

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES, 17 OCTOBER 2012
Veterans' Affairs portfolio

Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1	General	Eggleston	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification are these staff? 3. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
2	General	Eggleston	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification are these staff? 3. How many contract staff left the department/agency in the year 2011-12 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification were these staff? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
3	General	Eggleston	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing staff were recruited in the year 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification are these staff? 3. How many contract staff left were recruited in the year 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What classification are these staff? b) What is the average length of their employment period? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
4	General	Eggleston	Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are there any plans for staff reduction? 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. 2. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

5	General	Eggleston	Making the Public Service more Efficient	<p>Please detail how the department /agency will achieve savings over the forward estimates through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How will reductions in air travel spending be achieved? What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? What restrictions will be implemented for business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? How will the use of external consultants and contractors be reduced? How will this impact on the Department/agency? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? How will the department/agency manage moving recruitment advertising online? Will all future recruitment advertisement be online only? If not, explain why. What is the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates. How will printing costs be reduced? Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not? How will it be determined what documents will now longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates. 	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
6	General	Eggleston	Recruitment Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much was spent on recruitment advertising in 2011-12? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. How much has been spent on recruitment advertising this financial year to date? How much of this was spent online and how much of this was spent on print advertising? Please list where recruitment advertising was listed online and in print media. 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
7	General	Eggleston	Printing Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much was spent on printing in 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online? Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost? How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents? How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online? Of the documents that were printed on 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost online? 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13

8	General	Eggleston	Graduate Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 2. Has any travel been incurred for 2013 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs. 	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
9	General	Eggleston	Staffing	How much is estimated to be spent on 2013 Graduate Training? Provide details of what training is to be provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
10	General	Eggleston	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? 2. 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. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item 5. 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. 6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. 7. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake? 	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

11	General	Eggleston	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of all advertising for 2011-12? 2. 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. 3. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 4. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. 5. 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. 6. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services that was undertaken in 2011-12. 	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
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12	General	Eggleston	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 9. 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? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
13	General	Eggleston	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
14	General	Eggleston	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date. 	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13

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16	General	Eggleston	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? 2. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? 3. 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? 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
17	General	Eggleston	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location. 2. 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. 3. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
18	General	Eggleston	Community Cabinet Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Community Cabinet meetings did the Minister attend in 2011-12? List date and location. 2. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 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. 3. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for 2011-12? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

19	General	Eggleston	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many Reviews are being undertaken? b) What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? e) Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? f) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? g) What reviews are planned? h) When will each of these reviews be concluded 	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
20	General	Eggleston	Reviews	<p>For 2011-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many Reviews were undertaken? b) For those reviews that have concluded and for those that are still ongoing when will those reviews be concluded? c) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government? d) Did the Government respond to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not? e) What was the estimated cost of each of these Reviews? f) For any ongoing reviews, when will each of these reviews be concluded? 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
21	General	Eggleston	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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 (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
22	General	Eggleston	Consultancies	How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? 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 (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

23	General	Eggleston	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 2. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
24	General	Eggleston	Media Monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12? 2. What was the actual total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for 2011-12? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What was the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2011-12? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
25	General	Eggleston	Social Media	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. 2. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks) b) If no, will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? 3. 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). 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
26	General	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?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

27	General	Eggleston	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
28	General	Eggleston	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? 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. 2. Why were coffee machines purchased? 3. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? 4. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken Where does the funding for maintenance come from? 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13

29	General	Eggleston	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details. j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost). 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
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31	General	Eggleston	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc 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. 2. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

32	General	Eggleston	Grants	<p>1. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for 2011-12? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>2. Were all grant agreement details published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
33	General	Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports were commissioned by the Government in your department/agency in 2011-12? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>b) What is the current status of each report? Did the Government report within the required timeframe? If not, when is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
34	General	Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	<p>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.</p> <p>a) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>b) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
35	General	Eggleston	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)?</p> <p>a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached).</p> <p>b) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

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37	General	Eggleston	Stationery Requirements	<p>1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>2. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
38	General	Eggleston	Stationery Requirements	<p>1. 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) in 2011-12?</p> <p>2. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

39	General	Eggleston	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 2. Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 3. Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines. b) What is the cost for this financial year to date? 4. What was the 2011-12 cost for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) TV subscriptions. b) Newspaper subscriptions. c) Magazine subscriptions. 5. Does the department/agency provide any media subscriptions to its Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries? If yes, provide details of what is provided and the cost this financial year to date and for 2011-12. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
40	General	Eggleston	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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). 2. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 3. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why. 4. 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. 5. 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. 	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

41	General	Eggleston	Travel Costs	<p>1. For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>2. For 2011-12, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
42	General	Eggleston	Legal Costs	<p>1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
43	General	Eggleston	Legal Costs	<p>1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

44	General	Eggleston	Education expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a change to the department/agency's guidelines on study since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details. 2. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency. 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
45	General	Eggleston	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services. b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification. c) 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). d) The names of all service providers engaged. 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1.d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). e) The total amount spent on the service. f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used. b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

46	General	Eggleston	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services. b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification. c) 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). d) The names of all service providers engaged. 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1.d), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). e) The total amount spent on the service. f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). 3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used. b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
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47	General	Eggleston	Media Training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services. b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification. c) 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). d) The names of all service providers engaged. <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1.d), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). e) The total amount spent on the service. f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used. b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion. c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
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48	General	Eggleston	Media Training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services. b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification. c) 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). d) The names of all service providers engaged. <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1.d), please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). e) The total amount spent on the service. f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package). <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used. b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion. c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
49	General	Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	<p>1. Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>2. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
50	General	Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	For 2011-12 to date 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.	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

51	General	Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>1. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
52	General	Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>1. For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>2. For 2011-12, 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.</p> <p>3. For 2011-12, how much has been spent on training designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
53	General	Eggleston	Corporate Cars	<p>Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):</p> <p>a) How cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>e) How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
54	General	Eggleston	Corporate Cars	<p>For 2011-12:</p> <p>a) How cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What was the cost of each car?</p> <p>e) How far did each car travel?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

55	General	Eggleston	Taxi Costs	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
56	General	Eggleston	Taxi Costs	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
57	General	Eggleston	Credit Cards	<p>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>2. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? 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? 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
58	General	Eggleston	Credit Cards	For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
59	General	Eggleston	Provision of Equipment	<p>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.</p> <p>2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 whom it is provided 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

60	General	Eggleston	Provision of Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12. 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12. 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011-12, provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
61	General	Eggleston	Electricity Purchasing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012). 2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12? 3. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? 	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
62	General	Eggleston	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d) How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 2. Have any briefings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed. d) How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. 	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13

63	General	Eggleston	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>1. Were any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>d) How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>2. Were any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>d) How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
64	General	Eggleston	Shredders	<p>1. Did the department/agencies purchase any shredders in 2011-12? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p> <p>2. Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
65	General	Eggleston	Protective security policy framework	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.	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13

66	General	Eggleston	Office Locations	<p>Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
67	General	Eggleston	Staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: (By Department or Agency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. 	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

68	General	Eggleston	Grants Pause	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has your department received? 2. For 2012-13 please list each grant program your department administers, and the total funding of each program. 3. Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government wide grants pause. 4. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused? 5. Please list each grant program that has currently been "paused" as part of the Government wide grants pause. 6. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused? 7. On what date did your department receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received? 8. Please list the dates the Minister for Finance met with senior department officials to discuss the grants pause and the Minister overseeing your department met with senior department officials. 9. From what date was your department told to implement the grants pause? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) When did it do so? 10. Has your department been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, what was the date? b) Was your department advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants? 11. Please provide the advice your department gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause. 12. Did your department receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders? 13. What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause? Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pause with applicants. 14. Has your department been advised by the Department of Finance of further grants pauses in the future? If so <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) When did you receive notification of future grants pauses? b) What is the date of future grants to be paused? c) Which grants programs will be paused? d) What is total value of pauses in future grants programs? e) When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public? 	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
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69	General	Ronaldson	Boards	Please provide a breakdown of all Boards and Councils within the Veterans' Affairs portfolio. Please include any remuneration rates, amount of remuneration for the FY 2011-12 and the year to date, date of first appointment and expiry of term of appointment.	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
70	General	Ronaldson	Staffing	Please provide a breakdown of all staff (by classification and location) in the Department including total value of wages paid to staff in 2011-12 and proposed for 2012-13.	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
71	General	McKenzie	Carbon Tax	<p>1. For the financial year 2011-12, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost?</p> <p>2. What does this cost work out to per employee?</p> <p>3. What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?</p> <p>4. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?</p> <p>5. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?</p>	Written (29/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

72	1	Ronaldson	Ceased Effects Correspondence	<p>Senator RONALDSON: What concerns me though is that, while that is okay for those that you know about, there may well be—in fact, I would think almost definitely there would be—people out there who have received ceased effects correspondence and who are operating under the misapprehension that there is no longer a liability attached to an injury and are accordingly paying their own medical expenses when, quite rightly, those should be payable by the department. What I want to know is this. What, if anything, has been done to make contact with those people? If not, why not, and would you do something about that? I am sure there must be access to information but I put it to you that it is not reasonable to trust information only coming from ESOs because they will not clearly have a sufficient amount of information to address this issue.</p> <p>Ms Spiers: I understand your question. I am actually not the business owner. The sorts of issues you have raised would be better placed, I think, with one of my colleagues.</p> <p>Mr Campbell: Senator, I am conscious of the time. I understand the point you are making, so perhaps if I take it on notice to come back to the next estimates hearing with a full report about what we do and what is possible to be done.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Thank you for that offer but could I put another proposal, that maybe I could tick-tack with someone from your office or Mr Farrelly to clarify exactly what the issues are.</p> <p>Mr Campbell: In that case, it would be Mr Farrelly. I am quite comfortable for you to do that and for your office to talk to Mr Farrelly.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Yes, I can talk to him.</p> <p>Mr Campbell: Then, if needs be, we can come back to the next hearing.</p>	125 (17/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
73	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	Can the Department give an explanation for the inaccuracies in the response to Question on Notice 11 from Additional Budget Estimates in February 2012? What steps has the Department taken to ensure the accuracy of answers provided to Questions on Notice through the Estimates process?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
74	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	Have BEST grants been frozen as per the freeze announced by the Government in the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook? If yes, what impact will this have on the provision of grants to support volunteer veterans advocates and pension officers in the community?	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
75	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	Why were successful BEST grant applications not notified until 27 July 2012 of their success or otherwise of their application? Why were those details not released before the start of the financial year in which the grants apply?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
76	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	On what date did the Department advise the Minister of the total value of applications for 2012-13? On what date did the Minister make his decision to exclude welfare work from consideration in the application of grants funding?	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13

77	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	With regards to Round 14 BEST funding, can the Department provide: a) A list of applicants, amount of funding sought and amount granted. b) Total number of applications. c) Total number of successful and unsuccessful applicants. d) Total value of funds requested. e) Total value of funds granted.	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
78	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	What further changes to the BEST programme are envisaged ahead of Round 15 funding grants being opened? What consultation will take place with the ex-service community about any proposed changes?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
79	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	1. How many Service Delivery Integration grants were applied for and approved in 2011-12? Which organisations applied and were successful? What was the value of each grant? 2. Was the full \$1.5 million for SDI grants fully allocated? If not ,where was this money spent?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
80	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	In Round 14, how many organisations which were successful in receiving an SDI grant received increased funding under BEST?	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
81	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	In Round 14, what were the total value of BEST grants provided to Tasmania? Will the Department provide a breakdown of the successful organisations and a breakdown of funding to Tasmania since 2005-06? If there has been a reduction in funds to Tasmania, can the Department explain the reasons for this	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
82	1.4	Ronaldson	BEST Funding	A report in the Sunday Times on 30 September 2012 points to a reduction in funding to Perth Legacy. Can the Department explain the reasons for this reduction in funding to Perth Legacy and provide funding details for Round 14, including funding sought and granted?	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
83	1.5	Ronaldson	VCES	In Question on Notice 55 from Budget Estimates in May the Department indicated that a review was presently underway into the Veterans' Children's Education Scheme and the 'link' between the rate of payment and the rate of Youth Allowance. Has this review progressed? When is it expected to be finalised? Will the Department provide a copy of this report to the committee?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
84	1.6	Wright	Compensation for Impairment under MRCA for Warlike and Non-warlike Service	Could you please advise if there is any difference in the entitlements paid under MRCA when Permanent Impairment is found for those whose service is classified as 'non-warlike' compared with 'warlike' service?	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13

85	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car with Driver - Complaints	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Will you provide me with a complaints update, please? I do not know whether it was for New South Wales, but, if my memory serves me correctly, we had 80 complaints up until March of this year for the financial year, and then some 270-odd after that. I think that was the evidence given at the last estimates hearing. If that is incorrect then I will stand corrected. It was certainly quite dramatic. Can you provide me on notice with details, please.</p> <p>Dr McPaul: We can do it on notice. I have those details.</p>	124 (17/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
86	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	Can the Department explain the 'spike' in complaints in Victoria in the 2011-12 financial year? What were the reasons for this and what steps were put in place to rectify this situation?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
87	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	Can the Department provide a breakdown by month and by state of complaints received about the Booked Car With Driver service for the 2011-12 financial year and the financial year to end of November 2012?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
88	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	Does the Department categorise the reasons for complaints? If so, what have been the reasons for complaints since March 2012?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
89	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	<p>According to the answer to Question on Notice 11 from Budget Estimates in May 2012 there has been, to end of June 2012, a five-fold increase in complaints in New South Wales.</p> <p>a) Where have these complaints come from?</p> <p>b) What has been the main reason for these complications?</p> <p>c) What steps has the Department taken to resolve the issues associated with these complications?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
90	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	Has the Department undertaken any training for service providers under the Booked Car With Driver service? If yes, who conducts this training and what does the training involve?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
91	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	<p>With regards to the tenders provided for work in the Bribie Island region:</p> <p>a) The Minister indicates in a letter to me that there was 'increasing workload' on Bribie Island. What is the nature of this increasing workload and how is this measured?</p> <p>b) Was the issue of increasing workload ever raised with the previous sole provider? If yes, what was the outcome?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13

92	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	<p>The Minister indicates that ‘veteran satisfaction levels assist in determining the future allocation of work to transport providers’:</p> <p>a) With regard to the work in the Caboolture-Bribie Island area, what was the previous sole-provider’s satisfaction level?</p> <p>b) Has that satisfaction level remained or increased since the new arrangements came into place on 1 March 2012?</p> <p>c) Has any analysis been undertaken to determine satisfaction levels in the area since the new tender began?</p> <p>d) If yes, to (c), what has the outcome been?</p> <p>e) What is the overall level of satisfaction with the service in the Bribie Island area?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	10/12/12	7/2/13
93	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	Does DVA operate a ‘preferred supplier’ relationship with taxi companies in Queensland for work under the Booked Car With Driver service? Has the Queensland Government raised any concerns with this arrangement with the Department? If yes, what was the outcome?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
94	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	Can a veteran request that they are transported by a particular provider? If yes, how does this work?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
95	2.1	Ronaldson	Booked Car With Driver Service	Where there are multiple transport providers in one location, is work provided on a ‘random’ basis, particularly work for long-distance travel?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

96	2.5	Wright	Mental Health - Research Programs	<p>Senator WRIGHT: First of all, I am going to ask if you can provide details of research into PTSD or any other mental health effects of combat or military service that is currently being undertaken, conducted or commissioned by DVA or any other government body?</p> <p>Ms Daniel: We run a number of research programs. We run what is called the Applied Research Program, which conducts a range of research programs. We also fund ACPMH, the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, and the Centre for Military and Veterans' Health. Through all of those channels, we have conducted a reasonably extensive program of research, program evaluation, investigative research and innovative development. We could take you through some of the details of the specifics of some of those research activities if you wished.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Yes; if you would not mind doing that briefly, I would appreciate that. Then, could you direct me to where else I could get further information.</p> <p>Ms Daniel: I have just looked very quickly at applied research projects related to mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder. We funded ACPMH to do a project on gender differences in mental health among military personnel and veterans—a review of the literature. That is under contract negotiation. We have a current project with ACPMH on a meta-analysis of gender difference in post-traumatic stress disorder treatment outcomes. We have looked at depression in Australian Gulf War veterans; we have done that through Monash and the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute. We have done a systematic review of psychological disorder, multi-symptom disorder and chronic fatigue for the Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan with Monash. We have a current project with CMVH around a comparison of DVA clients, ADF members and the general populations' responses to the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing. We have done some research work with ACPMH on CBCS and the cognitive processing therapy. We have done a literature review of static load—and I am reading a full list here for you. We have done a literature review with CNVH around NTBI. We have done a project on the long term outcomes for CBCS centre based counselling; I think we mentioned this last time that CNVH evaluated our post-traumatic stress disorder group treatment program. We undertook a review of Operation Life workshops through Griffith University. We have done some work around dementia and PTSD with the University of Melbourne. We have a current project—another one—on Gulf war veterans; and, obviously, the study which we mentioned in response to your question on notice about suicide; a complete project—and I will not go right back—but—</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: So how far back have you gone at this stage, Ms Daniel? Have you gone back in chronological order? Is that pretty much how it has been?</p> <p>Ms Daniel: My list started with our current projects.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: And you have worked backwards then? Where did you get</p>	110-111 (17/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
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97	2.5	Wright	Mental Health Impacts - Comparison	<p>Senator WRIGHT: Thank you. I am interested now in exploring, given the changing nature of warfare and the difference in the social context of current deployments, does the department have data on the anticipated mental health impacts of service personnel returning from recent conflict zones like Afghanistan or Iraq, including but not limited to the expected rate of mental illness and the differences in type and prevalence of mental ill health conditions compared with previous service or conflicts, and any other relevant matters. In a sense, someway of starting to have an overview of the prevalence of and differences in the conditions that current veterans might be experiencing?</p> <p>Ms Daniel: I might make a couple of general comments and then, depending on your interest, ask Dr Stephanie Hodson to talk a little about the prevalence study. We have, and we did not have previously, obviously, the extensive study that Defence has undertaken on the prevalence of mental health conditions in the current forces. We are looking at that in terms of what it might mean for future demands for the department. Obviously, we have looked too at what has happened with historical patterns, for example, Vietnam. Stephanie was part of the research team for that prevalence study so, if it was of interest to you, she could talk you through some of the key findings that are relevant to us.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I am just conscious of the time that I have available. I would like to hear from you in person, Dr Hodson, but I think maybe it might be better to take that question on notice, if that would be all right, because I have a few things I need to get through.</p>	111 (17/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
98	2.5	Ronaldson	Health & Medical Research	<p>Senator RONALDSON: I turn to program 2.5 of the PBS, containing a line item for health and medical research. I gather this is an applied research grants program of approximately \$2.4 million. Is that correct? If so, can you take on notice, please, to provide a full list of programs funded since 2007-08; a full list of project applications under the program, noting whether they were successful for a grant and the amount of funding which was sought and subsequently granted or indeed subsequently denied; and what completed research papers have resulted in the department making changes to the way services are provided to veterans, widows or their families?</p> <p>Ms Daniel: We will take that question on notice.</p>	123 (17/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

99	2.5	Ronaldson	VVCS National Advisory Council	<p>1. How many members are there on the VVCS National Advisory Council (NAC)?</p> <p>2. How many veterans and ex-service organisations representatives are currently members of the NAC?</p> <p>3. Is there a statutory requirement that the ex-service community is represented on the NAC?</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
100	2.5	Ronaldson	Review of VVCS Services	Has the VVCS service review been conducted? When is this expected to be released publicly?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
101	3.1	Ronaldson	Commemorations	<p>Can the Department provide a full breakdown of costs associated with the recent Bomber Command Mission to London in June 2012? This should include:</p> <p>a) Number of veterans who participated.</p> <p>b) Class of travel.</p> <p>c) Costs for accommodation and ground transport.</p> <p>d) Number of DVA staff who attended.</p> <p>e) Eligibility criteria for a veteran to be considered for the Official Party</p> <p>f) Number of applicants for the Official Party and number of applicants refused.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
102	3.1	Ronaldson	Commemorations	<p>With regards to the grants provided to assist Bomber Command veterans travel to London independently of the Official Mission Party, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a) Number of request for funds made.</p> <p>b) Total value of funds provided.</p> <p>c) What support was provided to these veterans, including healthcare, in-country transport, official functions and access to commemorative events.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
103	3.1	Ronaldson	Commemorations	<p>For the financial year 2011-12 and the financial year to date, can the Department provide a breakdown of all commemorative missions noting:</p> <p>a) Number of veterans who participated.</p> <p>b) Class of travel.</p> <p>c) Costs for accommodation and ground transport.</p> <p>d) Number of DVA staff who attended.</p> <p>e) Eligibility criteria for a veteran to be considered for the Official Party.</p> <p>f) Number of applications for the Official Party and number of applicants refused.</p> <p>g) Peak organisation (if any) contacted to nominate veterans to participate in the Mission.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
104	3.1	Wright	Recognition in the Australian War Memorial	Has research or other worked been conducted by the department into including Australian Peacekeepers who have died in humanitarian, post-Armistice and peacekeeping (non-warlike) operations on the Honour Roll at the Australian War Memorial (AWM)?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

105	3.1	Wright	Recognition in the Australian War Memorial	I understand the Remembrance Book at the AWM, which contains the names of the 48 men and women who died in humanitarian, post-Armistice and peacekeeping (non-warlike) operations is currently insufficiently displayed. I have been informed that it is kept in a locked cabinet, with signage that only recognises the Commemorative and therefore the service of other allied forces, Red Cross, Australian Comforts Fund, YMCA, war correspondents, artists, photographers, munition and other workers, but the only visible recognition of the deaths in humanitarian, post-Armistice and peacekeeping (non-warlike) operations is a small label attached to the Remembrance Book. Can you confirm this is correct?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
106	3.1	Wright	Recognition in the Australian War Memorial	Has the Department undertaken any review of the signage of the Remembrance Book?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
107	3.1	Wright	The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial	How much Commonwealth funding has been allocated in the Australian War Memorial project since 2003? (please provide details of the amounts allocated in each Budget, and the total amount) a) Of this funding, how much has been spent? b) What is the current status of construction/project completion? c) When is the project scheduled to be completed?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
108	3.1	Wright	The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial	Can you explain the reasoning behind the revocation of Deductible Gift Recipient Status of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial project in 2009? a) If this was a compliance issue, has the Department conducted any work since then into the course of action needed to meet requirements in order to reinstate Deductible Gift Recipient Status of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial project?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/2/13	28/2/13
109	3.1	Wright	Representation for Younger Veterans	Does the Department have data on the inclusion of younger Veterans groups in national forums/ESOs such as the National Advisory Committee (by younger Veterans I refer to Peacekeepers, and those who have served in war-like service from 1989 onwards)?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
110	3.1	Wright	Representation for Younger Veterans	Is the Department making any moves to increase the representation of younger Veterans in existing forums/ESOs, or develop new platforms for the representation of younger Veterans?	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
111	3.1	Wright	On Base Advisory Service (OBAS)	Please provide an update on the current status of OBAS – including data from the last 5 years on client numbers, referrals, and successful primary claims.	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
112	3.1	Wright	On Base Advisory Service (OBAS)	Has the department received any feedback on the effectiveness/success of OBAS?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

113	3.2	Ronaldson	Granting of DGR Status	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Has the minister written to the Treasurer seeking this matter to be expedited so at least you are in a position to make a decision if there are funds that become available within the portfolio?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: There are a number of DGR status issues around the portfolio at the moment, as you are aware. I know there have been discussions between the minister and the Assistant Treasurer and the minister's office and the Assistant Treasurer's office. I could not say whether or not an actual letter in respect of this has been written to the Assistant Treasurer, but I do know that the minister has raised it in government forums.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: What do you mean by 'government forums'?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: In the budgetary context.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: So was the request made for it to be—</p> <p>Mr Campbell: No, it—</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: For Treasury during the budget—</p> <p>Mr Campbell: No. I meant in the forthcoming budgetary context—that is, the 2013-14 budget.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: When was the application first lodged?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: I would have to take that on notice. As I think you and I both know, it did actually have DGR status some years ago and that lapsed.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: I was just about to raise that.</p> <p>Mr Campbell: I was not in the portfolio at that time. As you know, that was when I was away doing something else. So I would have to take on notice the actual date.</p>	95 (17/10/12)	7/2/13	28/2/13
114	3.2	Ronaldson	Letter to Treasurer – DGR Status	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Apart from the discussions in the context of next year's budget, has there been anything in writing or any discussions that pre-dated the May 2013 budget discussions?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: In the last two to three years—and I think I am going back to the time of the original commission on the Centenary of ANZAC—there have been discussions within government of both the peacekeepers memorial and the Boer War memorial, and both of those discussions have been around funding and around the granting of DGR status.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Just so we are clear, the minister has not risen to the Treasurer supporting the DGR status or asking him for the matter to be expedited?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: You have asked a specific question about writing, and I will take that on notice. But I will say is that this matter has been raised in government in previous budget contexts.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Not previous—the forthcoming budget context.</p> <p>Mr Campbell: No. Currently it is being raised in respect of the next budget, but it has also been raised in previous budgets.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Is there any record of when those discussions took place?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: No, that is what I have to take on notice.</p>	95 (17/10/12)	13/12/12	7/2/13

115	3.2	Ronaldson	Granted DGR Status - Offsetting	<p>Senator RONALDSON: In 2006 when the previous coalition government granted DGR status, this was extended out to 18 months I think, was there any offsetting required on that occasion?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: I do not know. I would have to take that on notice. I was not here at that time.</p>	95 (17/10/12)	7/12/12	7/2/13
116	3.1	Ronaldson	Boer War Memorial	<p>Mr Campbell: I think it is probably fair to say that the Boer War memorial and the peacekeepers memorial, because their issues are very similar—they are similar size, they are similar cost, they are both after DGR status—they do often get discussed at the same time.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: When was the DGR status applied for, over and above the seed funding?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: There has been application for DGR status, has there?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: I think so.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: And a separate application for seed funding?</p> <p>Mr Campbell: I am 99 per cent certain, but I will take it on notice to confirm that and to confirm when it has been made.</p>	96 (17/10/12)	13/12/12	7/2/13
117	3.2	Ronaldson	Anzac Centenary Advisory Board	<p>Senator RONALDSON: I thought you meant the calendar first quarter. That is why I could not quite work out the time. That is fine; thank you. I will move onto the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board. You might want to take these on notice. How many times has the board met? When were those meetings held? Who attended each meeting? Where were they conducted? Between 11 October 2011 and 30 June 2012 and then from 1 July 2012 until today's date, how much was paid to each member of ACAB through daily allowances? To date, what was paid to them for flights? What was the per diem attached to members of ACAB? Were there any other expenses associated with their positions on the board? As I said, I am happy for you to take those on notice.</p> <p>Major Gen. Campbell: We have quite a bit of that information here, but I suspect that a couple of your last points about particular issues of cost we may not have in front of us.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Why don't you take it on notice—fill it out, and I presume I can get that back.</p> <p>Major Gen. Campbell: It is a very straightforward process: the number of meetings, where they were and those sorts of things.</p>	99 (17/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13

118	3.2	Ronaldson	Anzac Commemorative Site – Maximum Capacity - Consultancy Report -	<p>Senator RONALDSON: Did you have an engineer's report in relation to this, as quoted in the <i>Adelaide Advertiser</i> article?</p> <p>Mr Evans: The engineers' reports that we have are about the construction, fabrication and set-up of stands. The report that we received was from a consultancy skilled in best use of real estate and the safe carrying capacity of a site, and that is what they were charged to provide advice upon. That is the report—</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: Can you take on notice who that was, when the contract was and how much it was? I have not got time to go through it today. The <i>Adelaide Advertiser</i> article was wrong when it said the 10,000 figure came from engineers who advised that that was the absolute safe capacity of the site?</p> <p>Mr Evans: The figure came from a consultancy, not engineers.</p>	109 (17/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
119	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	Can the Department provide attendance figures for ANZAC Day Dawn Services conducted at ANZAC Cove in Turkey since 2000? Please note the source for these figures and how they were measured.	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
120	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	At the ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Turkey in 2012, how many people attended the Dawn Service, how many seats were provided and how many places were available for people on a 'standing room' basis?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
121	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	<p>With regards to the Government's public 'consultation' process, can the Department provide a breakdown noting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of attendees at each Forum; Number of staff who attended, their usual location and employment classification at each Forum; Costs for any flights, accommodation or transport for DVA staff to attend each Forum; Number of paid consultants at each Forum; Location of each Forum; Cost of hiring the venue for each Forum; Costs of hiring equipment for each Forum; Number of invitations sent, date sent and indicative list of organisations invited; Any advertising undertaken, date of publication and cost of advertising for each Forum; Attendance of the Minister or other Members of Parliament at any Forum. 	Written (26/10/2012)	11/12/12 Revised response received 7/2/13	7/2/13 Revised response Tabled 28/2/13
122	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	With regards to the proposed Ballot, is it intended that a 'ticket' to the Dawn Service will also entitle the bearer to commemorative services at Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

123	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	With regards to the proposed Ballot, will it be possible to apply to only attend commemorative services at Lone Pine and/or Chunuk Bair (and not the Dawn Service)?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
124	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	What is the cost of providing security at the Dawn Service in Turkey? What are the expected costs to provide security services in 2015?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
125	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	The Government has indicated that passports and ID will be required to be checked against tickets granted through the ballot at the Dawn Service in 2015. Who will check these documents? Will the Department engage staff locally or from Australia to undertake this work?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
126	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	Has the Department undertaken an audit of the number of motel rooms and accommodation places within close proximity of the ANZAC Cove precinct? a) If yes, what is the number and where are they located? b) If yes, does the Department know what vacancies still exist for ANZAC Day in 2015? c) If no, to (b) why not?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
127	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	1. How many tour operators has the Department or the Australian Government accredited to provide tours to Gallipoli in 2015? 2. How many places have been pre-sold?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13
128	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	Is it still intended that the ballot system will be given a 'dry run' in 2014? If so, when will Australians be able to pre-book their tickets?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
129	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	When is it intended that a ballot will open for the 2015 Dawn Service? When is it envisaged that confirmation of attendance will be provided?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
130	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	In response to Question on Notice 77 from Budget Estimates in May 2012, the Department indicates that guidelines for the community-based grants programme 'are currently being developed'. a) Who is developing them? b) When will details be announced? c) Is it anticipated that these funds will have to be expended by April 2015, or is this money for the entire commemorative period of 2014 to 2018? d) Is it still anticipated that each Member of the House of Representatives will be provided with \$50,000 to support electorate-based commemorative events? e) How will the funds be required to be acquitted?	Written (26/10/2012)	13/12/12	7/2/13

131	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	Have grants under the Centenary of ANZAC been frozen as per the freeze announced by the Government in the Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook? If yes, what impact will this have on the provision of grants to support the Centenary of ANZAC?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
132	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	Given the Phase 2 report by Colmar Brunton is now more than 12 months old, when does the Government expect to publicly release this \$150,000 report?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
133	3.2	Ronaldson	Centenary of ANZAC	On what terms has the Chair of the ANZAC Centenary Advisory Board been engaged? Can the Department provide a full breakdown of the Chair's remuneration and any travel costs associated with this position?	Written (26/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
134	3	Bushby	2/40 th Battalion Memorial	1. What is the Department doing to assist with the establishment of a memorial in Hobart for the 2/40 th Battalion? 2. If the Department is not aware of the campaign to establish a memorial for the 2/40 th Battalion, what would be the best process for the proponents to follow in order to achieve a timely resolution?	Written (Transfer from Defence 6/11/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13
135	3	Ronaldson	Anzac Centenary Advisory Board	Senator RONALDSON: So the only way they can be paid a sitting fee is for a formal government contract? Ms Hale: That is my understanding. Major Gen. Cosson: That is correct. Senator RONALDSON: In every situation where someone is paid a per diem amount it requires a formal contract with the Commonwealth? Major Gen. Cosson: In these circumstances— Senator RONALDSON: What do you mean 'in these circumstances'? Major Gen. Cosson: Because it was not a formal— Ms Hale: Statutory appointment. Major Gen. Cosson: Yes, an established statutory body, we looked into how we could best engage the members of the board. This was considered to be the best mechanism by which to engage them and to be able to pay them the fee to participate in the board meetings. Senator RONALDSON: Did you get legal advice in relation to that? Major Gen. Cosson: Yes, we did, and contracting advice. Senator RONALDSON: Are you happy to provide that legal advice? Major Gen. Cosson: I will check to see if we have got that formally on record.	101 (17/10/2012)	7/12/12	7/2/13

136	3	Ronaldson	Anzac Centenary Advisory Board	<p>Major Gen. Cosson: No, the estimate of the contract is what we estimate for the full value of this particular member of the board which would cover their sitting fees, which would cover any of the travel, but they do not get paid that \$20,400 that is purely for our budget estimates on what we project we may be paying if they were to sit for those periods with the board and travel interstate for the board meetings.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: That is all clearly identified in the contract, is it?</p> <p>Major Gen. Cosson: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON: You will provide me with a copy of both contracts. You are talking about 16 meetings over the next four years?</p>	102 (17/10/2012)	11/12/12	7/2/13
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Transfer to Defence (confirmed 1/11/12)

		Wright	Proposed Australian Peacekeeping Service Medal	<p>I understand that an Australian Peacekeeping Service Medal has been proposed – has the department conducted any research/otherwise looked into this possibility?</p> <p>a) If yes, please provide current status.</p>	Written (26/10/2012)	Defence	
		Wright	Operational Service Medal – Border Protection	Are Defence Force Personnel involved in training of Regional Force Surveillance Units (RFSU) eligible to receive the Operational Service Medal – Border Protection?	Written (26/10/2012)	Defence	