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AusAID Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1	AusAID	Rhiannon	PACER Plus	 When will AusAID be presenting a draft funding agreement to the OCTA that does not contain conditionalities that limit the overall remit of the office nor contain clauses that leave Australia's funding commitment dependent upon the OCTA only undertaking PACER-Plus related activities? If such a commitment cannot be provided on what grounds was that decision made? Given that PACER-Plus is seen by Australia as a 'development' agreement with the interests of the Pacific at its heart, will Australia take a negotiating position that acknowledges the differences in levels of development between Australia and the Forum Island Countries and make offers accordingly to the Pacific early harvest issues proposed by a number of Pacific countries? To that end will Australia do this by offering asymmetrical Rules of Origin, regional accumulation and Change of Tariff Classification at 6 digit level to the Forum Island Countries as part of an 'early harvest'? Will Australia confirm that any 'early harvest' commitments that it offers, whilst may be contained in, will not be conditional upon the completion of a comprehensive WTO-compatible regional trade agreement? Can the Department confirm that it is committing to negotiate on access under PACER-Plus and that it will be looking at issues beyond the extension of the Pilot Seasonal Worker Program? Will the Department be providing a response to the paper put forward by the Forum Island Countries prior to the next meeting of PACER-Plus officials with adequate time for review by officials? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
2	AusAID	Kroger	TORRES STRAIT CLINICS	 Following the decision of the Queensland Labor Government to close the TB Clinics on Sabai and Boigu Islands, I understand the Federal Government committed to keep them open until February 2012. 1. What discussions have taken place between the Government and AusAID in relation to the closure of these clinics? 2. Has AusAID made representations to the Minister or his office in relation to this matter? 3. Has AusAID undertaken studies to determine the health implications of closing these clinics? 4. Have representations been made from the Torres Strait Regional Authority or the Torres Strait Regional Council, seeking support through AusAID? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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3	AusAID	Eggleston	PNG	Please provide an overview of aid spending in PNG as part of the country strategy.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
4	AusAID	Eggleston	PNG	Has AusAID encountered any recent problems with its work in PNG?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
5	AusAID	Eggleston	PNG	At previous estimates we heard of awful stories of violence against aid workers in PNG. What is the current situation with aid workers? Are they safe? Have there been any more attacks on them?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
6	AusAID	Eggleston	TB in the Torres Strait	 Please outline the Ausaid investment in Mabaduan Village (the treatment zone area) by AusAID. Are there any TB drugs in Mabaduan village? If so, what are they? Is there any drug storage facility in Mabaduan? Is there any Xray facility in Mabaduan Is there any microscope for basic diagnosis? Did Ausaid accompany the recent (early October) clinical trip to Boigu? If not, why not? Is there any means of communication between doctors and health care workers who are based Mabuduan? Is there any mobile phone service available via Digicell in Mabuduan? Has AusAID provided Maslik with a mobile phone? If the actual AusAid people have Blackberries, is there a reason why the health care worker in the treatment zone doesn't? Is there any TB boat to travel to the villages in the south fly region? If so, what are the specifications? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
7	AusAID	Eggleston	TB in the Torres Strait	Ausaid's focus is on inpatient (isolation wards etc) but 95% of this work is in the community – outline what is being done apart from the recruitment/construction, in areas like: 1. X ray 2. Drug facilities and supply 3. Health 4. Tracing 5. Index case filing 6. Directly observed therapy 7. Monitoring for outcomes	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
8	AusAID	Rhiannon	Ramsi	What have been the benefits to the people of the Solomon Islands of the \$97,935, 711.72 Provision of Services to the RAMSI Law & Justice Sector Program implemented by GRM in the Solomon Islands between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2011 https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.cn.Amendment.view&CNUUID=FD2 D3ADC-D4D1-B701-EE1D07428258E005	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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9	AusAID	Rhiannon	Ramsi	What is the total value of all contracts AusAID has granted to GRM in the Solomon Islands since the RAMSI intervention?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
10	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	On October 4 this year Charles Tapp – The senior advisor for the Global partnership for Education wrote on The Development Policy Blog about the challenges facing the large scale increase in Aid to Indonesia. Firstly Mr Tapp spoke of the need to address program consolidation and selectivity with new programs, lest our aid to Indonesia become "inefficient". 1. what measures are you taking to ensure that as our aid increases, inefficient programs don't continue and future programs are selected on merit? 2. How do you determine they are worthy? 3. Have you identified any that are not efficient? If so, what are you going to do with them?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
11	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	Secondly Tapp talks about commitment to effectiveness. "Mixed and no coordination of disparate efforts." He cites complaints regarding a lack of Australian internal government coordination and multiple approaches to aid and activities which distracts and hampers Indonesian officials. 1. Given the huge increase in aid to Indonesian what steps are in place to address this? 2. How are projects selected? 3. How are projects selected? 4. What happens if they fall outside the country strategy?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
12	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	Can you provide an overview of the Indonesian "country Strategy"?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
13	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	Have any projects been refused or turned down for funding in Indonesia?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
14	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	Tapp further says that AusAID staff tend to be "remarkably tolerant of sub standard performance". What is he referring to and what will be done to check on the performance of our dollar committed in Indonesia?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
15	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	Mr Tapp speaks of evolution of program not of country Strategy. This theme was echoed in the ANAO report in Tertiary Assistance and scholarships. Are you able to provide a specific whole of country strategy approach for the \$558 million dollars in 2001/2012 budget?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
16	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	Can you provide a breakdown of all projects currently being funded in Indonesia and how they fit into the country strategy?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
17	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	Tapp's seventh area of concern is the volume of paperwork reports and processes in AusAID. Reporting and compliance he says is taking the place of proper risk management" staff are simply not spending their time on activities that rely matter to the effective implementation and delivery of the aid program." 1. Can you make a comment on this and tells us what are the reporting activities	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				that prevent the efficient delivery of our aid to Indonesia? 2. What reports does the department require from field workers in each country?			
18	AusAID	Eggleston	Aid to Indonesia	1. Can you tell us how many staff are stationed in Indonesia? 2. Where are they located? 3. What are their pay rates broken down by position and by what they do? (We are looking for a breakdown of field workers versus office workers.)	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
19	AusAID	Rhiannon	East Timor	Considering the many constraints in East Timor on the public sector, what benefits has the \$41,999,938.03 contract implemented by GRM focused on building the public sector capacity had in that country had on: a. Staff training, b. Staff employment, c. Staff retention, and d. Staff remuneration What were the aims of this project, what sectors did it target, was this developed in conjunction with the aims of East Timor government?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
20	AusAID	Kroger	ANIMAL WELFARE	 Has AusAID received a request or approach from the Australian Livestock Exporters Council (ALEC) seeking financial support to fund an upgrade to overseas abattoir facilities? Is AusAID aware of ALEC contacting any Minister or department to discuss this? Have any meetings been held between departments to discuss the feasibility of foreign aid being used to improve animal welfare practices in any of Australia's live export markets? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
21	AusAID	Eggleston	Alleged abuse at a drug treatment facility in Laos	 How much money has been directed to the Somsanga Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre? Have any investigations been conducted into these allegations? Is funding still continuing to this drug treatment centre? How many other drug treatment centers is AusAID funding in Laos? Are you funding drug rehabilitation clinics anywhere else around the world? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
22	AusAID	Eggleston	BEAM project	An article in the Manila Times on 7 October reported that billions of pesos of AusAID money was missing from the BEAM project. 1. Are you aware of these allegations? 2. Is there any truth to them? 3. Could you please provide an update on this project. 4. What investigations were undertaken? 5. Is there ongoing scrutiny of this project?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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	AusAID	Eggleston	NGOs in	Is AusAID able to provide an update on the situation surrounding Cambodian	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
			Cambodia	Government crackdown on NGOs?			
23				Please provide an overview of our Cambodian strategy.			
				Does this interfere with our Cambodian Strategy?			
				Which projects in Cambodia will be at risk due to the NGO crackdown?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Burma	In 2010 an interim statement was released titled Australia's strategic approach to aid	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
24				in Burma. The final strategy was listed for release in December 2011. Is this			
				timeframe going to be met?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Burma	AusAID website states "Burma is among the poorest countries in South East Asia	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
				with almost one third of its 50 million people living in poverty" when then was			
25				there a reduction in the ODA allocation in the 2001/2012 budget to Burma page 5			
				on the Ministerial statement shows 2010/2011 \$ 49.0 million and in 2011/2012 \$			
				47.6 Million? What decision drove the decrease in assistance to Burma?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Burma	It was reported that TB and HIV rates were increasing in Burma.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
26				1. Can AusAID advise what it knows of these rates per capita in Burma?			
				2. What HIV/TB programs are underway in Burma?			
27	AusAID	Eggleston	Burma	How many AusAID staff are located in Burma? Are there any plans to increase this?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
	AusAID	Rhiannon	Cambodia	Does AusAID have any guidelines that it follows when it engages with infrastructure	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
			Railways Project	projects in Cambodia, especially involuntary resettlement?			
				Do you believe that the ADB has met its own resettlement guidelines in			
				Cambodia, given the ample reporting to the contrary of NGOs such as Bridges			
28				Without Borders Cambodia and Sahmakum Teang Tnaut and as reported by			
20				Lateline and the Sydney Morning Herald?			
				Was the initial resettlement advisor funded by the Australian Government and if			
				so can you provide copies of their reports?			
				When was AusAID made aware that there were problems in resettlement			
				programs linked to the Cambodian Railways Project?			
	AusAID	Kroger	HOLLWAY	The review recommends discontinuing aid programs to India and China. Are these	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
29			REVIEW	two countries aware of this recommendation and approached the Government or			
				department about this?			
	AusAID	Cash	Global	How does the Government justify spending nearly \$100 million on this program when	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
30			Ambassador for	on its own figures one in three women over the age of 15 in Australia experience			
30			Women and Girls	violence and the total budget for the women's portfolio is far less than that			
				amount?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Staffing	On October 19 Nine MSN reported that 247 advisor positions were cut.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
31				1. Could you please tell us by country where were these 247 advisors based?			
				2. How much were they being paid (individually and collectively)?			

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				3. What were they doing? Advising on what exactly?			
32	AusAID	Eggleston	Consultancies	4. Who is performing their role now or were their roles not required? Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
33	AusAID	Eggleston	Consultancies	Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
34	AusAID	Eggleston	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.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
35	AusAID	Fawcett	Scholarships awarded to Palestinian Students	What were the selection criteria used for 50 students from Palestine chosen to come to Australia to study systems of law?	Hansard page 91	13.01.12	9/02/12
36	AusAID	Eggleston	Funding for 50 scholarships for Palestinian postgraduates	 Can you tells us the total value these 50 scholarships? Will there be any further scholarships awarded? Can you detail who were the recipients of the scholarships? How does this number compare to the numbers of Scholarships awarded to Palestinians in 2008/2009/2010? How does this number compare to recognised countries around the world? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
37	AusAID	Rhiannon	Global funds	What is the estimated amount of Australian contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and the Global Alliance on Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) in each of the following years: a. 2011-12 b. 2012-13 c. 2013-14?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
38	AusAID	Rhiannon	Global funds	Is the Australian Government considering hosting the mid-term replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria in early 2012?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
39	AusAID	Rhiannon	Global funds	When is the Australian Government likely to make a decision on how much it would supplement the pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria announced in October 2010 (\$210 million)?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
40	AusAID	Abetz	Micah Challenge	Can you provide an explanation of whether figure 6.2 in the Micah Challenge Halve poverty by 2015 WASH document is correct? If not why not? If some of the information is correct, provide an explanation.	Hansard page 80	13.01.12	9/02/12
41	AusAID	Eggleston	World Cup bid	A Four Corners program revealed Australia's bid book and technical inspection,	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				which together cost \$10.38 million, was far more expensive than the bid book of			
				at least one other bidding nation.			
				1. Can you provide us with details of this?			
				2. How does it fit into the overall AusAID aims?			
				3. Is AusAID able to provide a breakdown of the dollars spent associated with			
				this bid?			
				4. Does AusAID have any plans to fund bids for any other international or			
				national sporting showcases?			
				5. What mechanisms are in place to prevent this recurring?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Independent	The panel identified that once global programs are included approximately 12% of the	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
42	11031112	Lighteston	review of aid	total aid program budget is spent in Africa. Can you provide details of spending	***************************************	13.01.12	<i>5</i> / 02/ 12
			effectiveness	in Africa by country by project?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Libya	Can AusAID please advise what money it has given specifically to Libya to date since	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
43	11001112	2551031011	210) 4	2007 by financial year?	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	10.01.12	<i>51</i> 0 2 /12
44	AusAID	Eggleston	Libya	What is the Libyan country strategy?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
	AusAID	Eggleston	Libya	Please detail the amounts spent on emergency relief and development assistance	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
45				money. Please provide a breakdown of where and to which projects this money			
				was allocated.			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Libya	It was reported that the Libyan National Transitional Council was seeking \$2.5 billion	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
46				in aid by the end of August 2011. Did Australia/ AusAID provide any money? If			
				not, are we going to?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Libya	Foreign Minister Rudd met Transitional Council Interim Prime Minister Dr Jabril in	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
47				Abu Dhabi in April 2011 and June 2011, Was there any discussion with the			
47				minister's office following these meetings regarding AusAID spending in			
				Libya?			
	AusAID	Abetz	APHEDA	Can you update the figure from the June 2011 QoN regarding the proportion of	Hansard page	13.01.12	9/02/12
48				APHEDA's budget contributed by AusAID?	80		
				How is examination of APHEDA's financial reporting undertaken?			
	2.2	Rhiannon	Private Aid	(a) What is the Australian Government's attitude to private Australian companies	Hansard 19	13.01.12	9/02/12
	Operations		Companies	administering aid in countries where the Defence Force is operating?	October 2011,		
49	Supporting			(b) Provide a list of the companies, countries they operate in and the	page 49-50		
	Wider			relationship.			
	Interests						
	AusAID	Eggleston	Afghanistan	1. What plans does AusAID have in place in the event of a troop withdrawal from	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
50				Afghanistan?			
				2. Who developed these plans?			
				3. What plans do you have to guarantee the safety of AusAID workers when			

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				this occurs?			
51	AusAID	Eggleston	Emergency relief	How much money has been spent by AusAID on humanitarian and emergency relief in the financial year to date? Please provide a detailed breakdown by country of where this money was spent.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
52	AusAID	Kroger	HOLLWAY REVIEW	Some small NGO's have reported that AusAID's accreditation process is demanding and expensive. 1. What is AusAID's response to this and will the process be reviewed so that small NGO's are able to contribute? 2. Has AusAID made any endeavour to speak to affected small NGO's and discussed their individual issues? If so, when? Is the process being reviewed accordingly? If so, what changes will be made and when?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
53	AusAID	Kroger	HOLLWAY REVIEW	Recommendation 21 supports an annual Consultative Forum between AusAID and the Australian Business Community. 1. When and where will the first meeting be held? 2. Who will be organising the Forum? 3. Who will be determining the invitation list to the Business Community and how many will be invited to participate?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
54	AusAID	Kroger	Australians Volunteers for International Development (AVID)	 How many volunteers are registered? What geographical areas and sectors are they being deployed to? How many are currently on assignment? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
55	AusAID	Eggleston	OII website (Human Rights Grants Scheme)	The OII website advertised that money might be available under this programme (Human Rights Grants Scheme) for persons to undergo gender reassignment. 1. Is AusAID aware of this? 2. Has anyone received money for sex change surgery under the program?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
56	AusAID	Abetz	Australian Red Cross	How much money do we give to the Australian Red Cross?	Hansard page 79	13.01.12	9/02/12
57	AusAID	Eggleston	Latin America and the Carribean	The 2001/2012 ministerial budget statement has listed \$48 million to the region. Is AusAID able to itemise which country will be in receipt of funds and how it will be spent?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
58	AusAID	Eggleston	Environment	How much money has AusAID given to the World Wildlife Fund or environmental agencies since 2007 to date?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
59	AusAID	Eggleston	Environment	How much money did AusAID provide to the WWF for the project in the Ba Delta? Was it a competitive tendering process?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
60	AusAID	Eggleston	Environment	How much money did the Nature Preservation Foundation Programme receive? What did this project achieve?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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61	AusAID	Eggleston	Carbon tax legislation	How was your department/agency consulted in the development of the carbon price package? Is the carbon price package consistent with all of the policies in your department/agency?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
62	AusAID	Kroger	Security Clearances	What are the procedures for AusAID staff security clearances?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
63	AusAID	Eggleston	Freedom of information	Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
64	AusAID	Eggleston	Freedom of information	How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? How many have been granted or denied? How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
65	AusAID	Eggleston	Freedom of information	How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
66	AusAID	Eggleston	Community cabinets	 What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held for the year 2010-11? How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel? How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? What was the total cost of this travel? What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for the year 2010-11? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
67	AusAID	Eggleston	Community cabinets	 What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel? How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? What was the total cost of this travel? What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
68	AusAID	Eggleston	Government stationery requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/ParliamentarySecretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11? What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
69	AusAID	Eggleston	Training for	How much is spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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			portfolio minister and parliamentary secretaries	portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.			
70	AusAID	Rhiannon	Transparency Charter	Following the aid review, the government committed to issuing a Transparency Charter by the end of 2011, following consultation with the Australian community and international partners. Can you please provide an update on the progress of the Transparency Charter? Is it on track to be issued by end of the year?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
71	AusAID	Rhiannon	Transparency Charter	Will AusAID provide information or expand the information regarding the Transparency Charter on its website?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
72	AusAID	Rhiannon	Transparency Charter	Have consultations taken place? If so, how many consultations have taken place and with whom? Will there be public consultations and/or will the public have an opportunity to make submissions?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
73	AusAID	Rhiannon	Transparency Charter	Will the transparency charter be applied to all ODA-eligible activities including those delivered by other government departments? If not, why not?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
74	AusAID	Eggleston	Increase in numbers of executives	An article in the Canberra Times on 4 October reported a 300% increase in executives at AusAID. 1. Where are these positions located? 2. What roles are they performing?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
75	AusAID	Eggleston	Staffing	 How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? What classification are these staff? How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
76	AusAID	Eggleston	Staffing	 How many permanent staff recruited for the year 2010-11? What classification are these staff? How many temporary positions exist or have been created for the year 2010-11? For the year 2010-11, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
77	AusAID	Eggleston	Staffing	Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
78	AusAID	Eggleston	Education expenses	For the year 2010-11, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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79	AusAID	Eggleston	Education expenses	For the FYTD, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave	Written	13.01.12	
80	AusAID	Eggleston	Executive coaching and leadership training 2010-11	In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the year 2010-11:1. Total spending on these services2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted4. The names of all service providers engagedFor each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:a) The name and nature of the service purchasedb) Whether the service is one-on-one or group basedc) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classificationd) The total number of hours involved for all employeese) The total amount spent on the servicef) 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 iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
81	AusAID	Eggleston	Executive coaching and leadership training financial year to date	In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information for the FYTD: 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted 4. The names of all service providers engaged 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	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				d) The total number of hours involved for all employees e) The total amount spent on the service f) 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 iv. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location			
82	AusAID	Eggleston	Paid parental leave	Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? For the year 2010-11 list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments. For the FYTD list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
83	AusAID	Eggleston	Government advertising	 What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – did the Department/Agency undertaken in 2011-12? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services Did the Department of Finance and Deregulation provide 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 (March 2010)? 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. 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
84	AusAID	Eggleston	Government advertising	What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
85	AusAID	Eggleston	Media monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for the year 2010-11? Which agency or agencies provided these services? What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				2011-12?			
86	AusAID	Eggleston	Social media	What has been spent providing these services FYTD? 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 2011? Please explain.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
87	AusAID	Eggleston	Communications	How many communications people are there in each of your departments and agencies. List their classification, position description, services they provide to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and any guidelines they must adhere to.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
88	AusAID	Eggleston	Independent review of aid effectiveness	Has the department identified any countries that currently do not have a country strategy or plan that they see will be in need of ODA in the near future? That is any emerging funding areas of need?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
89	AusAID	Eggleston	Board appointments	What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
90	AusAID	Eggleston	Board appointments	Detail any board appointments for the year 2010-11.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
91	AusAID	Eggleston	Board appointments	Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
92	AusAID	Eggleston	Reviews (for 2010-11)	1. How many Reviews were being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?3. What reviews have been concluded?4. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?5. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?6. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
93	AusAID	Eggleston	Reviews (this financial year)	 What reviews are planned? When will each of these reviews be concluded? What reviews have been concluded this FYTD? Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
94	AusAID	Eggleston	Commissioned reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? 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	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?			
				· What is the current status of each report? When is the Government			
				intending to respond to these reports?			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Commissioned reports	How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
95				of Reference and Committee members. How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			
96	AusAID	Kroger	HOLLWAY REVIEW	 Qualitative recommendations have been made in the Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness, April 2011, in table 12.3 (page 238). 1. Has the Government supported the recommendations by region and country in principle? 2. Has the Government advised that they are considering the next budget allocation according to these principles? 3. Has the Government indicated its intent to diverge from these recommendations in relation to any specific region or country? If so, please indicate which geographic area and country. 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
97	AusAID	Kroger	HOLLWAY REVIEW	 The report highlighted the inadequacies of the AusAID evaluation system and in particular the fact that of 547 projects, only 170 had completed progress reports. Of the 170, only 118 reports could be found. 1. What has been done to immediately address this significant issue? 2. Has an auditing process been put in place to check due process and ensure accountability? 3. Is it mandatory for all progress reports to be published on the AusAID website? If not, why not? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
98	AusAID	Kroger	HOLLWAY REVIEW	 Has the proposed independent evaluation committee been established? If not, what is the timeline for its set up? If it has been established, what is its membership composition? How is this determined? What is its terms of reference, structure, objectives and meeting time tables? 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
99	AusAID	Eggleston	Independent review of aid effectiveness	On page 315 and 316 of the review is recommendation 39 "The scale up of the aid program to 0.5% of GNI should be subject to the progressive achievement of predetermined hurdles".	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				 What work has the department done on establishing these hurdles and safeguards? Has the department identified the best performing country programs? And those that are not performing so well? Will they have aid reviewed? 			
100	AusAID	Eggleston	Independent review of aid effectiveness	The review panel (page 11) specifies PNG, Solomon Islands and East Timor as "aid effectiveness is constrained by poor governance. The panel recommends a low level expansion". What specific steps is the department taking to improve effectiveness or will you not expand aid in these regions?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
101	AusAID	Eggleston	Hospitality and entertainment	What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
102	AusAID	Eggleston	Hospitality and entertainment	What is the Department's entertainment spend for the year 2010-11? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for the year 2010-11. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
103	AusAID	Eggleston	Hospitality and entertainment	What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
104	AusAID	Eggleston	Hospitality and entertainment	What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
105	AusAID	Eggleston	Grants	Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
106	AusAID	Eggleston	Consultancies	How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
107	AusAID	Eggleston	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct			
				source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Contractors (since	Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
			May 2011)	considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details. Has the			
				department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it			
				considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details 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. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson			
				in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide			
				details. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or			
108				is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details. Has the			
				department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it			
				considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.Has the			
				department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is			
				it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide detailsHas			
				the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity			
				or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide			
				details. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any			
				capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide			
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100	AusAID	Eggleston	Discretionary	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
109			grants	one-off grants for the year 2010-11? Please provide details of the recipients, the			
	A A IID	F14	D'	intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	12.01.12	9/02/12
110	AusAID	Eggleston	Discretionary	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and	written	13.01.12	9/02/12
110			grants	one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Discretionary	of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
111	AusAID	Egglesion	grants	discretionary grants?	Willen	13.01.12	9/02/12
	AusAID	Eggleston	Government	For the year 2010-11, did the department/agency paid its accounts to	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
	AusAID	Egglesion	payment of	contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of	WIILLEII	13.01.12	9/02/12
			accounts	time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the			
			accounts	time for payment (i.e. within 30 days). If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average			
112				statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being			
				approached.)			
				For accounts not paid within 30 days, was interest being paid on overdue			
				amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency			
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				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?			
113	AusAID	Eggleston	Government payment of accounts	For the FYTD, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate 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?	79	13.01.12	9/02/12
114	AusAID	Eggleston	Media subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. What was the cost for 2010-11? What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	80	13.01.12	9/02/12
115	AusAID	Eggleston	Media subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. What was the cost for 2010-11? What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	80	13.01.12	9/02/12
116	AusAID	Eggleston	Media subscriptions	Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. What was the cost for 2010-11? What is the estimated cost for 2011-12?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
117	AusAID	Eggleston	Travel costs	For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. For the year 2010-11, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. For the year 2010-11, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.			
118	AusAID	Eggleston	Travel costs	For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses. For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff. For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
119	AusAID	Eggleston	Legal costs	 What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 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 for the year 2010-11 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for the year 2010-11 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs. 	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
120	AusAID	Eggleston	Legal costs	What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12

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				legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and			
				costs. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services			
				FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Corporate cars	1. How many cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
				2. Where is the car/s located?			
121				3. What is the car/s used for?			
				4. What is the cost of each car for 2010-11?			
				5. How far did each car travel in 2010-11?			
122	AusAID	Eggleston	Taxi costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2010-11? Provide a	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
122				breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.			
	AusAID	Eggleston	Credit cards	1. How many staff in each department and agency have a corporate credit card?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
				What is their classification?			
				2. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misued?			
123				3. How is corporate credit card use monitored?			
123				4. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?			
				5. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered?			
				List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken			
				6. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?			
	AusAID	Rhiannon	Aid consultants	How many aid consultants are now on contracts in excess of \$350,000 per annum?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
124				Who are the consultants on more than \$350,000?			
				What contracts have they been awarded; in what countries are they operating; and			
				what is the timeframe for the projects they are working on to be completed?		100110	0.40.5.44.5
	AusAID	Cash	Asia-Pacific	a) How will the \$96.4 million budget be administered to countries in the Asia-Pacific?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
125			budget	b) Will the funds be administered by AusAid? If not, who will administer and			
		**	*********	oversee the allocation of these funds?	***	12.01.12	0./02./12
	AusAID	Kroger	HOLLWAY	The Hollway Review is critical of the current budget process.	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
126			REVIEW	1. Please provide a status update on the current process for budgetary			
				considerations.			
	A A ID	Б 1 .	Ecc	2. How does it differ from past practice?	XX7 ***	12.01.12	0/02/12
107	AusAID	Eggleston	Efficiency	How has the efficiency dividend been implemented?	Written	13.01.12	9/02/12
127			dividend	Please list where and what spending has been reduced to meet the efficiency dividend.			
	AusAID	Vaccan	Fraud Control	What fraud control training is provided?	Hansond mass	13.01.12	9/02/12
	AusAiD	Kroger	Fraud Collifol	2. On page 280 the Hollway report notes that attendance was not high in	Hansard page 91	13.01.12	9/02/12
128				2. On page 280 the Horiway report notes that attendance was not high in 2008.	71		
120				3. Is attendance optional?			
				4. How is this being addressed?			
				4. How is this being addressed?			

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