.	AusAID	Rhiannon	direct benefit	Senator RHIANNON: I was not actually suggesting anything. I was asking the	84 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
			to	question. To ask it in a different way: when somebody comes to your website, they			
			communities -	see the pie chart and the significant piece of the pie with the statement 'direct benefit			
			definition	to communities'. What should they assume? What would be an accurate assumption			
				for how that money is being spent?			
				Mr Gilling: I would have to take on notice the exact definition of that quantity.			
				Senator RHIANNON: If you need to take it on notice, has consideration been given			
				that the website should have more information on it?			
				Mr Gilling: That is a fair point to raise. I will certainly verify it with the staff.			
				Senator RHIANNON: It appears that under the pillar of 'direct benefits to			
				communities' all the commitments are associated with research, with little direct			
				benefit to communities coming through. That view that I formed in looking at your			
				material has been partly compounded by you indicating that the CSOs cannot			
				directly engage with this \$22 million. Is that a fair assumption? Should this			
				definition of 'benefits to communities' be placed under the 'regulation and			
				governance' pillar? I am trying to work out how you are defining things and if you			
				have them in the right place.			
				Mr Gilling: I understand the question, but I repeat that I do not have the information			
				to hand to clarify that. But it is a useful question to raise, and I will certainly ensure			
				that you have an answer for it.			
23.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Tax evasion –	Senator RHIANNON: Mr Baxter, can AusAID provide any estimate of the amount	87-88 (on	26/7/2013	14/11/13
			monies	of money developing countries have recovered from taking action against tax	notice)		

			recovered	evasion and tax avoidance activities as a result of assistance provided by AusAID?			
				Mr Baxter: I would have to take that on notice, but we are certainly aware that			
				some of the work that we have already completed under our Mining for			
				Development Initiative has resulted in governments being able to recover more tax			
				revenue from mining companies in their countries. There is one African country that			
				we have been working with under the Mining for Development program and that, as			
				a result of improvements in the tax revenue collection of that country as a direct			
				result of the training we have undertaken, has recovered the equivalent of half of its			
				annual education budget. So it is a pretty good example of the direct benefits of			
				helping countries have companies that are operating within their national boundaries			
				pay the correct amount of tax.			
				I would also just make a general comment that this whole issue of tax avoidance,			
				transfer pricing and ensuring that there is a lot more transparency around how			
				taxation revenue is collected from natural resource extraction is becoming a bigger			
				and bigger issue internationally. You are probably aware that we have our initiative.			
				The Canadians have started a similar initiative. The government of the United			
				Kingdom, in the G8 meeting which will be held shortly, is running a very big			
				initiative around transparency and tax. So it is an issue. We can look and see if we			
				can get you some other examples, but it is certainly a very relevant issue and we			
				certainly think it is worth investing in helping countries ensure that they get paid			
				their fair share of revenue from their own extractive industries.			
24.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Tax evasion –	Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, yes. Could you take that on notice. I noted that	88 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
			AusAID	you made some interesting comments at the Mining for Development conference			
			budget	about that West African official. I am interested in what AusAID has budgeted to			
				assist developing countries in cracking down on tax evasion and tax avoidance to			
				help them generate their own sustainable revenue.			
				Mr Baxter: Those sorts of activities are actually part of quite a number of programs.			
				In a country like Solomon Islands, we have worked very hard with their ministry of			
				finance to improve the efficiency of tax collection, and we have seen quite			
				significant increases in their revenue base as a result of it. We have done similar			
				things with the government of Indonesia. We have had programs, working			
				particularly through our own ministry of finance and Treasury, where officials are			
				posted and are working inside the Indonesian Ministry of Finance to improve the			
				collection of customs and border duties. We are also part of an international effort to			
				help Afghanistan do likewise. So I can take it on notice and look at the range of			
				countries.			

25.	AusAID	Rhiannon	OECD initiative Tax Inspectors Without Borders	Senator RHIANNON: Yes, it is a very good story. Has AusAID earmarked any funding for the OECD initiative Tax Inspectors Without Borders? Mr Baxter: I do not think so, but I will take that on notice.	88 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
26.	AusAID	Eggleston	Australia's total aid spending to the Pacific region	Senator EGGLESTON: I have a question on 1.6, Official development assistance—UN, Commonwealth and other international organisations. It relates to the same subject, and there was an article in the Adelaide <i>Advertiser</i> of 11 March on vote buying, but this time it refers to the Pacific and two other areas as well. What was Australia's total aid spending to the Pacific region in each of the last five years? Perhaps you could take that on notice for us. Mr Baxter: I am happy to do that, Senator. It is around \$1.1 billion. It has grown, and I think next year it gets up to about \$1.2 billion. It accounts for around 25 per cent of AusAID's program—as it should, as a priority area. We also provide over half of all ODA that goes to the Pacific region, obviously with PNG as the largest program. Senator EGGLESTON: Effectively, those numbers are expected to go up over the next three years? Mr Baxter: That will depend on budget outcomes, but the projection is that it will continue to grow in the Pacific.	95 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
27.	AusAID	Eggleston	commitments to the United Nations program in the Pacific	Senator EGGLESTON: What aid commitments has AusAID made to the United Nations program in the Pacific over the next three years? Mr Baxter: I would have to take that on notice, but we do work closely with a number of UN agencies in the Pacific. We work in particular with the United Nations Development Program, UNDP; we work very closely, and increasingly closely, with UN Women in the Pacific; we do work with UNICEF—so there are a range of UN agencies that we work with. I will get you that information on notice	95 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
28.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Burma's extractive sector - consultation	Senator RHIANNON: Can you provide details on what consultation and engagement AusAID has had with local communities who will be directly affected by Burma's extractive sector? Mr Brazier: We will conduct those consultations. I will have to take on notice the full details of that. This is a part of our program that we are developing at the moment so, beyond study tours looking at what sort of training we can provide for officials from the government, we have not actually done much yet. As you know, we are on a pretty strong growth path with our program. It is scheduled, I think, to get up to about \$80 million in the next financial year and, as we grow our program in Myanmar, the government of Myanmar has asked us that assistance with their	96 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				mining sector and their natural resource sector be part of that. Senator RHIANNON: If you could take it on notice that would be useful. Could you also indicate whether you will be engaging with local communities prior to the projects being initiated or once the projects have been initiated? On another issue, earlier this year Burma and Australia signed a memorandum of understanding regarding the aid program. Where is this up to and what benefits do you judge have come from the MOU or any problems arising?			
29.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership	Senator RHIANNON: Has any money being allocated to the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership in the 2013-14 budget and, if so, could you identify the budget line for me? I could not find it. Mr Brazier: We have set aside \$8 million in 2013-14 for those two elements that I mentioned. I will have to take on notice which line item it is. Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Has permission for an extension of the project been sought and/or granted from the Kapuas district government and/or the central Kalimantan provincial government and/or the Indonesian federal government? Mr Brazier: Certainly in the case of the Indonesian national government; I will have to take on notice the provincial and district governments that you referred to.	98 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
30.	AusAID	Rhiannon	KFCP – results against targets	Senator RHIANNON: Regarding some specifics about the project, I understand that the KFCP originally aimed to protect about 70,000 hectares of peat forest and then there was to be a reflooding of about 200,000 hectares of the dried peat lands and lots of trees to be planted. However, from reports, I understand that much less than these goals was achieved. What are your latest estimates of what was achieved in tree planting, the canal blocking and other conservation activities? To what degree were the goals achieved or not achieved? Mr Brazier: The Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership was a pilot program aimed at testing some very innovative approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation. It was announced in the middle of 2007. Since the announcement, and subsequent announcements of the expansion of the program, the international environment in agreements among countries has changed somewhat and the circumstances in Indonesia have changed somewhat. It is true that on some measures this program did not meet the ambitious goals that were set, but we are pleased that some of the following results have been achieved. These results include 2.6 million seedlings raised for planting in the KFCP area—that 70,000 hectares that you mentioned; additional income sources for 1,800 households provided through payments for the raising and planting of those seedlings; livelihood support for local communities, by helping farmers improve forestry and farming methods; establishment in the KFCP area of one of the largest and most rigorous tropical-	98 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				monitoring systems in the world, which is the critical part of estimating the greenhouse gas emissions from peat; and, finally, the establishment of a forest management unit in the KFCP area. We would be happy to provide on notice further information about the results against the targets. Senator RHIANNON: Yes, please take that on notice.			
31.	AusAID	Kroger	Cambodia - End of the line report	Senator KROGER: What is the total expenditure we have directed towards this railway that is being built in Cambodia? Mr Brazier: I should start by describing the program in the broad. It is a \$140 million project, which is run by the Asian Development Bank in cooperation with the Royal Government of Cambodia. Australia's contribution to that US\$140 million program is A\$28 million. Senator KROGER: How much of that money has already been directed to the project and how much is outstanding, or has it all been directed already? Mr Brazier: All of it will be expended by the end of December this year. Senator KROGER: How much is outstanding at the moment, or how much has been expended to date? Mr Brazier: I will have to take that on notice.	99 (on notice)	26/7/2013	14/11/13
32.	AusAID	Kroger	Staffing – Bullying agency wide	According to the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) Employee Survey, the majority of public servants do not report bullying or harassment primarily because they "believe no action will be taken". (a) What proportion of AusAID staff reported that they had witnessed or experienced bullying or harassment but had not reported it? (b) What was their main reason for acting this way? and (c) What steps has management in AusAID taken to address their concerns? Since 25 November 2007, by financial year, how many AusAID managers of EL1, ELS and SES level have had complaints of bullying and harassment made against them? Since 25 November 2007, by financial year, of those AusAID managers of EL1, ELS and SES level who have been the subject of complaints of bullying and harassment, how many have been disciplined? What form has that discipline taken? For example, was it dismissal, demotion, counselling?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

33.	AusAID	Kroger	AusAID staffing - posting	What training programs are given to managers to reduce and/or prevent bullying in the workplace and how many officers of EL1, ELS and SES level have accessed this training? Since 25 November 2007, by financial year, what proportion of Comcare-approved workplace injuries have been the result of mental illness as opposed to accident or disease? In reference to the 45 reported instances of bullying and harassment in AusAID from December 2007 to March 2013: (a) how many of these complaints relate to circumstances of AusAID officers with limited or no program design experience being asked to design programs and/or extensions to existing AusAID funded programs? and (b) please details what these programs related to, the initial scope and funded allocations made to each program, as well as the scope of any variations and quantum of changed funded allocations to these variations What proportion of senior managers in AusAID have diplomatic posting experience in developing countries? What proportion of senior managers at AusAID's posts have prior posting experience in more junior roles? Please provide these figures for each AusAID posting location since 25 November 2007 by financial year. Since 25 November 2007, by financial year, how many AusAID staff posted overseas have: i) prior experience in management of human and financial resources?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				ii) prior experience in management of human and financial resources? iii) prior experience in international development? and iv) three or more years' service prior to deployment?			
34.	AusAID	Kroger	Advisory contracts	Since the ARF was introduced, is AusAID aware of any requests for advice that have been sought by Minister Counsellors and or other staff in AusAID posts overseas from AusAID's Human Resources Branch in Canberra as to how people can be hired outside of the ARF framework? (a) if so, how many requests have been made? (b) from which AusAID posts in which countries?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

(c) for what programs? and		
(d) what was the dollar value of any and all individual packages negotiated in this matter outside the framework of the ARF?		
Since the commencement of the ARF, how many expatriates have been employed on AusAID programs as 'O-Based' staff?		
How many of these are on packages that exceed the values established not only for national staff, but for similar staff under the ARF in terms of salary, housing allowances, family allowances, vehicle provision, travel (frequency and class) and leave?		
Since the commencement of the ARF and by financial year, how many diplomatic staff or diplomatic spouses are and have been employed as advisors or as 'O-Based' staff under the aid program?		
How many of these applied for a pre-existing position that had fallen vacant and how many applied for a newly established position that had not been on the Post's books previously?		
Since the commencement of the ARF and by financial year, how many advisers have previously worked in a Labor Government Ministerial office, either at a state or federal level?		
Since the commencement of the ARF and by financial year, how many requests have been received either from senior local officers in country or from Australian political figures to offer employment to particular individuals? Please list the persons employed along with details of the title and role they have been appointed to.		
What is the cost to Australia's aid program of those public servants from other government departments sent as advisers to developing countries?		
How is the developmental impact of their work monitored and value for money ensured?		
How do their conditions of service in terms of accommodation, vehicles, fares and allowances) and salary packages differ from those of AusAID and DFAT officers		

				serving overseas and how is any variation justified?			
35.	AusAID	Kroger	Six-monthly surveys	Has AusAID received any signed off six-monthly surveys from any agencies other than DIAC verifying assistance expenditure for developing countries? If so, how many and for which agencies? Please table the reports.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				What is AusAID's schedule for the receipt of these CFO sign-offs from DIAC and all other Australian Government agencies assistance expenditure for developing countries?			
36.	AusAID	Kroger	Non Government Organisations accreditation	Please provide an update on the progress in implementing the reform of the NGO accreditation process and provide details as to when is it scheduled to be completed?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
37.	AusAID	Kroger	Medical research	What allocations have been made in FY13/14 to advance the recommendation made by the Independent Review into Aid Effectiveness Review Panel in relation to scaling up medical research since the release of AusAID's draft medical research released in October 2012? And when will the final strategy be released? How many Program Development Partnerships has AusAID successfully brokered and/or in what ways has it applied aid funding to dance medical research since that draft strategy was released in October 2012? Has AusAID has been sourcing grant application templates from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID). Even if AusAID were to simply Photoshop out the UK Aid logo on these grant application templates, what capacity exists inside AusAID to assess any medical research grant applications?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
38.	AusAID	Kroger	Pacific Women's Parliamentary Partnerships Project	In reference to the Pacific Women's Parliamentary Partnerships Project and the \$320 million that Mr Baxter admitted in Senate Estimates in October 2012 was new money: (a) please detail how the 'reprioritisation' of what is now a total of \$750 million from the aid budget over two years impact on this project? (b) which countries will be impacted? and (c) what specific programs under this Project have been delayed and/or cancelled?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

39.	AusAID	Kroger	IRD	In reference to two responses to QON No 1388 and 1389 from The Hon Teresa Gambaro MP provided by Minister Emerson on 22 April 2013:	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				 (a) in addition to this formal correspondence from IRD dated March 6 2013, was there any correspondence, oral and/or written, between AusAID and any officer of IRD in relation to the USAID fraud investigation after October 2012? (b) given the IRD's contract to take over Phase III commenced on 1 September 2012, has AusAID communicated its dissatisfaction to IRD as to why there was a six-month delay before IRD alerted AusAID to the USAID fraud investigation? (c) if not, why not? (e) if AusAID has, when were these concerns raised? What were they? Please detail them. In a response provide by Minister Emerson to part (a) of Ms Gambaro's QON No. 1389, which asked: 			
				" was any information on the fraud investigation of IRD's work for USAID in Afghanistan referred to in the assessment provided to AusAID by an independent financial firm, or the independent probity adviser?"			
				The answer provided to that question was - no. Please detail why AusAID did not re-task either the independent financial firm, or the independent probity adviser to go back and investigate these issues, especially after October 2012 when the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction raised concerns in relation to fraud regarding a \$498 million road project agreement between IRD and USAID?			
				In the response provided by Minister Emerson to Ms Gambaro's QON No. 1388 in which she asked which independent probity adviser oversaw this tender process:			
				(a) please detail what were recommendations were made to AusAID by the independent probity adviser in respect of IRD's suitability to undertake the subject contract; and(b) what date(s) was this advice provided to AusAID?			
				In the response provided by Minister Emerson to these questions, Minster Emerson states that the independent probity adviser provided his report on 11 May 2012 and stated that there were no probity issues impacting on the tender process.			

40.	AusAID	Kroger	The	Minister Emerson's response also states that "The probity adviser was not required to assess IRD or make recommendations in respect of IRD's suitability to undertake the contract." (a) why was the probity adviser not required to assess IRD or make recommendations in respect of IRD's suitability to undertake the contract? and (b) why did AusAID not re-task either the independent financial firm, or the independent probity adviser to go back and investigate these issues especially after October 2012 when the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction raised concerns in relation to fraud regarding a \$498 million road project agreement between IRD and USAID? In reference to p.126 of the Blue Book and note the limited references it makes to	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
40.	AusAID	Kroger	Australian Civilian Corps	the Australian Civilian Corps (ACC). Please detail the following information relating to the ACC since it was created: (a) what has been the cumulative budgetary allocation to the ACC since it was created – will you also provided this breakdown by financial year? (b) please provide a breakdown by financial year as to how many deployments there have been and what it the cost per person of each deployment? (c) please provide a breakdown by financial year as to the cost per person for the delivery of induction training, as well as details as to the actual number of people who have received induction training in each financial year? (d) Please clarify the apparent disparity between the announcement made by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at the October 2009 East Asia Summit, which referred to an amount of \$52 million being allocated to the ACC as new money over four years and the subsequent listed in the 2011/12 Budget of \$32 million? (e) please confirm whether the funding of actual deployments is meant to be separate from set up costs for the ACC and will you provide a breakdown of these separate costings for each financial year since the ACC was created? When will AusAID be providing an update as to budgetary allocation to the ACC for FY 12/13 and FY 13/14? Alternatively, please provide this information now.	In writing	26///2013	14/11/13
41.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Illegal Logging	With the passage of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act, what funding has AusAID budgeted/to assist developing countries in our region to combat illegal logging, and	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				to ensure imported timber from those countries are compliant with the Act? a. May I please have details of any such funding or projects.			
42.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Aid Funding for DIAC Refugee Costs	 In reference to aid money being spent by DIAC on Manus Island and Nauru, Foreign Minister Bob Carr was quoted in the SMH on 24 August 2012 as stating this funding is "tangential to the major government investments on those facilities". a. What did the Foreign Minister mean by "tangential" in this statement? What was the aid budget to Nauru in the financial year prior to the federal government announcement in 2012 that Nauru would be used by the Australian government for processing refugees? What is the current aid budget to Nauru that does not include the budget allocation for processing refugees or any costs for the detention centre in that country? 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
43.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Climate financing & ODA	 Are any climate financing programs that are ODA eligible and being reported under the AusAID budget also reported by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities under its budget? How much has the government spent on climate financing each year since 2010, and what are the forward projections? What has this money been spent on? Please provide an itemised breakdown of the programs and projects that ODA and climate financing funding been spent on, clarifying which projects are ODA projects and which are Climate Finance Projects? Please provide an update of any non-ODA eligible climate financing programs you have considered in 2012/13 and 2013/14? How much of the total aid budget will be counted as climate finance; what dollar value will be reported to the UNFCCC as Australia's contribution towards the goal of jointly mobilising \$100bn by 2020? How much of Australia's climate financing will be disbursed bilaterally and how much will go to multilateral funds? What amount of Australia's climate financing has been allocated to adaptation? Can you please detail any non-ODA eligible climate financing programs AusAID has been briefed on or is advising on? Is Australia's "climate finance" expenditure additional to ODA? If not, why not? Do you believe non-ODA eligible climate financing programs should or will be counted as ODA eligible at any future stage? If so, what would be the criteria for that to happen? How does AusAID determine what is a fair Climate Finance contribution from 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				Australia? 10. In the budget was there a reduction in funding for REDD projects? If so why? 11. How much has been spent on REDD related projects since the 2007 election and what have been the benefits?			
44.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Direct Aid Project grants	 What role does AusAID play in the granting, monitoring or approving of DAP grants? In 2012/13 how much was granted in DAP funds? How much has DFAT budgeted to grant in 2013/14 in DAP funds? For 2012/13 can you please provide a list of projects that have received DAP, and that are not community groups or NGOs. Please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGOs that have been hired to facilitate the project? For 2012/13 could you please provide a complete list of projects involving AAMIG members that have received Direct Aid Program funding through DFAT? Please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGO that have been hired to facilitate the project? What money has been paid out of the DAP Grant Program for projects in Mongolia in the last five years, and please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGO that have been hired to facilitate the project? What money has been paid out of the DAP Grant Program for projects the Philippines in the last five years? Please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGO that have been hired to facilitate the project?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
45.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Laos and Civil Society	1. What measures are being taken to ensure the safety of Lao civil society partners who are working with AusAID funded projects on sustainable participatory rural development and other projects in Laos?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

46.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Cambodia	 In light of the disappearance of Mr Sombath Somphone, how will the Australian government ensure that our aid program is strengthening the rule of law, promoting more responsible, participatory and downwardly accountable governance, and upholding human rights in Laos? What efforts have been made by AusAID to specifically help vulnerable women and children who have remained at the AusAID resettlement site linked to the Cambodia Railway Rehabilitation Project? What lessons has AusAID learned from the resettlement process in Cambodia, 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
47.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Reproductive and Sexual Health	 and how will these affect future projects? In July last year the Foreign Affairs Minister committed to double the family planning spend in the aid budget. When is the family planning budget due to double? a. Will this commitment be honoured in the timeframe that has been adopted? Will Australia participate in the Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference to be held in September this year? a. If so who will be on the Australian delegation? What are Australia's key priorities in terms of progressing the Program of Action (PoA) of the International Conference for Population and Development (ICPD)? Considering the 2014 UN General Assembly will include a special high level session on the ICPD, what other key regional and international meetings focused on the ICPD PoA will Australia be participating in over the coming year and what will the priority issues from Australia's perspective be at these fora? 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
48.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Maternal Health	 The Australian government has committed as part of our overseas aid program to provide improved access to maternal and child health services to 900,000 women per year. What information has been released to show how this is being achieved? What is the amount and type of funding for maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) programs since September 2010? What are the countries where funding for MNCH has been allocated? How will the remaining funding be spent to the end of 2015 including the amount, type of initiative and country destination for the programs? 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
49.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Burma	Considering Australia provides a considerable amount of aid to Burma's peace	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				process, what steps are being taken to ensure Burmese women are involved in this work? a. Is AusAID aware that Burma women's groups have been advocating to the Burmese Government for the need to include women in this process, but these efforts are for the most part being ignored; and that this is a rejection of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 calling for the inclusion and consultation of women in peace-building processes? 2. Is AusAID aware of the lack of female representation at the Myanmar Peace Centre? 3. As a large donor to the Burmese, what efforts is Australia making to ensure women are fully included in the peace process and not marginalised from this process? 4. How much funding is Australia providing to Burma to assist trade and investment in that country? What proportion and amount of this is bilateral aid to the government and what proportion and amount is multilateral funding? What programs and projects will this funding be spent on?			
50.	AusAID	Rhiannon	REDD Kalimantan	 Has AusAID received complaints about the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership? If yes, do the complaints include any of the following: a. Free Prior and Informed Consent was not realised across all villages, b. indigenous peoples rights were not recognised in the project design, c. community participation in the project activities was not adequate or conducted in line with local Adat custom d. some people were adversely affected by canal blocking which closed the access of the local communities to their garden, ponds and other sources of livelihood, e. the livelihoods program did not occur as promised, If these five points are not consistent with the complaints you have received how would you summarise the complaints AusAID has received? Does AudAID judge that this project has failed to achieve its objective to "demonstrate a credible, equitable and effective approach to REDD+ and inform discussions and negotiations on climate change"? 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				4. Will this be communicated to the UNFCCC? If not what assessment of this			
				project will be communicated to UNFCCC?			
51.	AusAID	Rhiannon	Mining	 Are the agreements between AusAID and any mining companies that have received money as part of Mining for Development, Direct Aid Programs, or other programs publicly available? If so, could you provide a link to that information? If not publically available, why not, and may I have the details please? Considering Australia has allocated \$2 million in research funding for Mining for Development in Mozambique with the involvement of Murdoch University, Sydney University and Colombia University, how many Mozambican students on scholarships will have access to this funding, how much funding will go to these students and what is the involvement of Mozambican students with this project? How much of the planning and framework of the research proposal was undertaken by Mozambican students on scholarship? Is the involvement of students something that is taken into consideration when the Australia Development Research Awards are distributed? If "yes" how are the students involved? If "no" why was that decision taken? Considering the proposed research is based on the assumption that mining is capable of achieving social and economic gains within the recipient country, how much scope is there within the research itself to assess if this assumption is accurate? What measures have been taken to ensure the research won't presuppose findings that support the increase in mining projects in Mozambique? There are instances in Mozambique where people who had been trained in Australia through the Mining Development Initiative have returned to their country and have then been head-hunted to work for mining companies: How is AusAID responding to this and has any investigation been made into this trend? Has AusAID assessed if foreign mining companies employing staff trained o	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

52.	AusAID	Boyce	Staffing - numbers	Could you provide figures detailing your complete staff numbers for the past five years?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
53.	AusAID	Boyce	Staffing – EL and SES	Can you detail all staff numbers at Executive level or above for each of the past years, including those as of May 31,2013	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
54.	AusAID	Boyce	Staffing- Wages	In percentage terms what has been the wages component of your budget for each of the past five years	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
55.	AusAID	Boyce	Afghanistan – project management	 In regard to AusAID funds committed to projects in Afghanistan how many separate projects are there? How many of those projects involve direct AusAID management control? How many have partial AusAID management control? How many have AusAID funds invested in them but have no AusAID management control? Given the serious problems with governance and corruption in Afghanistan what extra measures has AusAID put in place in country? Could you detail any instances where AusAID funds or materials have been in appropriately or fraudulently used in any projects in which AusAID is involved in Afghanistan? 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
56.	AusAID	Boyce	PNG- Tuberculosis	 Villagers along the PNG –Torres Strait coast line have apparently reported to the visiting chief medical officer of Queensland that TB cases are on a dramatic rise. Is that correct? It's also been claimed that the Australian funded sea ambulance is not regularly visiting the region to distribute TB medications, is that correct? Is there a schedule for visits by the sea ambulance and if so has that been rigorously kept to? Have there been problems in the supply and administering of TB drug therapies to the southern and western coast line of PNG? Village elders in this region of PNG also complain that they and their communities are being ignored by their own government and thus their partners AusAID. Is this correct? It is alleged that there is clear evidence of corruption and mismanagement in PNG medical facilities and a burgeoning illegal trade in TB medications paid for by the Australian taxpayer. Is AusAID aware of this and is it a significant problem? 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				 7. We also now have one Torres Strait Islander from Saibai who has recently died from MDRTB –the confirmed infection of four people with whom the victim had contact one of whom is a baby and the possible cross infection of another 61 people in North Queensland. Is this not evidence that the current policies are not working and that the health and welfare of Australian citizens is being put at risk as a direct result of the closure of TB clinics in the Torres Strait? Could please provide a detailed response? 8. Is not the passage of Warren Entsch's private members Bill on this issue through the HR unopposed – a clear sign that all sides of politics recognise that there is indeed a crisis and that the current policy is not working? 			
57.	AusAID	Eggleston	Staffing – ongoing recruitment	How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
58.	AusAID	Eggleston	Staffing- separation rates	How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
59.	AusAID	Eggleston	Staffing – staff reductions/ redundancies	How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions? Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.			
60.	AusAID	Eggleston	Public Service Efficiencies (2013-14 Budget Measure) / Efficient Management Structures	Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108). In addition, please provide the following detail: Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels? Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
61.	AusAID	Eggleston	Business flights	Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
62.	AusAID	Eggleston	Printing costs	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
63.	AusAID	Eggleston	Graduate Recruitment	Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
64.	AusAID	Eggleston	Advertising	What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 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. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 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. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?			
65.	AusAID	Eggleston	Hospitality and Entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 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 all events including any catering and drinks costs. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?			
66.	AusAID	Eggleston	Meeting Costs	What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.			
				What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.			
				For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.			
67.	AusAID	Eggleston	Program Launch Costs	What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.			
				What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.			

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				For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.			
68.	AusAID	Eggleston	Board Appointments	Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?			
				Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.			
69.	AusAID	Eggleston	Freedom of Information	Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?			
				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?			
70.	AusAID	Eggleston	Community	Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
			Cabinet Meetings	attended this financial year to date? List date and location.			
			Meetings	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.			
				What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the			
				Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?			
71.	AusAID	Eggleston	Reviews	For this financial year to date:	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				How many Reviews are being undertaken?			
				What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when			
				will those reviews be concluded?			
				Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?			

				 When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? What reviews are planned? When will each of these reviews be concluded? 			
72.	AusAID	Eggleston	Consultancies	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. 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.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
73.	AusAID	Eggleston	Media Monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? • Which agency or agencies provided these services? • What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? • What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
74.	AusAID	Eggleston	Social Media	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 May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				 If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks). Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage? If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor useage in the future? Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours) 			
75.	AusAID	Eggleston	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
76.	AusAID	Eggleston	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
77.	AusAID	Eggleston	Coffee Machines	Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. Why were coffee machines purchased? Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? Who has access? Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. Why are coffee machines rented? Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? Who has access? Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?			
78.	AusAID	Eggleston	Contractors	 For this financial year to date: 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). 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). 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). 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). 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

79.	AusAID	Eggleston	Grants	 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). 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). 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). 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). Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.			
80.	AusAID	Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency 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. • How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				 What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 			
81.	AusAID	Eggleston	Government Payments of Accounts	For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? • If not, why not? 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) • 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? • Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
82.	AusAID	Eggleston	Stationery requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
83.	AusAID	Eggleston	Media Subscriptions	 What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. What is the cost for this financial year to date? What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. What is the cost for this financial year to date? What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. What is the cost for this financial year to date? 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
84.	AusAID	Eggleston	Travel Costs	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). 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	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012? 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. 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. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?			
85.	AusAID	Eggleston	Legal costs	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. 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. 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. 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	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				costs.			
86.	AusAID	Eggleston	Education expenses	What is the department/agency's guidelines on study? 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	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				participant, now 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.			
87.	AusAID	Eggleston	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification 5. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total amount spent on the service e) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used 6. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 7. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				ii. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
88.	AusAID	Eggleston	Media Training	In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based 5. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total amount spent on the service d) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: i. The location used ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
89.	AusAID	Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				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. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.			

90.	AusAID	Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	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. 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. 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.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
91.	AusAID	Eggleston	Corporate Cars	How cars are owned by each department/agency? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
92.	AusAID	Eggleston	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
93.	AusAID	Eggleston	Hire Cars	How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. What are the reasons for hire car costs?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
94.	AusAID	Eggleston	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update details of the gollowing? What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misued? How is corporate credit card use monitored? What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
95.	AusAID	Eggleston	Provision of Equipment	For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				and the costs? 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? Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) 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. 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.			
96.	AusAID	Eggleston	Electricity Purchasing	What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
97.	AusAID	Eggleston	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	 Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: How are briefings requests commissioned? What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: How are briefings requests commissioned? What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

98.	AusAID	Eggleston	Shredders	 Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information? Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
				why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be			
99.	AusAID	Eggleston	Protective security policy framework	used. Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
100.	AusAID	Eggleston	Office Locations	 Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by: a. Department/Agency; b. Location; c. Leased or Owned; d. Size; e. Number of Staff at each location and classification; f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre; g. If owned, the value of the building; h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned; i. Type of functions and work undertaken. 	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
101.	AusAID	Eggleston	Communicatio ns Staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: a. By Department or agency:	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

				v. How many are media managers? vi. How many organise events?			
				2. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?			
102.	AusAID	Eggleston	Alternative Policy Costings	Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings or advice? If yes, provide details of what these costings or advice were, including provision of costings or advice documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
103.	AusAID	Eggleston	Pre-election appointments	Provide a list of any appointments made in your portfolio that will commence after the announced election date of 14 September 2013. Provide details of the appointment including position and length.	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
104.	AusAID	Kroger	Office of the Director General turnover	What has been the turnover of staff in the Office of the Director-General since Peter Baxter became Acting Director-General of AusAID on 4 July 2009?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
105.	AusAID	Eggleston	use of contractors	Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
106.	AusAID	Eggleston	online recruitment	Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
107.	AusAID	Eggleston	printing costs	Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	In writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
108.	AusAID	Di Natale	projects in the two Papuan provinces	In relation to AusAID or other government department (OGD) funded projects in the two Papuan provinces: • what services are these projects providing? • Who is delivering the services? • What do they cost? • Which Papuan organisations or individuals are benefitting from them? • What processes and procedures oversight does AusAID or any other Government department have in place to check up on these projects?	In Writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13
109.	AusAID	Kroger	Uniform standards	Please provide an update on progress in implementing the whole-of-government uniform standards for the planning, delivery, monitoring and reporting of official	In Writing	26/7/2013	14/11/13

	development assistance		
	 (a) when is it scheduled to be completed? (b) when will they be implemented? (c) Mr Baxter reported to Additional Senate Estimates in February this year that they were due to be completed by the end of the financial year, is this still on track? and (d) will they be used in the coming FY 13/14 for all agencies to report their expenditure of ODA? 		